

HAYES TOWNSHIP

Summer 2013 NEWSLETTER

VETERANS MEMORIAL

Hayes Township is preparing a Veterans Memorial honoring Veterans from Hayes Township. The project will be complete this summer and a Memorial Service and Dedication will be held Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall. Please join us in remembering our Veterans and for light refreshments.

We want to thank George Lasater and Mike Pung for their generous donations that helped make this project possible. Please contact Supervisor Ethel Knepp, 231-347-2899 to inform her of any Hayes Township Veterans that should be included on the memorial.

SURVEY REMINDER

Your opinion is very important to us. In June we mailed out a postcard telling you about a survey the Planning Commission is using to gather public input to update the Township Master Plan and Recreation Plan. This is a reminder to please take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey. The survey is available on line at www.charlevoixcounty.org/hayes.asp or a paper copy is available by contacting our consultant Mary Campbell of M.C. Planning and Design at 231-487-0745. The survey findings will be presented at a public forum at the Hayes Township Hall on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

While short term home rentals (rentals of 30 days or less) have existed for many years, recently there has been an increase in the number of rentals and the number of complaints from adjoining neighbors. Neighbors complained that the very nature of short term rentals did not suit residential neighborhoods. We were asked to enforce the current zoning ordinance and shut down the rentals.

Others asked to allow the rentals because they have existed for a long time and many without complaint. In some cases it is the only way families can continue to afford to pay their taxes and maintain old family cottages. Because of these factors the Hayes Township Board decided to allow short term rentals (STR) with minor regulations that help protect the very nature of the residential zone district. The Township Board adopted the Short Term Rental Ordinance License effect April 21, 2013.

The application and a copy of the ordinance license is available on the Township web page <http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/hayes.asp> or by contacting Zoning Administrator, Jonathan Scheel, 231-342-9025. All known and reported STR will have to apply for this license and comply with the regulations.

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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., Charlevoix, MI 49720