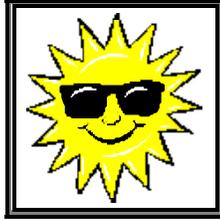


# THE TOWNSHIP CRIER

Spring/Summer 2003

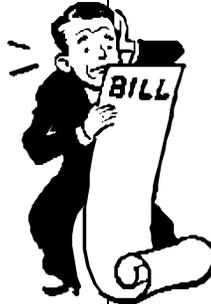
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## SUMMER TAXES

By Carol Huempfner, Treasurer



The State of Michigan passed Public Act 243 of 2002, which requires the State Education Tax (SET) on all property in the state to be collected on a summer property tax bill. All taxpayers will be receiving a new second property tax bill in the summer every year starting in July 2003. This is not additional tax, just a split of the payment of the tax.

While the SET will be paid in the summer, the early collection of the SET will not be collected on the December winter tax bill as it has been in the past.

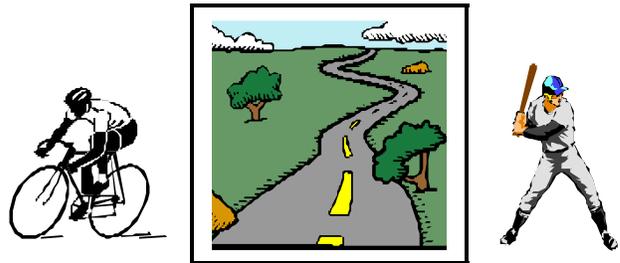
Summer tax bills are sent out on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the bill must be paid by September 14<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid any interest penalty. Select properties may defer payment of the tax until the winter taxes are due.

### CRITERIA FOR DEFERRAL

1. The homestead property of persons 62 years of age or older or the surviving spouse of a person who was 62 or older at death, with a household income below \$25,000 are eligible to apply for the deferral.
2. Persons with a disability that allows them to qualify for an extra personal exemption on the state income tax form are also eligible for the deferral.
3. Property that is classified or used as agricultural property may qualify if the gross receipts of the farming operation are not less than the household income of the owner.

Individuals who meet the above criteria for deferral must complete a form available through the Marquette Township Treasurer's office to receive the deferral. The deferral form may be obtained from the Marquette Township website [www.mqtinfo.org](http://www.mqtinfo.org) (see Page 2) or by picking one up at the Township office. The form must be completed each year in order to have taxes deferred without penalty, and be filed with the Township Treasurer's office by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE: Deferral of the summer tax payment does not exclude the taxpayer from paying the tax. Deferral only delays the date the tax is due without penalties.**



## FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

By Randy Girard

Last October the Township mailed out 1,779 opinion surveys, one to each property owner or resident listed on the tax roll, designed to obtain information from residents on a variety of subjects. The data provided by the responding residents was compiled and analyzed, and will be utilized in the review and update of the Township Comprehensive Plan – a multi-year planning tool to guide land use decisions and quality of life issues within the Township. In addition to questions targeted to specific issues, respondents were provided the opportunity to raise and comment on any other subject deemed important. Not surprisingly, the majority of such comments addressed issues related to the broad categories of roads, recreation, and land use.

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**SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MAY**

- 6 Township Board Meeting
- 7 Township Recreation Committee Meeting
- 14 Planning Commission Meeting
- 20 Township Board Brief Business/Work Session
- 26 Memorial Day Holiday - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 28 Planning Commission Meeting
- 30 Last day to buy Dog Tags at Township Office

**JUNE**

- 3 Township Board Meeting
- 4 Township Recreation Committee Meeting
- 9 **Regular School Election** - Polls Open 7am to 8pm
- 11 Planning Commission Meeting
- 17 Township Board Brief Business/Work Session
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting

**JULY**

- 1 Summer Tax Bills Mailed Out
- 1 Township Board Meeting
- 2 Township Recreation Committee
- 4 Independence Day Holiday - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 7 Township DDA Meeting
- 9 Planning Commission Meeting
- 15 Township Board Brief Business/Work Session
- 23 Planning Commission Meeting

**AUGUST**

- 5 Township Board Meeting
- 6 Township Recreation Committee
- 13 Planning Commission Meeting
- 19 Township Board Brief Business/Work Session
- 27 Planning Commission Meeting

**2003 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

**MAY**

- 3 Skandia/West Branch
  - 10 West End
  - 17 Marquette
  - 24 Gwinn
- The West End Transfer Station is located on the north side of US 41 west of Ishpeming, just west of the DNR field station.

