

# THE TOWNSHIP CRIER

Fall/Winter

Newsletter of the Charter Township of Marquette

Volume 02 Issue 2

## Water and Sewer News

By Kirk Page, Superintendent of Public Works

For the past year and a half, in cooperation with the City of Marquette, Marquette Township has been working with planning and engineering consultants Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. of Ann Arbor to develop a 20 year area wide master plan for water distribution, sanitary sewage collection, water treatment, wastewater treatment, and stormwater collection.

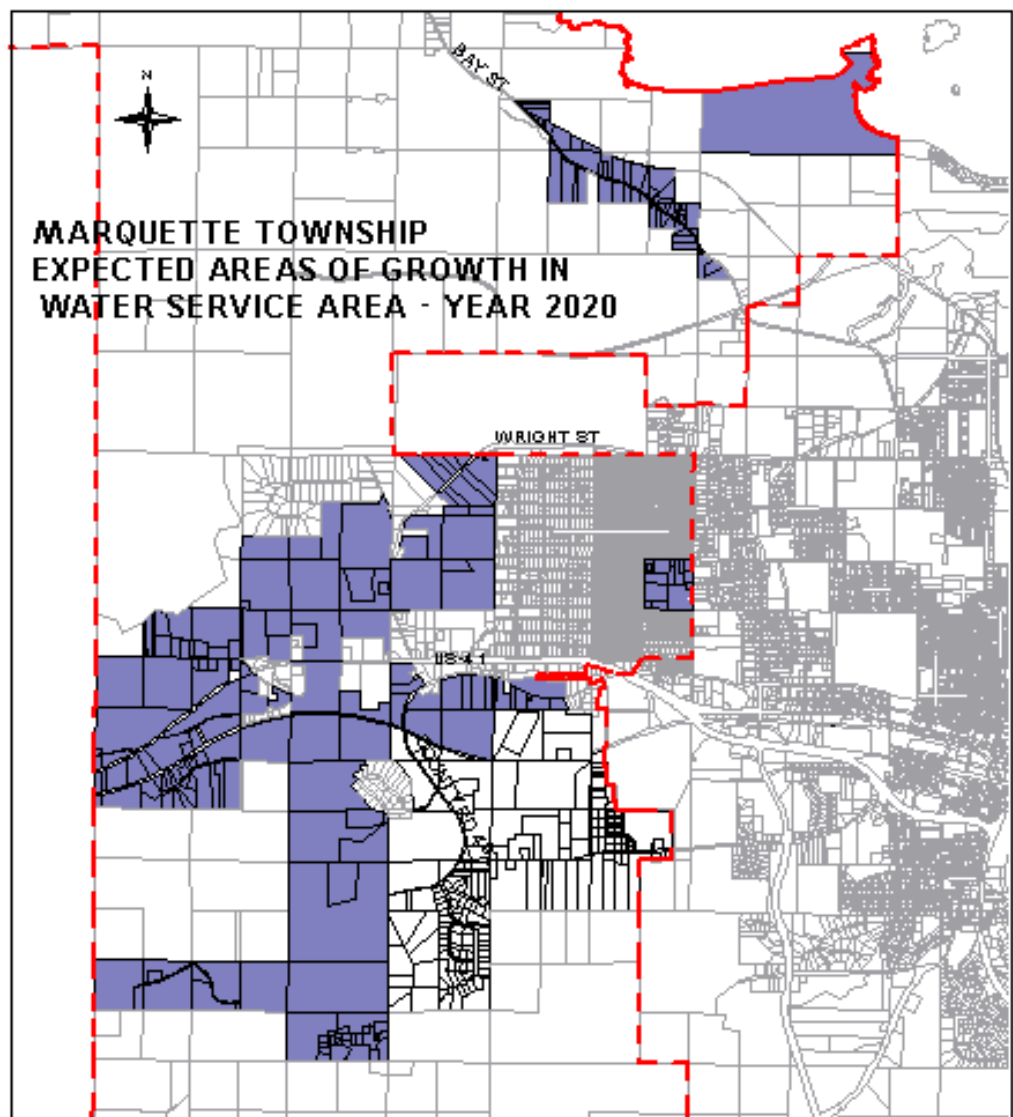
Engineering studies were performed for the Marquette Township water distribution and wastewater collection systems. The purpose of the studies was to evaluate the ability of the water system to provide adequate pressures and fire flows, and the ability of the sanitary collection system to provide adequate conveyance, for existing and future conditions, and recommend improvements for any deficiencies found during the studies. The studies were prepared to provide the Township with a long-term comprehensive plan for water system and

