

HAYES TOWNSHIP 2013 NEWSLETTER

CAMP SEA-GULL

It has been a long, exciting, sometimes controversial road to get to this point in the process of purchasing Camp Sea-Gull, a 20 acre girl's camp with 1400' of frontage on Lake Charlevoix, for a park. We have met and worked with some incredible people. A huge thank you for sharing your time, expertise and financial support.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has approved the grant application submitted by Hayes Township to acquire Camp Sea-Gull. The appropriations bill for the grant funds has been submitted to the State Budget Office and will then go before the State Legislature. After being approved by both the House and the Senate it must be signed by the Governor.

Hayes Township has signed a purchase agreement and escrow agreement with the Schulman family. At this time Camp Sea-Gull is in escrow but technically belongs to Hayes Township. The sale agreement leaves an "out" for both parties at no financial loss to the Township. After the Governor signs the appropriations bill the Township will need to get two appraisals and negotiate the final price with the Schulman family. Until then the Townships use of Camp Sea-Gull is in limbo.

After the final sale agreement has been reached, Camp Sea-Gull will go from a private camp to a public park. Future plans for Camp Sea-Gull include a boat launch, cabin rentals, non-motorized trail head and many other recreational opportunities.

VETERANS

George Lasater generously donated a plaque notating Hayes Township Veterans that served in World War I, II & the Korean War. Mike Pung generously donated three large boulders so the Township could create a memorial area to display the plaque and have a flag pole installed. Please contact Supervisor Ethel Knepp to inform her of any Hayes Township Veterans that should be included on the memorial.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The dates for the spring clean-up are June 5, 6, & 7. We ask that no items be placed curbside until after Memorial Day. Please help keep our Township looking good for the holiday. Items that can be recycled will not be picked up such as, but not limited to; TVs, computers, appliances and other electronics. Rocks, chunks of concrete, asphalt, brush, yard waste, building materials, tires and all hazardous waste such as paint, chemicals, herbicides and insecticides will not be picked up. Metal items may be placed out for scrappers to pick up but they are your responsibility and will not be picked up as part of the spring clean-up. Please reuse, recycle and donate.

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Meeting Dates

The Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US 31 N.

From the Assessor **Paul Hoadley**

Having a 100% Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) on your home removes 18 mills from your annual property tax. For most of us, this is a 44% savings. The qualifications for a PRE are explained on the State of Michigan's web site (www.michigan.gov).

There are provisions to allow a homeowner to rent a portion of their home.

- If more than 50% of your home is used as your principal residence, you may claim an exemption for your entire home.
- If you use 50% or less of your home as a principal residence, you may claim the percentage that you use as your principal residence.
- If you rent 100% of your home for more than two weeks, you may not claim a PRE for that year.

The township assessor should be notified if you are renting your home. If the township assessor learns that a home is being rented and that the home has a PRE affidavit filed, a local PRE denial notice will be sent to the homeowner. If you have questions, call the township assessor.

From the Treasurer **Robbin Kraft**

It is now possible to view and print your tax information online.

Here are detailed instructions on how to obtain this information. Sign on to bsasoftware.com Click "Create an account", if this is your first time to the website, and create your account. (There is no charge if you are looking at your own property.) BS&A will send you an email with your password. Sign into BS&A with your new user name and password. Scroll down to Charlevoix County then Hayes Township and click on "select." On the upper right side, click on "Search Online Tax Data". Enter your Property id # as it appears on your bill. It begins with 15-007. When the list comes up, click on your parcel # and "I am the property owner." Information on your parcel will come up. To find out the balance due on a specific date, enter the date you intend to pay and hit "recalculate." Scroll down and click on the (+) next to the season and year you are interested in back to 2004. All details on your taxes will appear. You can print this page if you wish. When done, hit "logout" on the top right. If you still need a receipt from me, please check the box on your payment stub. Please call me with any other tax question's you may have.

From the Supervisor **Ethel Knepp**

The State of Michigan has forms available for property owners use to file for a poverty exemption for their property taxes. Hayes Township has adopted the Federal Poverty Guidelines used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2013. The income level includes "household income" which includes taxable and non-taxable income.

Following are the federal poverty guidelines for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2013 assessments.

If you think you may qualify please contact Ethel Knepp, Supervisor to discuss and get a form to be filled out.

Size of Family Unit	Income Level	Size of Family Unit	Income Level
1	\$11,170	2	\$15,130
3	\$19,090	4	\$23,050
5	\$27,010	6	\$30,970
7	\$34,930	8	\$38,890
For each additional person \$3,960			

Note: PA 390 of 1994 states that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit shall also include an asset level test. An asset test means the amount of cash, fixed assets or other property that could be used, or converted to cash for use in the payment of property taxes. The asset test should calculate a maximum amount permitted and all other assets above that amount should be considered as available. Note: P.A. 135 of 2012 changed the requirements for filing documentation in support of a poverty exemption to allow an affidavit (Treasury Form 4988) to be filed for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current year or in the immediately preceding year. This does include the owner of the property who is filing for the exemption.

Broadband Survey

A survey is being conducted among residents and business owners in Charlevoix County who are interested in upgraded Internet services. The survey is designed only to gauge interest. If you are satisfied with your current Internet service, please DO NOT fill out this survey, if you are not satisfied please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W5NB8RJ>. Responses must be received by March 8, 2013