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Township Board—Supervisor James Baier, Treasurer Jaimie McGuire, Clerk Christine Carrasco and Trustees Richard Binkowski, Martin Gayeski, Aaron Weed and Matthew Hinckley

In Car Camera Grant

Earlier this year the Police Department pursued and received USDA/Rural Development grant funding for replacement of the existing in car camera systems. This involves upgrading from the current DVD-based equipment to digital technology. The total grant amount is \$28,000 with a local match of \$13,000. This amount would allow for the purchase of 5 units along with a stand-alone computer to store data which is transmitted by wireless connection. In an effort to meet or exceed the local match funding requirements, the process to sell abandoned, seized, forfeited etc. firearms that are currently in possession of the Police Department by way of a public auction is now underway. A preliminary assessment of value would put the likely proceeds well in excess of local match requirements. For more information regarding this sale please contact the Police Department at 989-739-9113.

DTE Tree Grant

In late 2013 the Township applied for and received a grant through DTE in the amount of \$2,997 to purchase and plant trees. The purpose of this project is to begin to establish a variety of young tree species in both the Pinecrest Cemetery and the Oscoda Beach Park. Both of these locations have mature tree species that are in decline. The Cemetery has a number of dead and dying jack pines due to old age, declining Colorado blue spruce due to needle cast, and declining sugar maples. The Beach Park has a number of mature cottonwood that will likely be lost over the next 20 years due to old age. By planting trees at the Cemetery, we will offset the inevitable loss of older and off site species already present there. Planting at the Beach Park will allow the park to remain shaded and aesthetically pleasing, however it will also limit soil loss and erosion. The specific project goals for both of these plantings is to ensure future canopy cover over both of these locations. By planting a new age class of trees, we will ensure a new regiment of trees is available to take the place of dead and dying trees. This project has now been completed with the assistance of our Department of Public Works and a Forester from the Alcona/Iosco Conservation District.

**Township Hall will be closed December 24th, 25th & 31st and January 1st.
Winter Tax Bills are Due by February 14th**

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Parks & Recreation Update

The 2014 summer season is over and what a season it was! The weather was not as warm as we would have liked at times, but our campers and guests did not seem to mind and were pleased with the cleanliness of the park, the activities and atmosphere provided by our volunteers and the friendly staff who work hard to make the campers stay more enjoyable. The campground staff have done some much needed updates including new interior upgrades to bath house two, new steel roofing on the park office and bathhouses number one and two and outdoor paint-jobs to all the buildings. The maintenance staff were busy cleaning, staining and repairing hardware for a couple of our boat docks and we are replacing old lot post markers and split rail fencing throughout the campground.

Old Orchard Park is also excited to announce the addition of two new "Yurts" to be located by our cabins along the river. They will be ready for use during our 2015 season. What is a Yurt? The Yurt is a soft sided cylindrical structure in a modern adaptation



of the ancient shelter used by Central Asian nomads for centuries. The compact shape of the yurt and combination of lightweight members in tension and compression mean that the structure is highly efficient in maximizing strength while minimizing the use of materials. Old Orchard Park also continued a community favorite this fall by celebrating Halloween every Saturday in October. However, it is now called the Haunted Maze and was re-located inside the Oscoda Township Community Center at 4071 East Arrow Street. The change in venue was decided for the most part because of past cancellations and or delays due to the unpredictability of the weather. The staff and volunteers worked hard in building and working in the maze and it was truly a success. Thanks to all for their hard work and dedication!

Old Orchard Park and Van Etten Campgrounds would like to thank all the campers who stayed with us for the 2014 season. It is my goal to keep improving all aspects of the campground and our amenities while providing the best possible service to make your experience here an enjoyable one.

25th Annual Snow Box Derby - Old Orchard Park
Sunday, February 8th - This years' theme "25"
Snow boxes will compete for awards in three categories: Best of Theme, Most Creative, and of course, Speed. Gates open at 10 AM, Races at 1 PM, enjoy FREE kid's games, raffles, prizes, toboggan races, snow ball golf, frosty bowling. Refreshments and fun for the whole family all day!