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### Map Key



The darkened areas on the map represent the expected areas of growth in water service area in Marquette Township by the Year 2020.



## 2002-2003 FALL/WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 1 Township Board Meeting
- 2 Township Recreation Meeting
- 7 DDA Meeting
- 8 Township Board Work Session
- 9 Planning Commission Meeting
- 14 Columbus Day - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 15 Township Board Meeting
- 23 Planning Commission Meeting

### NOVEMBER

- 5 **VOTE - General Election - VOTE**
- 6 Township Board Meeting
- 6 Township Recreation Meeting
- 12 Township Board Work Session
- 13 Planning Commission Meeting
- 19 Township Board Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday - **OFFICE CLOSED**

### DECEMBER

- 3 Township Board Meeting
- 4 Township Recreation Meeting
- 10 Township Board Work Session
- 11 Planning Commission Meeting
- 17 Township Board Meeting
- 24-25 Christmas Holiday - **OFFICE CLOSED**

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 7 Township Board Meeting
- 8 Township Recreation Meeting
- 8 Planning Commission Meeting
- 14 Township Board Work Session
- 21 Township Board Meeting
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 DDA Meeting

### FEBRUARY

- 4 Township Board Meeting
- 5 Township Recreation Meeting
- 11 Township Board Work Session
- 12 Planning Commission Meeting
- 17 President's Day - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 18 Township Board Meeting
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting

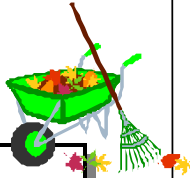
### MARCH

- 4 Township Board Meeting
- 5 Township Recreation Committee
- 11 Township Board Work Session
- 12 Planning Commission Meeting
- 18 Township Board Meeting
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting

## TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD

If you are interested in serving on any Township commissions or committees, please submit a letter of interest to the Township Clerk, 161 County Road 492, Marquette MI 49855. Briefly list your qualifications. The following terms of office are scheduled to expire December 2002.

- Board of Review - (3 openings)
- Capital Improvements Program Committee - (3 openings)
- Downtown Development Authority - (2 openings)
- Planning Commission - (1 opening)
- Recreation Committee - (1 opening)
- Zoning Board of Appeals - (2 openings)



**Leaf and Brush Drop-Off Schedule**

To dispose of leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, or brush, Marquette Township residents may use a drop off area located on County Road 492 across from the Marquette Township Center. **The site will be open for drop off from Saturday October 5, 2002 through Sunday October 27, 2002.** Two dumpsters will be located there. One dumpster is for leaves and garden/yard waste, the other dumpster is for brush/tree limbs a maximum of three (3) inches in diameter, cut in four (4) foot lengths.

**Household refuse may not be left at this site.** Residents are requested to place their empty plastic bags in the barrel provided, not in the dumpsters. The leaf and brush drop off is for Marquette Township residents only.

State law prohibits compostable yard debris from being disposed of in Michigan landfills. Compostable materials cannot be included in weekly garbage collections or accepted at the transfer station.

As an alternative to disposal of yard wastes, residents are encouraged to use these materials as mulch or compost in their own yards and gardens. Compost and mulches add essential nutrients and help to maintain moisture in your soil.