**JUNE**

- 7 Skandia/West Branch
  - 14 West End
  - 21 Marquette
  - 28 Gwinn
- The Marquette site is located at the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant on US 41 south of Marquette near the Prison.

**JULY**

- 5 Skandia/West Branch
  - 12 West End
  - 19 Marquette
  - 26 Gwinn
- The Skandia/West Branch Transfer Station is located on Carlshend Road west of the intersection of US 41 and M-94 in Skandia Township.

**AUGUST**

- 2 Skandia/West Branch
  - 9 West End
  - 16 Marquette
  - 23 Gwinn
- The Gwinn site is located at the Forsyth Township public works garage area off Johnson Lake Road at 192 West Depot Road in Gwinn.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 6 Skandia/West Branch
  - 13 West End
  - 20 Marquette
  - 27 Gwinn
- A detailed hazardous waste Informational Sheet can be picked up at the Township Office or you can contact Mqt. County Solid Waste at 249-4108

**OCTOBER**

- 4 Skandia/West Branch
  - 11 West End
  - 18 Marquette
  - 25 Gwinn
- COLLECTION TIME AT ALL SITES IS 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

**Check out Marquette Township's Website!**

Our website is part of the Community Information System (CIS) which is an online informational resource about Marquette County. By entering [www.mqtinfo.org](http://www.mqtinfo.org) not only can you access Marquette Township information; you can also access cities, townships, and county information for Marquette County.

Some items of interest on the Marquette Township's website are agendas and minutes for the Board and various Township Committees, a directory of the members and elected officials, updates for possible auto pay, and the Township Zoning Ordinance.



Marquette Township Website

Go to [www.mqtinfo.org](http://www.mqtinfo.org)



Click on "Local Government"



Click on "Marquette Township"



**Comments From  
Max H. Muelle, Supervisor**

In reviewing the comments in the survey that was sent to residents last October by the Marquette Township Planning Commission, the greatest area of concern is the condition of the roads in our community.

Just a little background on the roads in our community—almost all of them were constructed prior to the mid ‘30’s. The oldest roads were all built by the Township using horses and manpower. In most cases the existing soils were used for road construction.

In 1900, County Road Commissions were created. Act 130 (the McNitt Act) was passed in 1931 resulting in all local roads outside of cities becoming county roads and managed and maintained solely by the County Road Commission. Although the responsibility for maintaining these roads belongs to the County Commission, all major maintenance projects are funded jointly on a 50/50 basis. This means that the amount of roadwork scheduled each year is based not only on available Township funds but also on the available County Commission funds.

Back in the late ‘50’s the Township contracted with the Marquette County Road Commission to surface the greater portion of the roads in the Township with bituminous asphalt. This was a tremendous improvement especially in the Trowbridge Park Subdivision. However, in the areas where the sub base material in the roadbed was unstable, the bituminous asphalt surfacing failed in a few short years.

Today’s road maintenance is no longer a “cosmetic” coat of bituminous asphalt, in some cases maintenance is a complete road rebuilding due mainly to unstable soil conditions and poor drainage. Today’s roads are also made wider with stable shoulders. In other words we do a first class job so that they will last for many years. However, this quality repair work comes with a high price tag, but it is more economical in the long run.

The County Road system is comprised of roads with the following designations:

**Primary Roads**—Roads such as County Road 492, Wright Street, Grove Street, etc.

**Primary Urban**—Ontario Street, Werner Street (from Ontario Street west)

**Secondary Roads**—Includes all other County roads.

**NOTE:** Townships participate on a 50/50 basis with the Road Commission for major maintenance and repair on Secondary Roads only.

Setting priorities on which roads will be done first, second, or third is not an easy task. Our entire road system is visually inspected and graded using a point system that evaluates not only the condition of the road but other criteria such as pavement age, apparent sub base condition, pavement condition, drainage, shoulder width, amount of daily traffic, and horizontal/vertical grade deficiencies.

This long dissertation was not intended as a chapter in local history but to make you aware that roads were inherited from yesteryear and it is a formidable task to improve them to today’s standards. Our road program is ongoing and we are contracting with the County Road Commission to do approximately \$195,000 (Township’s share) in roadwork for Years 2003-2004.