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Oscoda Community Center

Looking for a fun, family friendly place to hang out this winter? Well look no further! The Oscoda Township Community Center located at 4071 Arrow Drive is just the place. There is something for everyone in the family to enjoy when you become a member! *Cardio & weight machines *Game room area *Media room with Wii system *4 TV's with Charter Service *3 Racquet ball Courts *2 large gyms for all types of use *Free Enrichment programs and kids crafts *Instructor led fitness classes are an additional charge. Membership rates are detailed in the chart below, and are the same for residents and non-residents. Can't commit to a full month? Stop by when it's convenient for you...just \$5.00 for a day pass. Looking for a place to hold your kids birthday, a family or team party? Or maybe just a place to let the kids run around for a few hours when the weather doesn't permit? Well look no further! Call the Center today and reserve our activity room for \$35/hour. This gives you access to our back gym and game room area for the kids or adults, for that matter, to enjoy! Questions? Please call the Community Center at 739-2251 for further information!

Monthly Memberships -	Single	Family
1 Month	\$25	\$50
3 Month	\$70	\$140
6 Month	\$100	\$200

Election Results

Oscoda Township Fire Department Millage—The recent approval of the millage will allow for replacement vehicles and equipment on a systematic and annually programmed basis. This will result in an updated and current vehicle fleet and operating equipment to serve the public's needs with improved safety for residents, visitors and firefighters.



Iosco County/Oscoda Township voters also approved a 4 year, .08 millage for the purpose of creating a full time animal control officer within the Iosco County Sheriff's Department. This position will be responsible for enforcement of licensing issues and other regulatory concerns involving animals and handling of animal complaints such as abuse, neglect, bites & vicious animals.

Thank you for Voting!

Robert Parks Library News

New at the Robert J Parks Library is a Business Resource Center. It includes a dedicated computer with links to a number of business help tools including MEL.org which has great resources. Over eighty business related books are located next to the center for inspiration and help. Several magazines are available at the center: Money; Entrepreneur; Fortune; Inc.; Fast Company and more. This center is a great resource for entrepreneurs just starting out or the established businesses looking for educational or enhancements aids. Business related workshops are being planned in the near future.

6010 N Skeel Ave, 989-739-9581

Mon, Fri, Sat 9:00 - 5:00 & Tue, Wed, Thu 9:00 - 7:00

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Northern Lights Christmas Parade

It is not too late to mark you calendars! December 6th ...Santa will be arriving in Downtown Oscoda for the Northern Lights Christmas Parade. The activities begin at 4:30 p.m. with children's holiday crafts in the Oscoda United Methodist Church located directly behind the Township Hall between Dwight Street and River Road. And what's this I hear? Two of Santa's reindeer will be stopping by for a visit to Dwight Street by the Rotary Pocket Park...visit them before or after the parade and grab a cup of complementary hot chocolate. Also beginning at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Oscoda Township Hall/Fire Station stop in and check out a variety of tasty treats that are available for purchase and music by the Tawas Community Band will begin at 5 pm and go until the parade begins. Following the parade a movie will be offered to the public free of charge at the Lake Theater located on Dwight Street. The parade will assemble at 5 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Elementary School parking lot and will begin at 6 pm...the route is along US 23 from Cedar Lake Road to Mill Street. Join us in kicking off the holiday season with friends and family in Downtown Oscoda AuSable on Saturday December 6!

Snow Removal

Once again the Department of Public Works is requesting your assistance in keeping sidewalks and parking lots clear this winter. When plowing parking lots please do not leave snow in the sidewalk or do not place sandwich boards and other obstacles in sidewalk until snow has been cleared. As a reminder there is no parking in Township parking lots between the hours of 3 AM and 6 AM. Thank you for your cooperation. Let it SNOW! Let it SNOW!

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