**Christmas Tree Pick-Up**

There will be a curbside collection of Christmas trees in early January 2003. Please watch for the schedule to be announced.

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

There is no doubt about it, fall is definitely in the air. The cool northwest wind seems to invigorate us to do what we have to do before winter. Our community keeps growing and changing and hopefully it is mostly for the good. Some very significant changes are on the horizon for our community however not enough information is available at this time to fully elaborate.

Welcome to all our new residents and new businesses. New businesses include Urban Edge in the Westwood Mall, Culvers restaurant, Superior Iron Range Community Federal Credit Union, Cup Cakes Car Wash and Citco Convenience Stop, all located on US Highway 41. Also, located on Brookton Road is the new Northland Appliance storage building. Remember to patronize your community businesses.

The Beautification Committee did a great job again in dressing up the median strip on US 41. I think the flowers are the best ever! All those that contributed in any way deserve a big thank you from our community.

Max H. Muelle  
Township Supervisor





**Property Maintenance Code**  
**By Randy Girard, Township Manager**

Fall is a favorite time of the year for many Township residents. The temperatures begin to cool, foliage colors begin to change, and we look forward to venturing into the woods, fields, and back roads to pursue various recreational and leisure activities. Unfortunately, it is also a time when many residents stumble upon sites where waste materials have been improperly discarded.

Marquette Township has an established property maintenance code that is designed and intended to control the improper dumping of waste materials within the Township boundaries. The property maintenance code provides penalties of up to \$500.00 per occurrence for an individual or entity cited for violation. Effective September 3<sup>rd</sup> Township officials have stepped up enforcement of the property maintenance code, and we are asking for your help. As you venture out into areas of the Township and encounter improperly discarded waste, we ask that you notify Township Planner Mark Woolard of the location and type of waste observed. Should you witness improper waste disposal in progress, please call 228-6220 or email marquettetownship@chartermi.net and advise Mark Woolard of the vehicle license number or known identity. Enforcement action will be pursued by the Township to comply with the requirements of the code.

Should you have any questions regarding the proper disposal of waste materials within the Township, please contact or visit the Township Office.



**Municipal Water Supply**  
**By Randy Girard, Township Manager**

We are fortunate indeed to live in a region with access to such vast fresh water resources. Not many regions in the world can make such a statement. Even so, Marquette Township does not produce our own municipal water supply. Township municipal water is obtained under the terms of a Water Supply Contract between the Township and the City of Marquette; we purchase water from the City for storage in our tanks and distribution through our own municipal water system. The water rates charged to Township residents reflect the actual cost to the Township for purchase, storage, and distribution of the water available for your use.

The City has notified the Township of its desire to terminate the current Water Supply Contract; and, to substantially increase our water supply cost in response to rapid development in recent years. The Township is currently in discussion with the City for continuation of the current Water Supply Contract into the future to ensure a sufficient municipal supply with reasonable water rates.

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sanitary collection system improvements. The Master Plans address improvements required to the existing systems as well as improvements required to serve future growth. The results from the studies will aid the Township in providing high quality and reliable water supply and sanitary sewage collection services for existing and future customers.

