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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



2015



Happy New Year Everyone! I hope that you all had a great Christmas! Can you believe another year has come and gone? There have been a few changes in our Township Office this past year.

First we have two new Clerk 1 employees, Jody Corturillo (will be handling fire billing and tax information) and Barb Capozzo (will be working with the building, plumbing, electrical and maintenance inspectors). We are happy to have them join our team here at Kimball Township.

We also have a new assessor who will be in the office on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Her name is Kelly Timm. We would like to welcome all of them to our family.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The office does not close for lunch.



FUN TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the fourth largest industry in Michigan?
The answer is hidden somewhere in this newsletter.

BURNING PERMITS

Burning Permits will be available on January 2, 2015 and are good for the entire year.

The fee for the burning permit is \$15.00 and must be purchased at the Kimball Township Hall.

Happy New Year

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of a popular location for celebrating New Years Eve.

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| Appetizers | Family | New years day |
| Babies | Father time | New years eve |
| Balloons | Feast | Noisemakers |
| Banners | Festivities | Occasion |
| Buffet | Fireworks | Parades |
| Celebrate | First of January | Party |
| Champagne | Friends | Punch |
| Confetti | Hats | Resolutions |
| Dance | Holiday | Singing |
| Day one | Horns | Streamers |
| Decorations | Kiss | Thirty first |
| End of December | Midnight | Tiaras |
| Events | Music | Wine |
| | | Year in review |

PLEASE CLEAR YOU'RE FIRE HYDRANTS

The members of the Kimball Township Fire Department would like to take a minute and remind you to shovel out your fire hydrants. With snow covered roads comes an increase of emergency response times. By taking the time to shovel out your fire hydrant, you will save us critical time while fighting a fire. We ask that you shovel an area of 3 feet around all sides of the fire hydrant. This will ensure an adequate area for our hose and personnel to operate around the hydrant.



WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man-made logs.

All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

KEROSENE HEATERS, WOOD STOVES, and FIREPLACES

- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup and be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. All heaters should have adequate clearance of (36") from combustible surfaces, and proper floor support and protection.
- Have the chimney inspected and cleaned annually, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal or kerosene or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel and when refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.

- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.

FURNACE HEATING

- It's important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified.
- Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported; free of holes, and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

OTHER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry the amp load. TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms, or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, (otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space). Use hot water or a UL labeled device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.

FINALLY . . .

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- Contact your local fire department at 810-982-9461 if you have a question on Home Fire Safety.

ETHNIC GATHERING

Members of the past POW-POW gathering at the corner of North River Road and Wadhams Road are trying to put together an ethnic gathering display for June 2015. This is for anyone who would like to demonstrate anything from their family background countries or origin or items from those countries. Anyone or group interested in getting involved in this event please contact Joe Greaux at 810-530-9814. The event will be scheduled only if there are enough individuals or groups interested. There are electrical outlets at the site for those who may need that source.

Also, there is to be a POW-POW demonstration in July. Keep an eye open for dates on both events.



SYNOPSIS OF MEETINGS

October 7: Interviewed and hired a new assessor Kelly Timm.

The board approved an increase in water rates.

The board approved and awarded bid for lift station monitoring system. The award went to Utilities Instrumentation Service.

The board approved and awarded the bid for placing the new meter pit on Griswold and Range Roads.

October 21: The board approved the purchase from ITRight a laptop for the DPW to read water meters.

The board looked at a long term budget forecast.

November 4: No Meeting—Election Day

November 18: Information on the MTA Conference was given to board members and the board approved to pay for those desiring to go.

The board approved some ditching on Lorwood.

The board approved three new computers in the office.

The board approved an allowance for the assessor's cell phone use.

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES WILL YOU BE READY?

The damage caused by natural disaster and man-made events such as wind, ice/snow storms, tornadoes, flooding, and terrorism can affect all elements of society and government.

These can: severely restrict or overwhelm our response resources, communications, transportation, and utilities and leave many individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside support.

It takes time for emergency agencies to set up and prepare for an organized response, and damaged roads and disrupted communications systems may restrict their access into critically affected areas. Thus, for the initial period immediately following a disaster—often up to 3 days or longer—individuals, households, and neighborhoods may need to rely on their own resources for: FOOD, WATER, FIRST AID and SHELTER. Individual preparedness, planning, survival skills, and mutual aid within neighborhoods and worksites during this initial period are essential measures in coping with the aftermath of a disaster.

We, the residents of Kimball Township, can be thrown into any of these emergencies at a moments notice. Have we kept up on our emergency management skills?

In the past, KECC and KEC have held classes, given demonstrations and training to help Kimball be prepared. We are now in the process of polishing our skills and adding to them. We are in the process of becoming more involved to "BE PREPARED". Our assistant mgr. Beckie Durocher, and volunteer Marlene Almada will be working with Firefighter J. Samuelson to offer CPR training soon to the public. In co-operation with the Kimball Fire Department, KEC will join efforts to provide safety and training to Kimball Township.



To make this a success, we are asking our residents to step forward to join our new team. Applications can be found in the Kimball Township Municipal Offices.

JOIN TODAY AND MAKE OUR HOME, NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR TOWNSHIP PREPARED.

DOG TAGS

Dog tags are now for sale at the Kimball Township Office from December 1, 2014 until February 28, 2015.



The cost for altered dogs is \$12.00 and non-altered dogs is \$22.00.

You “must” have proof of your dogs current rabies shot when purchasing tags.



We are no longer able to call your veterinarian to get that information.

There will be no exceptions!

MICHIGAN FUN FACTS

- Standing anywhere in the state a person is within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes.
- Alpena is the home of the world's largest cement plant.
- Michigan ranks first in state boat registrations.
- The largest village in Michigan is Caro.
- Michigan has more shoreline than any other state except Alaska.

32nd Annual Snowshoe Tournament

**Saturday, January 31, 2015
At the 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

There will be food, 50/50 raffles, raffles for fantastic gifts and services donated by generous merchants and individuals in our area. And a nice fire by the horseshoe pits to keep our hands warm. Participation is not necessary. We would love to see people at the side lines cheering on their favorites to win the tournament. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place teams.

All proceeds from the tournament, food, raffles, etc. will be sent to the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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

If you can't make it out to the tournament you can still donate. There will be a jar at the Pink Elephant the month of January for those of you who would like to donate to the Leader Dog for the Blind.

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

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