

Community Newsletter

Summer 2017

OSCODA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board— Supervisor Aaron Weed, Treasurer Jaimie McGuire, Clerk John Nordeen, and Trustees Tim Cummings, Martin Gayeski, William Palmer and James Baier

Reminder— Tune in and watch live broadcasts of Township Board Meetings and also view the Community Groundwater Contamination Update Meetings:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6-1dMCFUJ3c-LQKBw> -for current meetings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-c-ESp3m3CqHUHfFv9Glog> -

for archived meetings.



Code Enforcement Reminder - Per Township ordinance no inoperable, junked, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicles shall be present on public or private property. This also includes vehicles that do not have a valid and current license plate and/or registration within the last calendar year. Blight Reminder-grass/ weeds can be no higher than 6". Thank you for your cooperation!

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Note—PFAS

Warmer weather is here and we are reminding residents that PFCs are not a health concern on or in Oscoda Township's lakes and rivers. It's true that PFAS (perfluorinated chemicals) have been found in the environment on and near the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base, but according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services PFAS do not absorb through skin. MDHHS also states that incidental swallowing of water through water activities like swimming or boating is not harmful to health. For information about eating fish caught in the area, visit www.michigan.gov/wurtsmith and read the Eat Safe Fish in Iosco County brochure. If you have questions, contact MDHHS Division of Environmental Health, 1-800-648-6942.

Private Drinking Water Well Contamination Updates

For up-to-date information regarding the PFAS well water contamination issues go to the District Health Department No. 2 website at www.dhd2.org and click on Wurtsmith Activities. For information on the Air Force's position regarding PFAS, contact the United States Air Force public affairs office at (866)725-7617 or email afcec.pa@us.af.mil.

Current Water Main Extension Project Update

(Rose Lane, Forest Drive, Van Etten Dam Road)

- Project Area: Rose Lane, Forest Drive, Van Etten Dam Road
- Funding Source: USDA EWAG Grant
- Amount: \$500,000

Status:

- Engineer has completed the final design, necessary permits have been secured
- The project is now in the easement acquisition phase
- Bidding will occur when easements are in place

Construction- As soon as Summer of 2017 depending on legal status of easements .

Future Water Main Extension Projects

August 2016: The State of Michigan Department of Public Health and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) expand the area of alternate water to include properties to the east side of Van Etten Lake to the Lake Huron Shore Line. The northern boundary of the area is Phelan Creek on Loud Drive and Chippewa on US 23 and includes all properties to the Southern boundary the intersection of F-41 and US 23.

Similar to the initial area of concern the Township has obtained a conceptual cost estimate to quantify the cost to extend municipal water to those residents currently not serviced in the expanded area of alternate water as defined by the State Health Department and DEQ. It is estimated that approximately 227 homes in this expanded area do not currently have access to municipal water.

A preliminary conceptual cost estimate approaching 4 million dollars is being presented to legislators and agencies to find funding sources. It is expected the cost will increase substantially as numbers are refined and further studies are done.

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Water & Sewer

Did you know that leaving a 3/4 inch hose running for one hour can use around 1600 gallons of water? Or if you water your lawn for around 15 minutes every night you will use 12,307 gallons of water in one month? Not including your regular use, that can really add up on your monthly water bill. Please keep this in mind as summer progresses.

A reminder to all water customers that may be turning water on or off at their curb stops. It is in violation of the Township water ordinance and you could be held liable for any damage or repairs in addition to potential prosecution. The cost to have your water turned off is \$25.00 which is much cheaper than having your curbsstop dug up and repaired at your expense. Please call the Water Department to set up an appointment for this process.

Last but not least, please remember that using unmetered water is theft and a criminally punishable offense.

Oscoda Community Center

The Community Center offers, three indoor pickle ball courts for use on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a yearly Pickle Ball Tournament, racquetball, Wally ball, step aerobics, spinning and stretching classes, indoor full size basketball court, roller skating, pool table, ping pong table, air hockey table, foosball table, indoor walking track, weight and workout room, a birthday party/meeting room, entertainment room with Wii and many other recreational programs for all skill levels to enjoy. We hope to see you again next season when the Center re-opens in the fall. For information on rates and monthly activities at the center please call 989-739-2251 or check out the website at www.oscodatownshipmi.gov.

Starry Nights at the Pier Summer Movie Series

The Oscoda Downtown Development Authority and The Oscoda Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau proudly announce the return of the Starry Nights at the Pier Summer Movie Series for its second season. The kick-off is Wednesday July 5 and movies will be shown every Wednesday until Labor Day. Movies are shown in the Oscoda Township Beach Park and will begin at dusk. Admission is free and open to the public. Each movie will be sponsored by a different organization...so mark your calendars for every Wednesday and grab your blankets and lawn chairs and head on down to the beach park just before dusk and enjoy an evening's entertainment on us!

Oscoda Beach Park has Expanded!

In February of 2017 the Township purchased approximately 2.04 acres of vacant land adjacent to the north side of the existing Oscoda Township Beach park.

The purchase of this property was made possible thru a grant secured from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Property Acquisition program in the amount of \$416,200 (76% of the \$550,00 purchase price). At this time, the development plan for the property include clean up of overgrown vegetation and a walking trail with picnicking and birding opportunity areas.

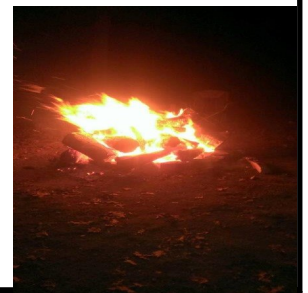
With this new acquisition the Township has just added 296 feet of pristine white sandy beach for the community and visitors to enjoy beautiful Lake Huron at the Oscoda Beach Park.

Old Orchard Park

The 2017 camping season is quickly approaching and Old Orchard Park Campground is looking forward to another great summer. The park highlights offer: Breathtaking sunsets, warm campfires and natural scenic views of our beautiful northern Michigan landscape. Other exciting news is Old Orchard Park is also planning on much needed improvements and updates to our boat launch area located within the park to be scheduled for this summer.

The park has many amenities including a playground, swimming and wagon rides. Not to mention a fishing pier and pontoon rentals provided by Sunny Bunns watercraft!

If you don't have a camper, no worries, we also have 3 cabins and 4 yurts onsite for your convenience. For more information on our campground and how you can join us please call us at 989-739-7814.



Garage Sale Permits are now available at no cost in the Township Clerk's Office!! Call **989-739-4971** for

Visit us at www.oscodatownshipmi.gov or find us on Facebook (Oscoda Charter Township)