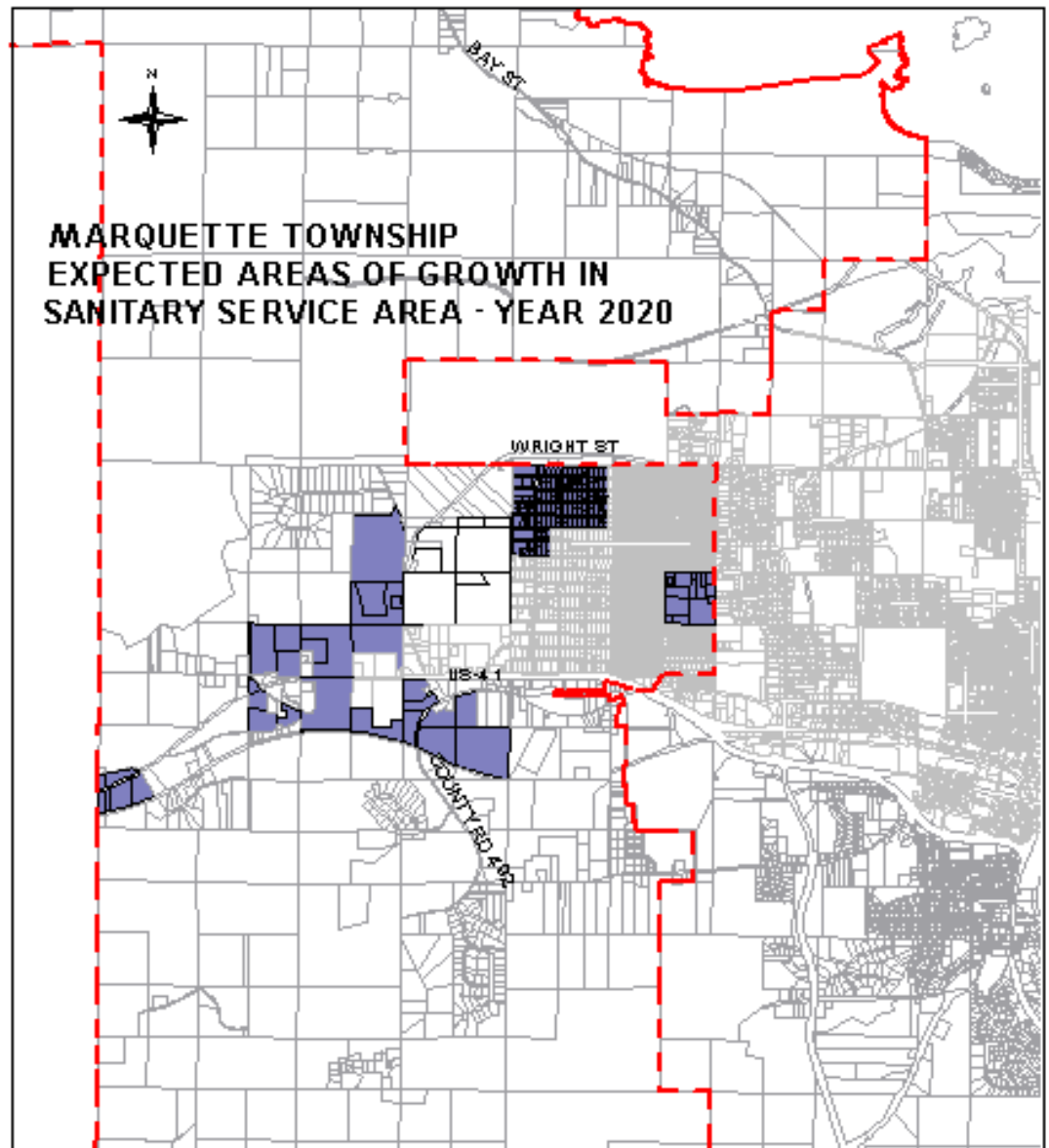
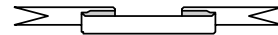
While the plans are not yet finalized, the preliminary reports indicate that approximately \$15,000,000 in water and sewer improvements and extensions may be needed over the next 20 years in Marquette Township. The highest priority improvements will be to the existing systems. A quarter million dollar short-term improvement is needed for the existing water system.


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1.4 million dollars in sewer extensions are needed in the urban residential area of Trowbridge Park. Other improvements may be required in nearby rural residential neighborhoods that currently are not served by public water and sewer. Larger parcel sizes, lower density population and minimal on-site water and sewer systems are characteristic of these areas. Finally, extensions may be made into currently undeveloped areas.

