



Kimball Township News

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Kimball Township Board of Trustees meetings are held at the Township Office, 2160 Wadhams Road, at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please come and see how your township government is working.

Elected and Appointed Officials

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Time to let go of the past and start off new. That is why, it is called the 'New' year.

May you have a New Year filled with happiness and joy.

Fireworks Ordinance Adopted



The Kimball Township Board adopted a new Fireworks Ordinance on November 20, 2012. The ordinance became effective November 30, 2012.

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks, as allowed under the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, MCL 28.451 et seq., as amended. On January 1, 2012, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, became effective. The Act repeals the former section regarding fireworks and established new regulations regarding the purchase, possession, sale and use of fireworks.

To explain further, this ordinance prohibits the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks on any day other than the day before, day of, and day after a national holiday and prohibits the possession of consumer fireworks by a minor. A violation of the ordinance would be a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of up to \$500, plus the cost of prosecution.

Consumer fireworks means aerials, bottle rockets/sky rockets, reloadable shell devices, firecrackers, roman candles, missile-type rockets, aerial spinners/helicopters, and single tube devices with reports. Low-impact fireworks means ground based or handheld sparklers, snappers, party poppers, snakes, and smoke devices.

Fireworks & National Holidays: Allowed the day before, day of, and day after ONLY.

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr, 3rd Monday in January
- Washington's Birthday, 3rd Monday in February
- Memorial Day, last Monday in May
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, 1st Monday in September
- Columbus Day, 2nd Monday in October
- Veteran's Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, 4th Thursday in November
- Christmas Day, December 25

ATTENTION **EXPAND OR CLOSE** **CASWELL CEMETERY**

The Cemetery Advisory Board would greatly appreciate your comments regarding the possible future expansion of Caswell Cemetery in Kimball Township. The reason we need your input is the fact that there are very limited lots available for the purchase of 2 to 6 graves located side by side. The majority of graves that are presently available are single ones and are scattered throughout the cemetery, most of which are referred to as Alley A and Alley B graves.

With expansion of our now adjoining property, the availability of combined graves would exist. This means that a family could purchase up to 6 six graves in one lot or a husband & wife could purchase 2 graves side by side.

Without expansion, the township will soon be terminating burials at Caswell Cemetery unless you have already purchased your grave sites. This will force township residents to seek burials at other locations at a much higher cost.

Please drop your answer in the drop box at the Township Office or email you comments to Marcia Worley at mworley@kimballtownship.org

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this urgent matter. Your opinion is very important.

OPINION FORM

Fill out and drop in the drop box at the Township Office or email your brief comments to mworley@kimballtownship.org

_____ **YES**, expand Caswell Cemetery

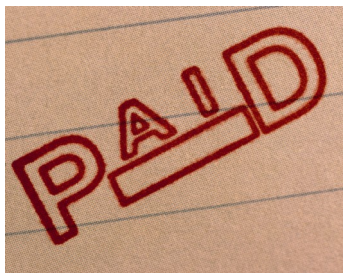
_____ **NO**, expansion of Caswell Cemetery

Name (Optional) _____

Comments: _____

WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE?

- **G Lynn Campbell Library, 1955 Allen Road, Kimball - Events for 2013:** A Place to Have FUN! Search the web for G Lynn Campbell Library and find their Event Calendar. Or stop at the library and request a calendar. The library has a monthly calendar full of special happenings for all ages. Some of the events are: Kids Kreations—a crafts program for children; Small Wonders—a program of story time, singing, dancing, and crafts; Teen Game Nights; Computer classes; Art appreciation nights; Library Friends and Library Book Club meetings. These are only some of the many events G Lynn Campbell Library has planned for 2013.
- **Fireworks Ordinance 174:** Adopted by the Township Board on November 20, 2012.
- **Master Plan Update:** The Planning Commission and Township Board approved \$5,000 to be paid to McKenna Associates to complete specific tasks related to the update of the Township Master Plan.
- **Upgraded computer programs in office:** Several departments have upgraded from programs entitled Pervasive to .Net. This was a forced upgrade by our BS&A supplier. The Pervasive program was antiquated and very difficult to supply support. Programs upgraded were Cash Receipting, Payroll, Water Billing and Bookkeeping. We are asking residents coming into the office to have patience because the new .Net program has more security measures and may take a little longer to process payments.



From the Desk of Supervisor Usakowski:

Thank you to many people that worked this last election. Things ran smooth and the lines were kept to a minimum. Congratulations to all the newly elected officials.

One of our biggest projects in years is the installation of sewer in Smiths Creek. Aided by a USDA grant of over one million dollars, we will be completing that project in 2013.

We are currently working on a budget for next year. We will need to incorporate the capital improvement plan adopted last year. This year's projects will include the replacement of the sewer lift station on Hickory Road. We are also looking into an expansion of Caswell Cemetery on land donated to the Township.

One topic recently discussed with the landfill is the addition of solid waste from Lapeer County. This would bring in additional revenue to the township and the county. Concerns would include the impact on township roads. We welcome your comments on this and any matter.

I would like to invite each of you out to attend one of our township board meetings. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Township office on Wadhams Road.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I look forward to serving you for another four years.



Get Your Dog Licenses

Kimball Township has begun selling dog licenses for the year 2013 at the Township Office, 2160 Wadhams Road.

The office has a form that must be filled out unless you received one in the mail. If you did get one in mail please bring this with you. We will also need proof of rabies shot.

The fees are as follows:

- December 1st thru February 28th, male or female = \$22.00
- December 1st thru February 28th, if spayed or neutered = \$12.00
- Delinquent Fees: After March 1st ALL DOGS = \$40.00. You must go to Animal Control, 3378 Griswold Road beginning March 1st.

BURN PERMITS MUST BE RENEWED

2013 Burn Permits may be purchased beginning January 1st and will be active until December 31st.

There is a \$15 fee for each permit. For example: if you own more than one parcel of land and want to burn on each parcel you would be required to purchase a permit for each parcel.

Burn permits may be obtained at the Township Office, 2160 Wadhams Road.

30th Annual SNOWSHOE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 2, 2013
At Pink Elephant Bar, 340 Henry Street
Smiths Creek, MI 48074

Sign Up: 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Pitching starts at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00
Draw for Your Partner, Two Game Elimination



Playing horseshoes for charity. Last year we raised \$3,500 for LEADER DOGS for the BLIND!

We also have food, 50/50 raffles, raffles for fantastic gifts and services donated by merchants and individuals in our area. Nice fire by the horseshoe pit to keep warm. Participation not necessary. We'd love to see people at the side lines cheering on their favorites! Trophies awarded to 1st & 2nd place teams.

All proceeds from the food, 50/50 raffles, auction, donation can and tournament will be sent to Leader Dogs.

Knowing your support will help a person gain independence and self confidence is a wonderful thing. The mission is to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.

Contact Jill Hunter at (810) 367-9242 or (810) 367-6311 for further information.

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