

Community Newsletter

Winter 2017



Supervisor's Corner by Aaron Weed

Oscoda Township has been working diligently on the contamination problem for the last year within the scope of our legal authority. The objective is to affect change in how the State views the seriousness this PFAS contamination is in our community. More PFAS contaminated locations have been discovered around our State including Camp Grayling and Alpena ANG Base. It is sad that this contaminant has become so prevalent in our communities, but these new discoveries are opening the eyes of State and Federal agencies to investigate the scope of the problems and the dangers involved with these chemicals. You may have noticed one of the many interviews or documentaries that I and several other people from the community have been involved in. Our hope is that this media exposure will help convince our State officials to investigate and lower present State standards to the acceptable standards science has determined. We have also secured monthly meetings with the Governor's office and the MDEQ. hopefully this will help us in getting the problem resolved.

The Air Force has plans to install a second filtration system in 2018. While this system may help with a portion of the plumes emanating out of the Wurtsmith district, it still does not address other contaminated plumes known to exist. Our pressure on these sites seems to be met with resistance from the Air Force. It is imperative that the safety of our community is our top priority. We will continue to press forward to ensure a total restoration is made.

We have asked for and received permission to establish a Restoration Advisory Board with the Air Force to keep the community informed about what is being done by the Air Force. They have already held their first meeting and completed orientation.

The first water main extension project for Oscoda Township is funded and will start construction in the Spring of 2018. We are working hard to get specifications completed for the second phase of extension and to obtain additional funding.

I can assure you that we are doing our due diligence to stay on top of this issue by attending conferences, investigating scientific data, and working/communicating regularly with State and Federal officials to deal with this contaminant. We have a basic human right to clean water; so, I also encourage all of you to contact our State Representative, Congressmen, and MDEQ to ensure they know the people want action.

Reminder— Tune in and watch live broadcasts of Township Board Meetings and also view the Community Groundwater Contamination Update Meetings:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6-1dMCForUJI3c-L_QKBw -for current meetings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-c->



REMINDERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

*A new system will allow everyone to subscribe to the Township's documents on the web site under the **"Minutes-On-Demand"** line on our home page. It's a great way to keep informed about what's going on within the Township. Sign up at OscodaTownshipMi.gov.

Last year the Oscoda **Downtown Development Authority** purchased a vacant building in the block between River Road and Michigan Ave as well as the former channel marker that was located at the mouth of the AuSable River from 1912-1957.

Renovations to the building began in late Fall of this year with a target completion of early summer 2018. The restoration of the former channel marker is almost complete and several locations in the downtown area are currently being assessed in regard to its permanent "home".

Code Enforcement Reminder - Per Township Ordinance No.2006-234, no inoperable, junked, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicles shall be present on public or private property. This also includes vehicles that do not have a valid and current license plate and/or registration within the last calendar year. Blight Reminder-grass/ weeds can be no higher than 6". Thank you for your cooperation!

27th Annual Snow Box Derby - Old Orchard Park
 Sunday, February 11th - This years' theme
 "Americana" (Weather Permitting)

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Township Supervisor- Aaron Weed

Treasurer- Jaimie McGuire

Clerk- John Nordeen

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Tim Cummings and Jim Baier

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. Please be sure if you have changed banks or accounts that you notify the Treasurer's office in writing so we can update our account records to avoid any delay in payments. Go to our website to print a copy of the 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 14 th.** Wondering whether 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.

Oscoda Township Community Center - The Community Center offers indoor volleyball, basketball, racquetball, Wally ball, and many other recreational programs for all skill levels to enjoy. We hope to see you again this winter. For information on rates and monthly activities at the center please check out the website at www.oscodatownshipmi.gov.

Oscoda Township's 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available at <http://www.hsrua.org/>

Visit us at www.oscodatownshipmi.gov or find us on Facebook (Oscoda Charter Township)

2017 Fall News From Old Orchard Park

The 2017 summer Camping season is over and what a season it was! The Campground was busy with swimming, beach volleyball and many other outdoor activities. Our campground store did very well serving ice cream and other necessities and will continue to add new camping items for our guests, thank you all for making it a success!

Recent improvements and additions at Old Orchard Park include a "Ga-Ga" ball pit and exercise structures for the kids. We recently finished renovating our boat launch with the help of a local contractor and state grant. This will provide for easier access to Foote pond.



As always, reservable sites and first come first serve camp sites are available this fall for you to enjoy the Oscoda area colors!

Old Orchard Park is also pleased to continue a community favorite this fall celebrating the Halloween season by putting on its annual Haunted House every Saturday in October. The event is now located inside the AUNE medical center on California street off Skeel Ave. on the former Wurtsmith Air force base. Just follow the signs as the change in venue is well worth a look for all who dare! The staff and volunteers worked diligently to create a fun experience thanks to all their efforts and dedication!

Old Orchard Park would like to thank all the campers who stayed with us for the 2017 season. It is our 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. For more information on our campground, please call the park office at 989-739-7814.