While the task may seem daunting, Marquette Township is committed to meeting the challenges of providing the highest quality water and sewer services to its citizens now and in the future.



**Map Key** 

The darkened areas on the map represent the expected areas of growth in sanitary service area in Marquette Township by the Year 2020.

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

The Township Planning Commission has been working on several Zoning Ordinance amendments including motorized and non-motorized trails, parking, grading, open space preservation, and providing access management along major highways and roads.

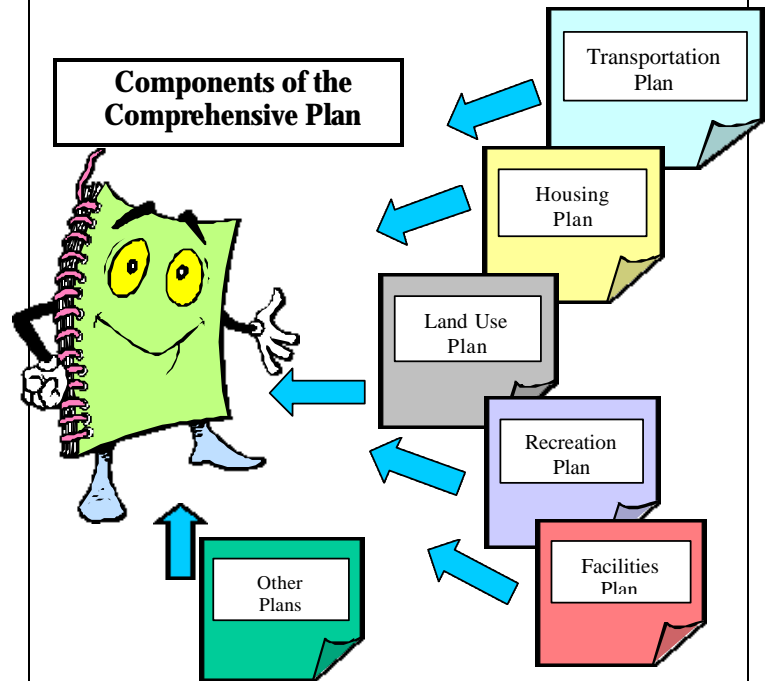
The Commission has also started work on revising the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Many people ask, what is a comprehensive plan? It is an official document authorized by Michigan Law and adopted by the Township Planning Commission. The overall purpose of the plan is to formulate public policies in which to promote the public health safety and general welfare.

The plan provides the blueprint as to what the community envisions the future character of the Township should be. It serves as the basis for a zoning ordinance, which is the primary tool used to implement the plan's goals and objectives. It also guides decisions on development and public capital improvements and should protect property rights by allowing individuals to invest in their property with a certain degree of expectation about future surroundings. This is accomplished by establishing appropriate and inappropriate land uses, given the market demands, community character, environmental conditions, the availability and capacity of public infrastructure and services, and relationships to other existing or planned land uses.

Generally a comprehensive plan includes goals, a future land use plan and a variety of other elements. The additional elements include economic or market analysis, long range transportation plans, non-motorized (pathway) plans, environmental resources management, housing, community facilities and services, parks and recreation, utility plans, and implementation steps such as a capital improvement plan.

Public input is vital to the success of the comprehensive plan. This is why a survey was sent

to you in September. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey and promptly return it according to its instructions. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mark Woolard, Township Planner, at 228-6220 or email your questions to: marquettetownship@chartermi.net.









**Offices to be Elected in 2002**

- Governor, Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Attorney General
- US Senator (1 seat)
- US Representative in Congress (all districts)
- State Senator (all districts)
- State Representative (all districts)
- State Board of Education (2 seats)
- University of Michigan Regents (2 seats)
- Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats)
- Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of Probate

**Absentee Voting**

Absent voter ballots are available for all elections. They provide voters with a convenient method for casting a ballot when they are unable to attend the polls on election day.

