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Welcome Summer!

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Special points of interest:

- 2015 Projects
- 4th of July
- Fire Department Update
- Garbage Collection Changes
- 2016 Election Dates
- Tax Collection Dates
- Holiday Hours

What's Happening in Bessemer Township?

How about the new look in front of the township hall? Thanks to the coordinated efforts of Jean Verbos and the township board, the front lawn is an appropriate memorial to those men and women who served and continue to serve our country. THANK YOU!



2015 Projects

Lot's of improvements happening over the township this past year. The park is looking better and better all the time. New basketball hoop, better groomed landscape, more areas for sitting. Thank you to all of our volunteers that make this such a nice place for people to enjoy!

A large project is taking place right in the heart of Ramsay. In order to be in compliance with federal regulations, the township has a new 30 year bond for \$1,172,000 for those improvements.

Construction is taking place on over 5300 feet of sanitary sewer replacements that reach from Mill to Huntington, Verona,

Center, Grant, Railroad as well as many manhole cover replacements. Please have patience and use the detour while the construction is taking place.

The Community Development Block Grant, which is for replacing waterline on River Street, is another project happening that is a result of last winter's cold, cold weather and the freezing of water lines. The grant will be \$494,376 with the township's portion being \$101,201. The bid for the project was awarded on June 11.

In addition board members have been attending meetings on the non-motorized trail authority.

Here's to the 4th of July!

It's just about that time again. Good times for the Bessemer Township residents. On Thursday, July 2 will be 50/50 raffle, street dancing and Marty's Goldenaires performing for all to enjoy. Of course to top everything off will be fireworks from the park on Thursday, July 2nd at 10:00 p.m. The children's and regular parade will be at 10:00 a.m. on July 4th. Please visit our website for the schedule of activities. Hope to see you there!



Fire Department Updates

The fire department is now operating with a new fire chief, Jay Saari. We thank Brian Kuchinski for his years serving as chief. We are always grateful for their dedication and service. Please support our fire fighters in their efforts to keep our township safe. Thank you to all of the current 15 members serving the township and beyond.

Jay Saari (Chief), Brian Kuchinski (Assistant Chief), Dave Hegbloom (Captain), Steven Selin (Lieutenant), Pearce Graham (President), Ben Tucker (Secretary), Jeff Randall



(Treasurer), Neil Balduc, Pat Leemon, Josh Elias, Matt Kaurala, Dan Nelson, Lindsey Jackson, Mark Selin, Nathan Ozzello.

Thank you for your time & talent!

Garbage Collection Changes in the Future?

The township board is in the process of reviewing a new arrangement with the Gogebic Range Waste Management Authority for the township's pick-up. As our truck is only getting older and needing more repairs, it is time to look at our options. Any changes that would occur will be within the next few months. Watch the township minutes for any further details.



Upcoming 2016 Elections:

- March 8, 2016—Presidential Primary
- August 2, 2016—Primary
- November 8, 2016—General (Presidential)

Remember you need to be a registered voter 30 days prior to the election that you wish to vote in. You can do this in the Clerk's office or at the Secretary of State.



TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

- 4th of July** - Friday, July 3
- Labor Day**—Monday, September 8
- Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27
- Christmas** - Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25
- New Year's Day** - Friday, January 1, 2016

FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE:

REMINDER:

July 1st Tax Bill

Due by: September 14th, taxes become delinquent after September 15th with an additional 1% penalty per month or portion of month through February 14th. After February 28th taxes must be paid at Gogebic County Courthouse.

WATER UTILITY BILLS: Water billings are mailed on:

- January 1st (period ending 12/31)
 - July 1st (period ending 6/30)
 - April 1st (period ending 3/31)
 - October 1st (period ending 9/30)
- [Have 20 days after billing day to pay. 10% penalty will be incurred when past due date.]



