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Township Board—Supervisor James Baier, Treasurer Jaimie McGuire, Clerk Christine Carrasco and Trustees Richard Binkowski, Martin Gayeski, Aaron Weed and Steven Wusterbarth

## Welcome New Twp. Trustee

In August of this year Trustee Matthew Hinckley resigned his position on the Township Board. We would like to thank Mr. Hinckley for his 13 years of community service. Based upon his resignation applications were sought to fill the vacancy. Six interested citizens applied to fill the position and we thank you for your interest. The Township Board ultimately appointed Steven Wusterbarth to the vacant seat. Welcome aboard!

## Recreation & Master Plan Updates

Following a competitive bidding process the Township will retain the services of Spicer Group, Inc. to update the Land Use Master Plan and Recreation Master Plan for our community. In order to apply for many of the recreation grants offered by the State it is mandatory that these plans be in place and updated every five years. The process to update the two plans will be approximately 6 months and occur simultaneously. Public participation in the process will be requested via an online survey during the information gathering phase as well as one of the final phases of the process when the draft plan will be available at both the Township offices and public library for review. Information in regard to how to participate with the online survey will be provided on the Township's website as well as the Oscoda Press.

## A Note From Your Treasurer

Pay your taxes by way of "auto deduct" at no charge. This will be a one-time payment deducted on the due date for each tax season. Go to our website to print a copy of authorization form or stop in the Treasurer's office for more details of this free payment option. Reminder: **Winter Tax Bills are Due by February 15th.** Wondering whether or not you paid your Summer taxes or just need to make sure you did? There is a place on your Winter tax bill that will tell you if you still have Summer taxes owing. Located on the top portion of your Winter tax bill, on the right, in the box titled "Payment Information" just below the mailing address there will be a message that reads "SUMMER TAXES OWING" if your summer taxes have not been paid. Please contact the Treasurer at 989-739-7471 to get the correct amount due or if you have any questions regarding your unpaid taxes.

# Community Newsletter

Winter 2015

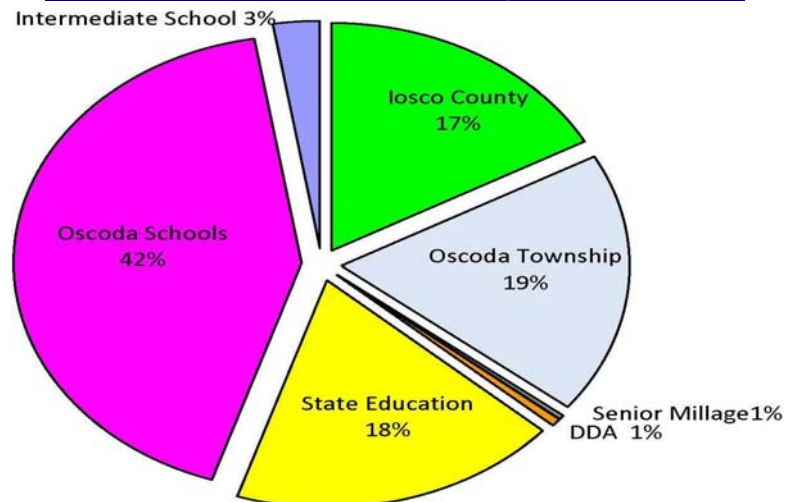
## Aune Medical Center News

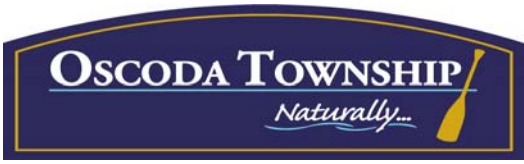
The Aune Medical Center is located on the Wurtsmith District (former WAFB) located on Skeel Ave. The facility is owned by Oscoda Township and provides medical services from the following tenants: Alcona Citizens for Health and Dental Center, Alpena Regional Rehabilitation, Alpena Urology, Oscoda Area Chiropractic Clinic, Turning Point Counseling and the Veterans Administration Community Outreach Clinic. New this summer the facility welcomed AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority as a new tenant and access to their offices can be made through the east entrance of the building. Construction has now begun in the northeast section of the Aune Medical Center to renovate approximately 7,200 square feet of vacant space for the Veterans Administration Community Outreach Clinic expansion project. The renovation is estimated to be complete in April of 2016 and will expand the current services offered to the Veterans in their existing location within the building. In addition to this renovation the entrance to the Alcona Dental Center will be improved with a new interior vestibule, replacement doors and a new window in the waiting room area. The majority of the construction renovations will not interfere with the daily operations of the Center...but like most construction projects noise may be a factor during certain phases of the project and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward. Should you have any questions on what is occurring please do not hesitate to call the Community Development office at 739-6999.