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absent voter ballot if you are:

-  Age 60 years old or older.
-  Unable to vote without assistance at the polls.
-  Expecting to be out of town on election day.
-  In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.
-  Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons.
-  Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Your request for an absent voter (AV) ballot must be in writing to the Township Clerk. The request must include one of the reasons stated above and your signature. You may request an AV ballot with a letter or postcard, with an application from the Clerk's office or by calling the Township office. We would be glad to mail you one. Requests to have an AV ballot mailed to you must be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2.

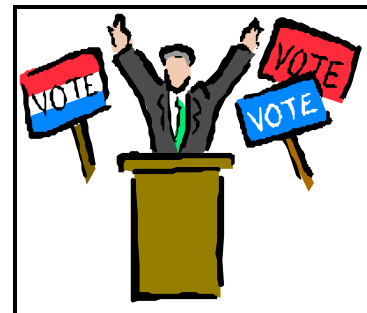
Once your request is received by the Clerk, your signature will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. AV ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

After receiving your AV ballot, you have until 8:00 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the Clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you

received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed AV ballot to your clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on election day, you may request an emergency AV ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular AV ballots has passed but before 4:00 p.m. on election day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular AV ballot.

Voting is one of the most cherished and fundamental rights in our country. If you are eligible to obtain an absent voter ballot and cannot attend the polls on election day, use of the absent voter ballot is encouraged.



— VOTE —  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2002**  
**STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

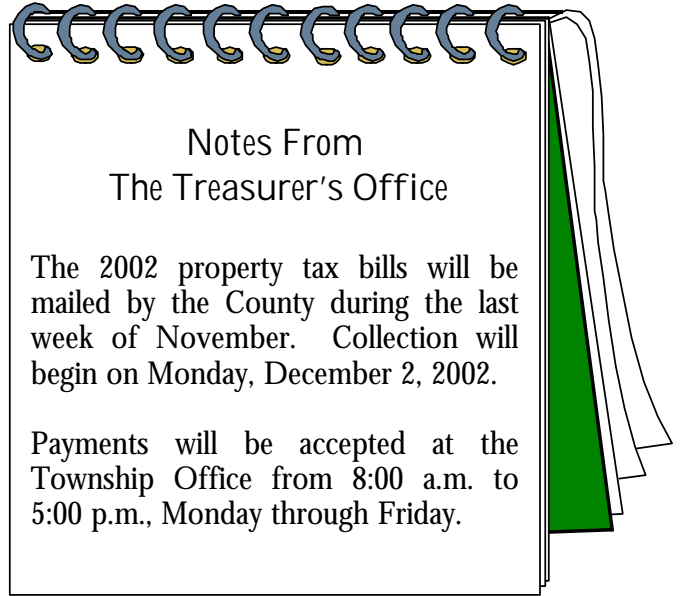
Polls Open: 7:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.  
 Polling Place: 161 County Road 492  
 Marquette Township Community Center

**Please Note:** To qualify to vote at this election, Michigan law dictates that you must register to vote by October 4, 2002. You may register to vote at the Office of the Township Clerk, or at any Office of the Secretary of State.

**Watershed Councils**  
By Shawn McKenney  
Marquette County Conservation District

Within Marquette Township many streams and rivers cross through wetlands, hillsides and residential areas. These rivers and streams represent our local history and heritage and without them much of our industry and ancestors would not have established here in the Marquette Township area. Throughout the county as a whole, many Watershed Councils have been formed to work with Local Townships to protect and preserve these watersheds.

To find out what is happening in your watershed please call Carl Lindquist or Shawn McKenney at the Marquette County Conservation District at (906) 226-2461.



Notes From  
The Treasurer's Office

The 2002 property tax bills will be mailed by the County during the last week of November. Collection will begin on Monday, December 2, 2002.

