

Garden Township Newsletter

Issue 31

Winter 2020

Transfer Station:

The Transfer Station would like to welcome their new employee, Mike Ansell.

The Transfer Station has installed a new floor, tank water pump, and a toilet. The siding and door frame as well as the vent on the roof has been replaced.

Please always check with Bill whenever you are leaving items anywhere on the grounds. This will ensure Bill knows what is at the Transfer Station.

Please call Bill with any questions – 644-7139

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Township Hall:

Point of contact: Garden Township Treasurer – Mary Ann LeBresh

- Feb 9 – Senior Class American Legion Breakfast
- Mar 8 - American Legion Breakfast
- Mar 10 – Primary Election – polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm
- Apr 12 - American Legion Breakfast
- May 10 - American Legion Breakfast
- May 25 – Memorial Day Luncheon
- Jun 14 - American Legion Breakfast
- Nov 15 – American Legion Breakfast - Hunter’s Special Breakfast and Raffle

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Cemetery:

Point of contact: Garden Township Clerk – Brenda Lester

Snow plowing is not allowed at the cemetery and we ask everyone not to drive in the cemetery now that the snow has arrived.

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Fire Department:

Point of Contact: Garden Township Fire Chief - Keith Farley

- The Fire Chief will submit for the 2% Grant from the Indians as he has done every year. He plans to use the monies to get a sign for the front of the Fire Department and to seal coat the parking lot.
- Damon Plumbing & Heating replaced a furnace at the Fire Hall.

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Parks and Recreation:

Point of Contact: Garden Township Trustee - Lisa Pichette

- The Garden Township Park sign is being redone by Steve Johnson. He plans to have it completed by mid-February. Once the snow has melted, it will be put up.

- The bathrooms changed to Unisex. Signs were put up and unfortunately, one of the signs has already been taken.
- We added three more cement stoppers to hopefully prevent anyone from going on the grass with their vehicles.
- Art Grant – We did receive the Art Grant for approximately \$27,000 from CUPPAD. We are talking with the Garden Historical Society, the Village Artisans, and Signs Now UP to find pictures and costs for the Murals. As of right now, the vision is to have murals that reflect the history of the Garden Peninsula. So far we are thinking of pictures that reflect the logging, Ire Ore smelting, farming, Fayette State Park,

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FY19/20 Township Board Meetings are will be held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM at the Township Community Building except May.

Board Members:

Supervisor:
Richard Pichette
450-6010

Clerk:
Brenda Lester
450-5185

Treasurer:
Mary Ann LeBresh
644-2897

Trustees:
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Tyler Lucas
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906-280-4372
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Transfer Station: 644-7139
Hours: 9AM to 5PM
Mon. Wed. Sat.

Fire Chief: Keith Farley
906-450-7036

hunting, fishing, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, of when Garden was a thriving town with a General store, a livery, blacksmith shop, a creamery, etc. All input is invited and encouraged!

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Taxes – Last day to pay taxes without penalty is February 14th. Our Treasurer can take taxes until February 29th, then you will have to send your payment to the Delta County Treasurer.
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Board of Review dates at the Township Hall:

March 12, 2020 – 3 pm – 9 pm

March 13, 2020 – 9 am – 3 pm
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- The replacement of the septic at the Garden Township Hall is in process. The survey has been completed; the Health Department has given us the go-ahead. A-1 Septic was chosen to put in the septic. This will be done once the snow melts. We are also requesting bids for a fence to protect the drain field.
- Our speaker system was brought into Manistique Radio Center to get all the microphones working.
- Tri-Star EMS will continue to share the Fire Department's spaces. They will be responsible for 1/3 of the utility bills.
- The Delta County Board of Commissioners approved zoning for Storage units at Garden Corners.
- The Township found out that we have not been in compliance with the Department of Transportation Regulations regarding Commercial Driver's License (CDL) drivers. If an employee is hired based on their CDL, then a drug screening program/policy must be established and enforced. The Township is in the process of implementing this program and policy.
- We are experiencing vandalism at the Township Hall. After letting some residents use the hall to play basketball, we found damage to the ceiling tiles. Because of this, the Hall is no longer available for basketball until further notice. We are in the process of developing a policy for Township Hall use.
- The Delta County Township Association is working with all the County Township to put up 911 signs for our first responders. Our Township has provided updated grids (showing new homes & addresses) to CUPPAD. CUPPAD has finished updating the grids. These grids will be provided to the 911 sign company to put the 911 signs up in the spring. This will cost approximately \$23,000.
- 2020/2021 Budget meetings have been set for 6 pm on January 28th, February 4th, and February 25th.

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- Don't forget to continue to visit the Garden Township Website at **gardentwp.com**. You can find the Garden Township Board Minutes as well as Ordinances and Newsletters on the website. We have renewed our website and domain name for the next three years! Please visit and keep visiting. Thank you.
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If you have any questions about the newsletter please call Lisa Pichette @ 450-0965