Hopefully the County Road Commission will secure funding from the Urban Road Fund to reconstruct Werner and Ontario Streets in 2004. The popular belief that residents pay taxes that include road maintenance is not true. The County Road Commission does NOT receive any money from local tax. The Township allocates money from the general funds.

If you have any questions regarding roads or any other subjects, please call me either at home 226-2180 or at the Township office 228-6220. Hope you all have a great summer.

Max H. Muelle, Supervisor





This winter the Township provided a free skating rink at the corner of Summit and Erie Streets adjacent to Lions Field.

**FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK**

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Roads and transportation issues in general have received a fair amount of attention related to expanded residential and commercial development within the Township. There is no question that continued expansion of residential and commercial development into the Township has made our roads busier, bumpier, and more confusing with new roads, more driveways, turn lanes, acceleration lanes, deceleration lanes, multiple traffic control lights, and so on.

The Township itself performs no direct road construction or maintenance activity; rather it has a 50/50 cost-sharing contract with the Marquette County Road Commission (MCRC) for construction, repair, and maintenance activity on Township roads - other than the US 41 corridor. Roads outside of Trowbridge are designated as rural roads; and, roads within Trowbridge are designated as urban roads. The designation is significant because funding for rural and urban road repair and maintenance is not interchangeable - rural road funding cannot be used for urban roads, and urban road funding cannot be used for rural roads. For 2003 the MCRC has only rural road funding, with County Road 492, Weiland Drive, and Lake Enchantment Road projects scheduled. The Township will pay 50% of the costs for these projects. We anticipate that urban road funding may be available for 2004 projects.

The US 41 "corridor" passing through our Township is designed for one primary purpose, to move eastbound and westbound traffic as efficiently and effectively as possible - not to service the shopping district that has evolved. Decisions regarding the US 41 corridor regulation, supervision, and maintenance rest with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The Township has continuous contact with MDOT expressing positions, desires, and concerns regarding corridor management; however the Township authority is only advisory.



For those residents wishing to avoid the US 41 corridor, optional routing is available. From the north, Wright Street provides access to the new road passing behind the Target store and accessing the traffic light at the Target and Wal-Mart entrances from US 41. From the east, Werner Street provides access to Commerce Drive and Venture Drive to intersect with Wright Street to again gain access to the new road passing behind the Target Store. From the South, Grove Street (County Road 500) provides access to County Road 492 to intersect with US 41. This route does require limited use of US 41 to move to east and west destinations. Other routings are possible; and residents are encouraged to consider using whatever route that best fits your particular need and comfort level.

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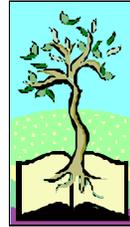
Recreation within the Township is being enhanced. This winter the Township provided a free skating rink at the corner of Summit and Erie Streets adjacent to Lions Field. Early this spring the first phase of renovation of the Lions Field will be completed providing a greatly improved facility for public use. The field will be properly leveled, graded, reconfigured, and a new playing surface established. An in-ground irrigation system has been installed to enhance maintenance of the new playing surface. Future phased improvements are expected to address seating, fencing, and parking.



Spring will also see construction of the Schwemwood Park located across County Road 492 from the Township Hall. Schwemwood Park will provide hiking and nature trails as well as areas for observing wetland wildlife. Similarly, Township staff are working with several local groups and governmental entities to provide motorized and non-motorized trails for public use within the Township. Long range plans are being developed by the Township Recreation Committee to identify and pursue funding for further recreation enhancements.

Land use planning and balancing of competing interests will continue to be a challenge for Township government. The primary document to guide land use decisions is the Township Comprehensive Plan. The Township Zoning Ordinance is the regulatory tool to implement the Plan and can be viewed and downloaded on-line at the Marquette Township section of the Community Information System Website at [www.mqtinfo.org](http://www.mqtinfo.org).

Future issues of the Township Crier will keep you updated on progress with these issues, and others that impact the quality of life within the Township.



**SAVE A TREE**



Hats off to Vandenoorn Elementary School for their efforts to recycle waste paper – Great Job! What started out as a student council project by fifth grade students Emma Ulrich and Mike Houle, soon turned into a cooperative school-wide effort that dramatically reduced the amount of paper “garbage” going to the landfill.