Payments will be accepted at the Township Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**BELOW: One of the striking flower beds planted by Beautification Committee volunteers. Great job!**





**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**  
**“Grow With the Gold”**

The Beautification Committee and their volunteers have completed another very successful year and are very proud of their accomplishment. A gracious “Thank You” to all who participated in the planting along US 41 Corridor and the various flower boxes throughout Marquette Township. Membership dues and the generous donations from individuals and businesses made the flower purchases possible. A special thank you to various businesses who planted their own marigolds in show of support for our theme of “Grow With the Gold”.

I would like to thank WalMart for the \$500 contribution and the Marquette Township Board for the \$1,500 contribution and also for cutting the grass along the corridor and around the flowerbeds. I commend everyone for the enthusiasm, generosity and time you have given this year’s Beautification effort. I will be resigning at the end of this year as chairperson. I have enjoyed participating in this worthy project and have enjoyed meeting so many people of the Township. Linda Winslow has generously accepted the chairperson’s position and I will be assisting her next spring in the planting. It was a pleasure working with all of you and I couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you again.

Peg VanOverloop, Chairperson  
 Beautification Committee

Donations Received

Target  
 Peg Loy  
 WalMart  
 Jill Luoma  
 Super One  
 Jan Cardoni  
 Sarah Davis  
 Barb Anthos  
 Joanne Welsh  
 Sandi Pearson  
 Cedar Motor Inn  
 Helen McCracken  
 Krist Oil Company  
 Curves For Women  
 Walther Fassbender  
 Marion Sonderegger  
 LaFayette Collision  
 Marquette Township  
 Northland Appliance  
 Steve Pelto & Family  
 Frei Chevrolet Garage  
 Brentwood Motor Inn  
 Ray Adamini & Family  
 Animal Medical Center

Planting Volunteers

WalMart  
 Sue Scott  
 Jill Luoma  
 Mary Beals  
 Bill Musolf  
 Sally Davis  
 Jim Martin  
 Max Muelle  
 Bob Wright  
 Jim Pafford  
 Retha Weiss  
 Ann Jackson  
 Denise Barry  
 Sally Brebner  
 Joan Mysefski  
 Kathy Aartila  
 Randy Girard  
 Carol Johnson  
 Sharon Hickey  
 Linda Winslow  
 Nancy Mattson  
 Louise Pearson  
 Georgia Carlson  
 Sandra Michaels

Planting Volunteers

Judy Vonch  
 Carolyn Severson  
 Maggie Lindholm  
 Carol Huempfner  
 Tim & Sue Zhulkie  
 Kirk & Marsha Page  
 Linda & Gary Goodman

What? My phone can call  
in my meter reading!!



**Why Should I Get A PhonRead Meter?**



**Trouble-free collection of meter readings**

PhonRead meters are programmed to call in your meter reading every month automatically!

Vacationing and seasonal customers (snowbirds) don't need to worry about meter readings while they are away.



**Consistent, accurate billing.** PhonReadings are collected on the same date **every** month. Your bill is calculated on actual water and sewer usage, not estimated use.



**Rental properties.** Tenants don't need to read the water meter; it's automatic. By correctly identifying water use with a particular tenant, conflicts about water bills can be minimized.



**Businesses.** Track utility expenses by monitoring water use and determine if conservation measures are effective. Great for budgeting!



**Take it easy!** It's easy to get a PhonRead Meter. All it takes are two simple steps:

1. Install a standard phone jack within 48 inches of your meter.
2. Call the Township office to make an appointment for installation and programming of a new PhonRead meter.

**Year 2003 Dog Licenses**

Year 2003 County Dog Licenses are for sale at the Township Office beginning Monday, December 2, 2002. A rabies certificate stating vaccination tag number and expiration date is required at the time of purchase. Any dog found without a current dog license is subject to a citation with a minimum fine of \$50.00 plus costs.