## Road Improvements

Interested in having your road improved? Based upon the Township Road Improvement Policy property owners can seek assistance from the Township and the Road Commission to share in the cost of a road improvement project. Specifically, if the Township Board approves a project a special assessment would normally be established for effected property owners. The cost of the project would then be allocated as follows: property owners 35%, Township 35% and Road Commission 30%. If you are interested in improving your road or more details please contact the Township Hall at 989-739-3211.

## Where do Your Property Taxes Go?





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Winter 2015

## Water & Sewer

The 2014-2015 winter season provided extremely cold conditions driving frost levels to depths not seen in many years. This resulted in several frozen water services and frustrated property owners. In an effort to minimize confusion relating to property owner and Township responsibilities a Frozen Water Service Policy has now been adopted. Procedures identified in the policy are intended to maintain the Township's water distribution system, to prevent freeze ups and identify responsibility for thawing frozen main and services. View the policy on our web site [www.OscodaTownshipMi.gov](http://www.OscodaTownshipMi.gov) by years' end.

**Will It Flush?** Although materials like facial tissues, dental floss, cotton swabs, feminine hygiene products, and kitty litter may flush down the toilet, they can cause clogged pipes for you and your neighbors. Items labeled as "flushable," such as baby wipes or personal care wipes, should not be flushed. These items can create a blockage in the line from your house to the sewer main, causing sewage to back up into your home. They will also clog sewer system pumps, causing backups that could affect an entire neighborhood. Please remember to only flush human waste and toilet paper. For more information regarding these topics call 989-739-7532.

## Election 2016

The Township Clerks Office would like to remind voters of the current election dates in 2016:

- March 8th - Presidential Primary
- August 4th - Primary Election
- November 3rd - General Election

Please contact our office if you have questions regarding registering to vote and absentee ballots. Please call us at 989-739-4971.

## Robert Parks Library News

New at the Robert J Parks Library is the introduction of Zinio, a new program from the Iosco Arenac District Library, downloadable at [www.ioscoarenaclibrary.org](http://www.ioscoarenaclibrary.org). Zinio provides over 50 magazines that can be read free online. All you need is a library card and internet access.

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**Electronic Township Board of Trustees Meeting Packets are now available at:**  
[www.OscodaTownshipMI.gov](http://www.OscodaTownshipMI.gov)

**Township Hall will be closed December 24th, 25th & 31st and January 1st.**

## Snow Removal & Winter Preparedness

The Department of Public Works is requesting your assistance in keeping sidewalks and parking lots clear this winter. When plowing parking lots please do not leave snow in the sidewalk or do not place sandwich boards and other obstacles in sidewalk until snow has been cleared. As a reminder there is no parking in Township parking lots between the hours of 3 AM and 6 AM. Also, the Water Department would like to remind all homeowners, landlords and businesses to maintain a path to your water meter touch pad for monthly readings. If your meter pad becomes buried with snow or ice an estimated reading will be used for your bill. Remember to maintain your meters during the winter months to prevent freezing and breaking. This can result in a significant expense! Meters are normally located in a crawl space or basement. Should you have any questions please call 989-739-7532. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Oscoda Community Center

**JOIN TODAY!** The Oscoda Township Community Center located at 4071 Arrow Drive. There is something for everyone to enjoy when you become a member! \*Cardio & weight machines \*Game room area \*Media room with Wii system \*4 TV's with Charter Service \*3 Racquet ball Courts \*2 large gyms for all types of use \*Free Enrichment programs and kids crafts \*Instructor led fitness classes are an additional charge. Membership rates are detailed in the chart below, and are the same for residents and non-residents. Can't commit to a full month? Stop by when it's convenient for you...just \$5.00 for a day pass. Looking for a place to hold your kids birthday, a family or team party? Or maybe just a place to let the kids run around for a few hours when the weather doesn't permit? Well look no further! Call the Center today and reserve our activity room for \$35/hour. Questions? Please call the Community Center at 739-2251 for further information!

Monthly Memberships -	Single	Family
1 Month	\$25	\$50
3 Month	\$70	\$140
6 Month	\$100	\$200

## Northern Lights Christmas Parade

Kick off the Holiday Season on December 5<sup>th</sup>....Santa will be arriving in Downtown Oscoda for the Northern Lights Christmas Parade & Celebration. Beginning at 4:30PM you can stop by Oscoda Township Hall for a variety of tasty treats that are available for purchase and enjoy live music at 5 pm. Two of Santa's reindeer will be stopping by for a visit to Dwight Street...visit them before or after the parade and grab a cup of complementary hot chocolate. Tis the Season!!

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 \* 26th Annual Snow Box Derby - Old Orchard Park \*  
 \* Sunday, February 14th - This years' theme \*  
 \* "Cartoon Characters" \*  
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