For the complete story, see the January 7, 2003 issue of the Mining Journal at [www.miningjournal.net](http://www.miningjournal.net), click on archives.



**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**  
By Mark Woolard, Township Planner

As spring approaches and snow begins to melt, discarded or stored materials start to reappear to public view. The Township Property Maintenance Code requires all exterior property to be maintained free of “junk and junk vehicles”. The term junk means, “waste or scrap material of any kind, including used or second hand materials including but not limited to: iron, scrap iron, and other metals, wood, glass, wire, cans, bottles, paper, cloth, rags, furniture, rubber tires, appliances, white goods, building materials or debris, concrete, macadam, automobile parts, and every other kind of used or scrap material.”

As you venture out into areas of the Township and encounter improperly discarded waste, or if you have a vehicle on your property and are unsure if your vehicle is classified as a junk vehicle, please contact Township Planner, Mark Woolard, at 228-6220 or email [marquettetownship@chartermi.net](mailto:marquettetownship@chartermi.net) The Township will continue to enforce the Property Maintenance Code and will pursue necessary enforcement action for violations. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**SAVE THESE GUIDELINES!**

**2003 SPRING CLEAN-UP  
Collection Schedule and Guidelines  
Marquette Township Garbage Customers Only**

- Metals, rubbish, and tires must be separated. Metals, rubbish, and tires will be collected separately and at different times per the collection schedule.
- Items shall be kept out of the traveled streets to avoid traffic and drainage problems.
- The property owner at his/her expense shall properly dispose of items not meeting requirements or placed out after the scheduled collection day/date.

**HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH COLLECTION:**

- One pick-up load will be picked up (a pile approx. 8'L x 6' W x 2' H).
- Items must be placed out for collection prior to 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day/date.
- Only items placed at the proper pick-up location (where you normally place your garbage) will be collected.
- The collection is limited to toys, small furniture, old clothing and shoes, small appliances, decorations and other minor household items.

**Monday, April 28:** Brookton Road, County Road 492, Grove Street, Grandview Subdivision, Lake Enchantment Road, Forest Hills Estates, Oak Hill Estates, Morgan Meadows, US-41, Brickyard Road, Northwood Lane Acres, South Vandebloom Road, and Bishop Woods Subdivision.

**Tuesday, April 29:** Trowbridge Park (West of Ontario)

**Wednesday, April 30:** Trowbridge Park (East of Ontario)

**Thursday, May 1:** County Road 550, N&N Trucking Road, Forestville Road, Wright Street, and Huron Woods Subdivision.

**ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:**

- Construction and demolition materials including roofing, wood debris, sheeting, drywall, siding, tile, wood pallets, and concrete will not be picked up.
- Building, construction materials. Wood, boards, paneling, doors, windows, roofing.
- Rocks, bricks, concrete
- Stumps, hazardous materials, liquids, carpeting, and toilets. Please call Waste Management (228-2028) for the proper disposal procedure for these items.
- Liquid or hazardous wastes.
- Fluorescent light bulbs, microwaves, computer monitors, TV's.

We extend a big THANK YOU to all citizens' groups and businesses that volunteer their time for community clean up. In order to make your work more effective, we ask that you adhere to the published schedule. We also ask that groups or businesses that plan to do community clean up to please coordinate with the Township prior to your clean up so we can arrange pickup of your materials by our contractor.

**METAL COLLECTION:**

- Metals heavier than two (2) men can lift will not be picked up.
- Washers, dryers, appliances tagged Freon-free, engine blocks and transmissions will be picked up. To get your appliance tagged Freon-free, call Duquaine, Inc., 1744 Presque Isle (228-7290). They will check an appliance for Freon and purge the appliance, if required. Residents must call for an appointment.
- Vehicles will be picked up for a fee of \$25.00, charged to the owner, during metals collection if arrangements are made ahead of time. If vehicles are picked up after metals collection, the owner will be charged \$35.00. Please call N & N Trucking at 226-6664, 9 a.m.—5 p.m. to arrange for pick-up.

**Saturday, May 3:** Brookton Road, County Road 492, Grove Street, Grandview Subdivision, Lake Enchantment Road, Forest Hills Estates, Oak Hill Estates, Morgan Meadows, US-41, Brickyard Road, Northwood Lane Acres, South Vandendboom Road, and Bishop Woods Subdivision.

