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Township Board—Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer Jaimie McGuire, Clerk Christine Carrasco and Trustees

# Community Newsletter

Winter 2016

## The Aune Medical Center has a New Look!!

The Aune Medical Center is located on the Wurtsmith District (former WAFB) located on Skeel Ave. The facility is owned by Oscoda Township and provides medical services from the following tenants: Alcona Citizens for Health and Dental Center, Alpena Regional Rehabilitation, Alpena Urology, Oscoda Area Chiropractic Clinic, Turning Point Counseling, AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority and the Veterans Administration Community Outreach Clinic.

Construction was completed in July to renovate approximately 7,200 square feet of vacant space for the Veterans Administration Community Outreach Clinic expansion project in the North East section of the Aune Medical Center. This renovation allowed the VA to expand their services offered to the Veterans. In addition to this renovation the entrance to the Alcona Dental Center was improved with a new interior vestibule and window in the waiting room area. Besides these interior renovations, improvements were made to the parking lot and landscape along the East side of the building.

## Winds of Change in the Downtown



18/10/2016

The change of seasons isn't the only thing that has occurred in the Downtown this fall. Redevelopment and investment in the Downtown by both the public and private sectors are in full swing.

The most notable visual change to date is the former Ace Hardware Buildings that have been demolished at the corner of River Road and US 23. When redevelopment involves demolition it can often evoke mixed emotions from a community. Based on the structural integrity of a building, proposed future end use and current building codes demolition is sometimes the best option for a developer. So although our community will surely miss this former landmark...lets embrace change and applaud the investment in the future of our Downtown.

## A Note From Your Treasurer

Pay your taxes by way of "auto deduct" at no charge. This will be a one-time payment deducted on the due date for each tax season. Go to our website to print a copy of authorization form or stop in the Treasurer's office for more details of this free payment option. Reminder: **Winter Tax Bills are Due by February 14th.** Wondering whether or not you paid your Summer taxes or just need to make sure you did? There is a place on your Winter tax bill that will tell you if you still have Summer taxes owing. Located on the top portion of your Winter tax bill, on the right, in the box titled "Payment Information" just below the mailing address there will be a message that reads "SUMMER TAXES OWING" if your summer taxes have not been paid. Please contact the Treasurer at 989-739-7471 to get the correct amount due or if you have any questions regarding your unpaid taxes.

## Old Orchard Park



Old Orchard Park has added another two new "Yurts" available for the 2017 season located back along the river, and another one located in the main camping area. For more information on reserving your dates, please call the park office at 989-739-7814

Old Orchard Park was pleased to continue a community favorite this fall celebrating the Halloween season by putting on its annual Haunted House every Saturday in October, and is re-located inside its new location in the AUNE medical center on California street off of Skeel Ave. on the former Air force base. The change in venue was granted in late summer and is well worth a look! The staff and volunteers worked diligently in building and working in the maze and it was truly a success thanks to all their efforts and dedication!

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## Water & Sewer

The 2016-2017 winter season is quickly approaching. In recent years we have experienced below average temperatures driving frost levels to depths not seen in many years. This resulted in several frozen water services and frustrated property owners. In an effort to minimize confusion relating to property owner and Township responsibilities a Frozen Water Service Policy has now been adopted. Procedures identified in the policy are intended to maintain the Township's water distribution system, to prevent freeze ups and identify responsibility for thawing frozen main and services. View the policy on our web site [www.oscodatownshipmi.gov](http://www.oscodatownshipmi.gov).

**Will It Flush?** Although materials like facial tissues, dental floss, cotton swabs, feminine hygiene products, and kitty litter may flush down the toilet, they can cause clogged pipes for you and your neighbors. Items labeled as "flushable," such as baby wipes or personal care wipes, should not be flushed. These items can create a blockage in the line from your house to the sewer main, causing sewage to back up into your home. They will also clog sewer system pumps, causing backups that could affect an entire neighborhood. Please remember to only flush human waste and toilet paper. For more information regarding these topics call 989-739-7532.

## Welcome New Twp. Officials

In November of this year, we elected a new Township Clerk and had a few changes on the Township Board. We would like to welcome our new faces and say a huge thank you to those who have served our community.

Welcome aboard!

Follow us on Facebook : [Oscoda-Charter-Township](https://www.facebook.com/Oscoda-Charter-Township)

## Robert Parks Library News

If you have not checked out the District website lately, you may want to do so. They have added some new features. One item is the new AUTHOR ALERT service. If we have your email address you can get notices of the new books published by your favorite authors. Visit our website at: [www.ioscoarenaclibrary.org](http://www.ioscoarenaclibrary.org).

**Electronic Township Board of Trustees Meeting Packets are now available at:**  
[www.OscodaTownshipMI.gov](http://www.OscodaTownshipMI.gov)

Township Hall will be closed December 23rd, 26th & 30th and January 2nd.

## Snow Removal & Winter Preparedness

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 the sidewalk until the snow has been cleared. As a reminder there is no parking in Township parking lots between the hours of 3 AM and 6 AM. Also, the Water Department would like to remind all homeowners, landlords and businesses to maintain a path to your water meter touch pad for monthly readings. If your meter pad becomes buried with snow or ice an estimated reading will be used for your bill. Remember to maintain your meters during the winter months to prevent freezing and breaking. This can result in a significant expense! Thank you for your cooperation.

## Oscoda Community Center

JOIN TODAY! The Oscoda Township Community Center is located at 4071 Arrow Drive. There is something for everyone 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. 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. Questions? Please call the Community Center at 739-2251 for more information!

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

## Northern Lights Christmas Parade

Kick off the Holiday Season the Saturday December 3rd..Santa will be arriving in Downtown Oscoda for the Northern Lights Christmas Parade. The evening begins at 4:30 p.m. come and check out a variety of tasty treats which are both complimentary and available for purchase.

Interested in putting a float in the parade? It couldn't be easier...registration is free and can be done a head of time by calling 739-7322..Registration is not required illumination is! So make sure you have enough gas in the generator because a "Best in Glow" trophy will be given to the float that shines above the rest. Line up begins at 5 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Elementary School parking lot. The parade will begin at 6 pm.

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27th Annual Snow Box Derby - Old Orchard Park  
Sunday, February 12th - This years' theme  
"Americana"  
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