Licenses may be purchased Monday through Friday, until May 31, 2003, at the Township Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

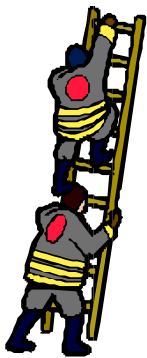
As of September 1, Culhaine Kennels no longer provides housing for lost pets. We thank the Fassbenders for their many years of service to the Township and wish them well in retirement. The Marquette County Humane Society will now provide services for lost pets. Please contact the Marquette County Humane Society directly to recover your lost pet.



**"Where's my dog tag?"**

**New Fire Marshal Position**

Late last year in response to a Fire Department proposal, the Township Board established the new position of Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal has responsibility for many public safety and service functions including identification and mapping of the location of hazardous materials, fire prevention inspections, fire investigation and determination of fire causes, conducting fire related education for schools and the public, fire code interpretation, teaching firefighter continuing education, and service as a regular fire fighter.



Long-time fire department member Ron DeMarse has been appointed to fill the Fire Marshal position. Please join with us in congratulating Ron on his new appointment.



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

- Citco Convenience Stop
- Culver's Restaurant
- Cup Cakes Car Wash
- Northland Appliance storage building (rebuilt)
- PayDay Cash Advantage
- Superior Iron Range Community Federal Credit Union
- Urban Edge in the Westwood Mall
- WalMart Super Center expansion

**Fire Safety/Fire Prevention**

As part of the Marquette Township Fire Department's ongoing fire prevention and safety program, they have received 2,000 smoke detectors through a grant from Marquette General Health System. These smoke detectors will be made available to residents of the Township. If you presently do not have smoke detectors or you need additional smoke detectors in your home, please fill out the coupon below and mail it to: Marquette Township, 161 County Road 492, Marquette, MI 49855. Or you can email your request to: marquettetownship@chartermi.net. A member of the Fire Department will contact you to discuss your needs and assist you with placement and installation of the smoke detector.

The smoke detectors will be made available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Marquette Township Fire Department would like to thank the Marquette General Health System for their assistance in providing these smoke detectors.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: *Installation of Smoke Detectors*

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

**DEPUTIES:**

Linda Winslow, Deputy Clerk  
Dulcee Pokela, Deputy Treasurer

**TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES:**

Randy Girard, Manager  
Kirk Page, Superintendent of Public Works  
Tim Haydon, Assessor/Zoning Administrator  
Mark Woolard, Planner  
Cindy LaMere, Secretary/Cashier  
Dulcee Pokela, Deputy Treasurer  
Faye Wetton, Accounts Clerk  
Lois Stonehouse, Assistant Clerk  
Lou Hutchings, Building & Grounds Caretaker  
Joe Greet, Crew Leader  
Michael Musolf, Service Worker  
Barry Marietta, Service Worker  
Leonard Bodenus, Service Worker

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Cindy LaMere, Assistant Editor

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Alexandra Michaels, Vice-Chairperson  
Judy Boyle, Secretary  
Ray Adamini  
William Davis  
Linda Goodman  
Steve White

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Tom Blake  
Louis Lattrel  
Wayne Piltz  
Lynn Swadley  
Tom Wright

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Robert Sims, Fire Chief  
Michael Farrell, Assistant Chief  
Ron DeMarse, Fire Marshal

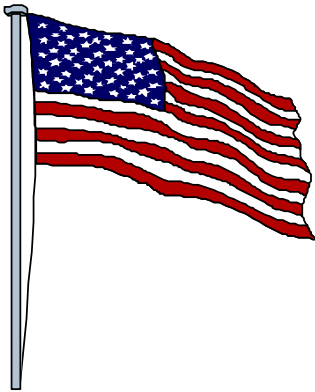
**BOARD OF REVIEW:**

Mary Jean Brennan  
Karen Lohf  
Max H. Muelle  
John Wasmuth

**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 and 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 7:00 and 5:00 p.m. respectively. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meetings are held on a quarterly basis on fourth Thursday of each 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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