**Monday, May 5:** Trowbridge Park (West of Ontario).

**Wednesday, May 7:** Trowbridge Park (East of Ontario).

**Friday, May 9:** County Road 550, N&N Trucking Road, Forestville Road, Wright Street, and Huron Woods Subdivision.

**TIRE COLLECTION:**

- Only tires without rims will be collected. No larger than sixteen inch. No ORV tires.
- No more than eight per household.

**Friday, May 2:** Passenger tire collection throughout the Township.

**LEAVES, GARDEN/YARD WASTE, AND BRUSH DROP-OFF SITES:**

- Leaves, garden/yard waste, and brush are to be deposited in dumpsters provided by Marquette Township.
- At each site, there will be one dumpster for leaves and garden/yard waste and another for brush/tree limbs a maximum of three (3) inches in diameter, maximum six (6) foot lengths, loaded in one direction.
- Place empty plastic bags in the barrels provided, not the dumpsters.

**Saturday April 26 – Sunday May 11, 2003**

**Site #1:** Across from the Marquette Township Community Center on County Road 492, between Brookton Road and US 41.

**Site #2:** Southwest corner of Summit and Erie in Trowbridge Park (next to the Kiddie Park).

**Illegal Dumping will not be tolerated**

**This service is entirely funded by and is provided for Marquette Township Residential Garbage Customers.**

**2003  
MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND**

Revenues..... \$ 958,057

**Expenditures by Activity:**

Township Board .....	\$ 22,604
Supervisor .....	\$ 11,920
Township Manager .....	\$ 76,620
Elections .....	\$ 0
Assessor .....	\$ 107,533
Professional Services .....	\$ 29,257
Clerk.....	\$ 68,975
Board of Review .....	\$ 1,170
Treasurer.....	\$ 36,198
Building & Grounds.....	\$ 48,182
General Services Admin .....	\$ 76,071
Law Enforcement.....	\$ 146,474
Planning .....	\$ 69,514
Zoning Board of Appeals .....	\$ 1,452
Street Signs.....	\$ 1,500
Street Lighting .....	\$ 26,870
Recreation Facilities.....	\$ 6,728
Library Services.....	\$ 82,990
Insurance.....	\$ 8,500
Capital.....	\$ 22,185
Debt Service.....	\$ 62,449
Transfer Out.....	\$ 41,715
Appropriations .....	\$ 9,150

**Total Expenditures** ..... \$ 958,057

**FIRE FUND**..... \$ 232,160

**LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**..... \$ 4,229

**TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENTS**..... \$ 46,000

**DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND**..... \$ 11,926

**DDA FUND**..... \$ 365,418

**DDA CONSTRUCTION FUND** ..... \$ 0

**WASTEWATER FUND**..... \$ 561,242

**WATER FUND**..... \$ 700,365

**SOLID WASTE FUND**..... \$ 270,153

*A detailed Budget is available for public viewing during regular business hours.*

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
"Grow With the Gold"**

On this very cold winter day it is hard to imagine that spring is just around the corner, but the calendar assures that it is. With the coming of spring, the Beautification Committee is busy planning for the annual planting that will take place **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Mark your calendar and come out and enjoy the "planting". We will start at 8 a.m. and provide coffee and rolls at the Township Hall. As in the past, we will be planting along the Township business district to welcome our families, friends, travelers, and business associates to our Township. I look forward to enjoying the flowers all summer and into the fall.

Help us continue to—

**"GROW with the GOLD"**

by sending contributions to:

Beautification Committee  
% Linda Winslow  
2502 Norwood Street  
Marquette, MI 49855

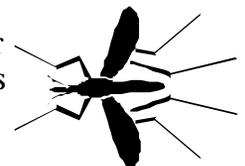


Linda Winslow, Chairperson  
Marquette Township Beautification Committee



**WEST NILE VIRUS  
INFORMATION**

Mosquito season in the UP is rapidly approaching, and concerns about the West Nile Virus (WNV) are beginning to surface. The Michigan Department of Public Health has a wide variety of articles regarding the WNV available on their website - go to **www.Michigan.gov**; click on Family, Health, and Safety; and type "West Nile Virus" in the search box. If you wish to narrow your search, enter a more specific subject such as "West Nile Virus Precautions".



**Planning Commission Projects**  
By Mark Woolard, Township Planner

The Township Planning Commission continues work on ordinance amendments. These have been prioritized as follows:

1. Access Management
2. Signs.
3. Lighting.
4. Conservation corridors.
5. Bufferyards.
6. Planned Unit Developments.
7. Site Condominiums.

