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Kimball Township Board of Trustees meeting 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.



CALLING ALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

I am conducting a poll on what you, the residents, would like to see new in the Township. Whether it is being a part of a Recreation Department, something for the Senior Citizens, programs for your children or any other suggestion you can think of. You can email me with your comments at cmddaugh@kimballtownship.org or drop your suggestions off using the form below at the Township Hall in our drop box. I am looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you, Connie Meddaugh



(A signature is not necessary for this form)

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE KIMBALL TOWNSHIP.....

signature optional: _____

FUN TRIVIA QUESTION

The name of what American tourist city means "THE MEADOWS" in Spanish?

The answer is hidden somewhere in this newsletter!

From the Desk of Supervisor Usakowski

The Township has been very busy since our November election. Last year we created our first Capital Improvement Plan. The plan calls for many things and in creating our budget this year we factored in each of those items.

Caswell Cemetery has land located south of the existing cemetery that was donated to the Township several years ago. With few multi-plot sites available for families, the township is now looking into the expansion of the cemetery. We will construct a drive just east of the existing cemetery that will provide access to this new addition.

The Capital Improvement Plan also calls for the construction of a new fire station to replace the station on Allen Road. This station has multiple structural issues and the township needs to plan for its replacement. Problems include the size of the existing bays which will not accommodate newer trucks. Our most recent fire truck purchase required a special built truck so that it could fit within the parameters of the existing bays. We have formed a committee of 11 Kimball residents who will make recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding location, type and funding options for a new station. The meetings of this committee are open to the public and we invite you to participate in the discussions. We will post meeting dates on our website. kimballtownship.org

This year we will embark on a new planning tool, a Strategic Plan. This plan will address many of the services and goals of the township outside of the Capital Improvement Plan. We have asked trustees to start this process by giving five things they would like to see for Kimball Township before their term in office is over. Potential items to be addressed include services available to you and how we improve them. Examples could include parks, recreation, and online services. We desire input from all our residents on this project.



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Please call the Township Office and ask for myself and share some of the things you would like to see for your Township. The success of this project depends on input from many residents and we look forward to your participation.

Should you have any questions about what is happening in Kimball Township, please feel free to call me anytime. If I am not available, please leave a message and I will generally get back to you the same day.

Supervisor Rob Usakowski
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KIMBALL TWP. EMERGENCY CENTER

DID YOU KNOW:

Kimball Township's Emergency Plan includes having their own Emergency Centers to assist residents when circumstances beyond their control occur.

Excessive heat or cold weather conditions can be dangerous if you lose power or do not have air conditioning.

Our Centers provide residents a safe environment to temporarily go to if needed. Centers are mobile and can be opened in a variety of locations. Books, magazines, puzzles and games are available for your use during your stay.

Centers are available to be opened 24/7. Kimball was chosen as 1 of 3 communities in St. Clair County as a "Ready Community" in 2012. Centers are staffed with a trained and dedicated team of volunteers.

Refreshments available at no charge where kitchen facilities are available. Most of our Center Locations are pet friendly but some restrictions do apply.

There is no charge to use the Center.

For more information or to join our Center Team; call Pat Kilbourne at 810-479-2605.



From the Desk of Supervisor Usakowski

The events in late April at the Boston marathon have left many people concerned about safety within their community. Combine that with the Ricen laced letters sent to government officials including Michigan senator Levin, and there are many things to consider. Several people have asked about the preparedness of Kimball Township in the event of a disaster.

It was amazing to watch the response of Boston's emergency teams move in within seconds of the explosions. Police officers, EMS and fire department staff, without thought for themselves, ran towards the scene despite uncertain danger. They knew exactly what to do in that situation.

I am pleased that our first responders have prepared extensively for events such as this. This was very evident when a tornado struck Fort Trodd Campgrounds in Clyde Twp. Fire Chief Gorski was incident commander at the scene. Chief Gorski coordinated efforts amongst many agencies including the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, multiple fire departments, the American Red Cross and St. Clair County Emergency Management.

Often we think of emergency situation as large scale but Kimball Township has enacted it's emergency reception centers on several occasions. Normally, the activation of our emergency reception centers is based on weather. Extreme heat and cold or even extended power outages have led to the activation. Weather situations such as these can be difficult on the elderly, ill or even you members of our community. Our reception centers all have backup generators and are climate controlled.

Many of your elected officials, including myself have taken multiple emergency management courses. The courses are part of Homeland Security and instruct how events should be carried out no matter how big or small. Kimball Township has taken place in two tabletop practice exercises the last four years. These exercises are designed to test our preparedness.

Despite all of the preparation, practice and training, we are not fully prepared for every emergency. Our biggest short coming is numbers. We simply do not have enough people assisting in the preparation. We need more members in our fire department, more people to give a little time and some to share their talents. To be part of our emergency team doesn't require a specific amount of hours, or a life long commitment. Every little bit will help if the next emergency is in Kimball Township.

Our Township has been recognized by St. Clair County's Emergency Management as one of the most prepared communities in the county. Come on out and be a part of that team. For more information, please call the township at 810-987-9797, Ext 123.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE TOWNSHIP

We would like to acknowledge that after 16 years of dedicated service, **Marcia Worley**, our Administrative Assistant, has retired. Her last day was May 31, 2013. She was great to work with and we are all going to miss her. Enjoy your retirement!

Her replacement is **Connie Meddaugh**. Connie started out as a Kelly girl and was hired as a Clerk-1 but soon became the Administrative Assistant. If you would like to contact Connie, she can be reached at 810-987-9797, Ext 110 or by email: cmеддаugh@kimballtownship.org.

KIMBALL TOWNSHIP HISTORY

Were you born in Kimball Township? Do you have old pictures or articles about it? We are looking for past and current residents who have pictures or articles about the township and are willing to share their information with us. If you know of anyone that has moved out of this area and may have information about the township, please let them know we are very interested in what information they could share with us. It will be exciting to see old pictures of the township and share them with the residents of Kimball Township. Please contact Connie at 810-987-9797, Ext 110.

From the Desk of Clerk Hand Cemetery Concerns

Recently I have been getting quite a few calls on Caswell Cemetery about thefts and violations. Someone has been stealing shepherds hooks and other personal items that have been placed on the graves of a loved one. It is hard enough to lose a family member let alone have someone steal from their grave. If anyone sees this happening, we would like you to report it to Clerk Robert G. Hand, or the police if our office is closed.

Also, I would like to remind family members of the deceased that:

- No grave shall be raised above the level of the surrounding land or covered in any way by sand, gravel, broken stone, cinders or other substance that may prevent the free growth of grass.
 - No grave should be defined by any fence, coping, tree, shrub, embankment, depression or railing.
 - No person shall be allowed to remove the sod from grave(s) or any portion of lot(s) except up to 12 inches in the North, South, and East sides of the Headstone or Markers. Planting of flowers is permitted.
 - Glass containers are not allowed.
- “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so

- DPW will remove items when they become unsightly
- Please be considerate of the families who have lost a loved one. For a complete copy of Ordinance No. 132, (As amended by Ordinance 132 and 132-A), you can stop by the Kimball Township Office.

BIG FALL EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013



ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

Corner of Wadhams and North Roads

There will be a Cardboard Boat Race, Kickball Tournament, Fire Department Demonstrations, Face Painting, Inflatables and a Family Movie at dusk for all ages.

No charge for parking or for the events. A Concession Stand will be offering food and drinks for a small fee.

For more information you can contact Becky Jackson at 810-841-2083 or George Jackson at 810-334-3202 or 810-987-9797, Ext. 113

We look forward to seeing you there!



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