The Planning Commission has also begun work on a revision to the Marquette Township Comprehensive Development Plan. You received a survey last fall to provide the opportunity for your input to the revision process. Complete analysis of the responses should be available in March or April.



**Marquette Township would like to welcome the following new businesses.**

- AAA Friendly Auto Sales
- AAA Travel Sales
- Half Price Golf
- Hong Kong Buffet
- Regis at WalMart
- United Building Centers (formerly Wickes)

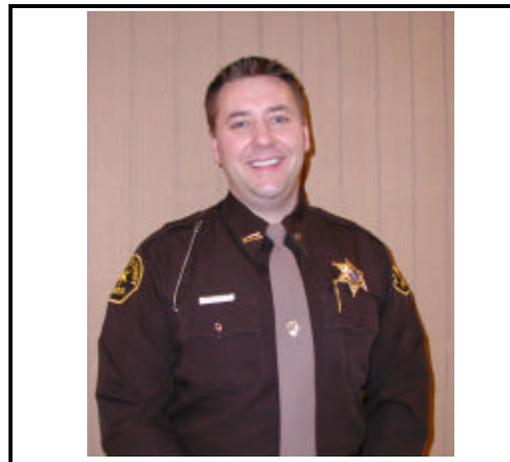


**MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP  
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The streets of Marquette Township are currently being patrolled by our two new Deputies. We would like to welcome Deputy Richard Aboussleman and Deputy Scott Stade.



Deputy Aboussleman



Deputy Stade

**The Many Missions of the  
Marquette Township Fire Department  
By Ron DeMarse, Fire Marshal**

**OUR MISSION:** To minimize the exposure of the Township to the consequences of Fire, Medical, and Environmental Emergencies through Prevention, Planning, and Response.

**OUR VISION:** One of a complete emergency services organization dedicated to Professionalism, Teamwork, and Excellence.

**OUR VALUES AND BELIEFS:**

The citizens of the Charter Township of Marquette are valued as customers for the services we provide. They deserve our best effort every time we respond to their emergencies. They are to be treated with dignity and professionalism at all times.

To maintain the highest level of ethical standards, integrity, and professionalism, in every aspect of our service. No matter how fast-paced or pressure-filled our mission of service may be, all our efforts must be thoughtfully planned and executed within the spirit of time proven principals and values. To falter in any way would be unthinkable.

We believe that the Marquette Township Fire Department has a role in all programs that impact the safety of our citizens, visitors, property, and environment. It is our responsibility to constantly improve existing programs and to look for additional means to minimize the loss of life and property within our jurisdiction.

Employees are the Marquette Township Fire Department's most valued resource. Their involvement in decisions that affect the organization is the best way to assure continued improvement and the attainment of excellence.



Ron DeMarse—Marquette Township Fire Marshal

We believe that prevention efforts through public education, code development and enforcement, community planning, and investigation is the best way to reduce the impact of Fire, Medical, and Environmental Emergencies.

These are the cornerstones of the Charter Township of Marquette Fire and Rescue Department philosophy.

Our mission statement provides the foundation for the services our department provides to our "customers" the residents, business owners and visitors to our community. Traditionally communities have thought of their fire departments as dedicated to fighting fires. In the past decade the roles and responsibilities of fire departments has expanded to cover a wide range of responsibilities. With the new threat of terrorism the fire service has been asked to take on yet another role to assure protection to their communities. In light of this, three members of our department have been assigned to the regional Weapons of Mass Destruction Team and have been receiving advance training through the Office of Homeland Defense.

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In the Fall of 2003 our Fire Prevention Program will bring the Learn Not To Burn curriculum to Vandenoorn School. Much like the DARE program, this curriculum teaches and reinforces basic fire safety to our children.

The MTFD Safe at Home program continues to grow. We currently have free smoke detectors available for the residences of Marquette Township. Fire Department members will deliver and advise on the number, proper location and even install the smoke detectors if the home owner wishes. Our Fire Marshal conducts free home fire safety inspections at residence's requests. With an anticipated busy construction season this spring our commercial fire inspection, pre-plan, and plan review program will be very busy.

The Fire Department takes great pride in being able to provide our community professional fire protection in an extremely cost effective manner. Many paid on-call fire departments are facing staffing difficulties as families find their "free" time limited. Marquette Township residents continue to serve on and support their fire department. We feel very fortunate to have such great community support.

Any resident interested in finding out about the many services available through the Fire Department is encouraged to call the fire station at 228-4296. The Fire Marshal is on duty from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. If no staff are available to take your call, you can leave a message on voice mail and the Fire Marshal will contact you back.

Thank you for your support!

**NEW EMPLOYEE**

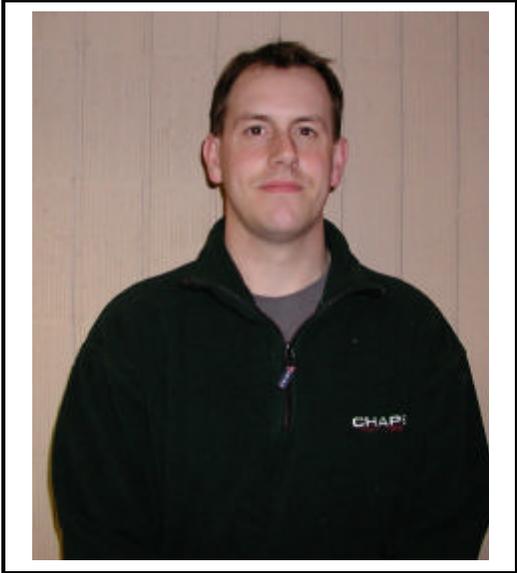
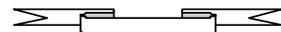
Pictured to the right is Lenny Bodenus, Jr., our newest employee. A Public Works Service Worker, he recently received an upgraded state certification in water distribution and limited water treatment. Lenny is a native of Little Lake and a graduate of Northern Michigan University. He and his wife are the proud parents of a new baby girl named Adrienne. Congratulations Lenny!

**REQUIRED PERMITS**  
By Mark Woolard, Township Planner

At times residents, property owners and contractors are misinformed or confused as to Township requirements for permits for various construction activities and land uses. Most construction activities require permits from the Township, which are referred to as zoning compliance certificates. These are required even if Marquette County does not require a building permit.

Examples of these required zoning compliance certificates are new or altered buildings, camps, cabins, additions, garages, sheds, porches, decks, demolitions, home occupations, fences and grading. Most of these examples apply to residential and business properties. Additional examples applicable to businesses are new or changes to, land uses, approved site plans, signs, outside lighting, towers, landscaping, parking, driveways and the road access or approaches, and dumpsters. Some types of repair, maintenance, or other activities may not require a certificate.

Before you begin a project, please contact Tim Haydon, Zoning Administrator, at 228-6220 for a determination as to what is required.



Leonard Bodenus—Service Worker

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Max H. Muelle, Supervisor  
Kathleen Musolf, Clerk  
Carol Huempfer, Treasurer  
Ray Adamini, Trustee  
Robert Atkins, Trustee  
William Musolf, Trustee  
Jim Pafford, Trustee

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Tim Haydon, Assessor/Zoning Administrator  
Mark Woolard, Planner  
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Lois Stonehouse, Assistant Clerk  
Lou Hutchings, Building & Grounds Caretaker  
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Barry Marietta, Service Worker  
Leonard Bodenus, Service Worker

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Robert Wright, Vice-Chairperson  
Judy Boyle, Secretary  
Ray Adamini  
Ken Chrisman  
William Davis  
Linda Goodman

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

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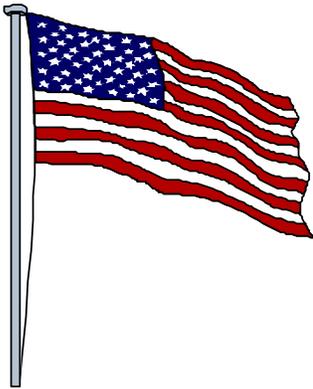
**DEPUTIES:**

Linda Winslow, Deputy Clerk  
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**Public Access:** The Township Board meetings may be seen on Channel 8 (Charter Communications Cable T.V.) on a taped delay basis, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Township Meetings:** Township Board meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and a brief business meeting followed by a work session on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meetings are held on a quarterly basis on first Monday of that month at 7:00 p.m. The Recreation Committee meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. All meetings are held at the Township Community Center.

*The public is invited to attend.*



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