

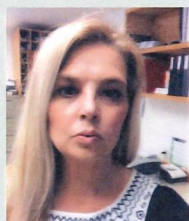
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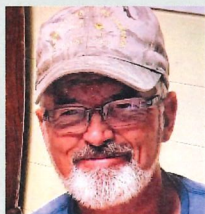
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Hayes Voice

TOWNSHIP

Voice Mission Statement:

To share, educate, and connect with our residents and support a strong and engaged community.

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

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October 2023

From the Desk of Hayes Township Supervisor, Ron VanZee:

Conversations—they are a big part of what I do every day in my role as Supervisor. It's the cliché: when I have tons of work to get done, there are tons of visitors in the office. When things are caught up, it's quiet. Not complaining at all— I enjoy every conversation that comes my way. I have the pleasure of talking to many residents about endless topics and get the opportunity to hear life experiences and stories. I practice my listening skills and get to both learn and share. I get so much more from these interactions than I could learn by reviewing any file or township record. Technology encompasses so many forms of our modern communication, it's a comfort and relief to have a good, old-fashioned face-to-face conversation.

I have learned so much from these exchanges, as well as creating bonds and relationships. These are the building blocks of every community. Our Community Coffee and events prove this to be true. Neighbors, coming together, to share stories, talk, laugh, and connect. Sometimes, there are reasons to celebrate, like a resident's 95th birthday or a 60th anniversary. Other times, people gather to support one another through a loss or illness. This connection is the reason I am truly so blessed to be a part of this community.

No matter what, we will never be too busy to connect with residents who come to talk and share and connect. We are always here for you.

All my best,
Ron



Notes from the September 2023 Board of Trustee Meeting

- The board accepted Steve Bullman's resignation from the Planning Commission
- Mark Snyder was appointed to the vacant position on the Planning Commission.
- Supervisor Ron VanZee stated that the Township is working with the Township Attorney to advise the Consent agreement between the Township, Reith – Reilly and the Intervenors.
- Mr. VanZee also encouraged everyone to take advantage of the free water testing being offered by the Health Department.

Notes from the September 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

- The township is working with Bauer/Ford to put together a proposal for acceptable future development based on studies of the (gravel pit) site.
- The Planning Commission tabled any talks of the Future Land Use Map until decisions are made in the pending litigation, as well as the completed study from Bauer/Ford.

Please direct all questions/comments for Planning Commission members to: HayestownshipPC@gmail.com

Notes from September 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

- An update was given that 4 Amenity Donation Benches had been donated at the time of the meeting.
- Tim from Beckett & Raeder is putting a proposal together to assist with the update of the Recreation Master Plan. He will collaborate with Jen Buchanan to include the shoreline bioengineering and restoration plans.
- Park Hosts Gregg and Becky shared that they will be leaving for the season on October 10th. They helped compile a list of maintenance needs and seasonal park chores that need to be addressed.

All Parks and Recreation correspondence can be sent to hayestownshippr@gmail.com

Hayes Township Calendar

October 2023

Monday, October 2nd
Parks and Recreation
Committee, 6pm

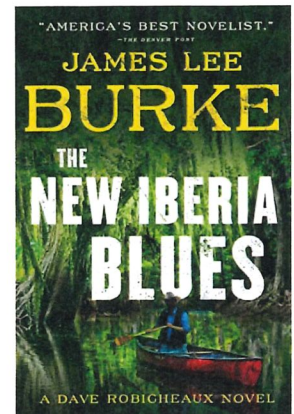
Thursday, October 5th
Community Coffee, 1pm

Monday, October 9th
Board of Trustees, 7pm

Tuesday, October 17th
Planning Commission, 7pm

Thursday, October 19th
Hayes Township Book Club, 1pm

*All events are held at the
Hayes Township Hall unless
otherwise noted.*



October Book Club Pick!

The New Iberia Blues by James Lee Burke

A mystery novel about Detective Dave Robicheaux's investigation of a young woman's death in Louisiana.

The book explores the dark corners of Hollywood, the mafia, and the backwoods of the state, as well as the detective's own past and secrets.

Our book club will meet
Thursday, October 19th, at 1pm
at the Hayes Township Hall.

If there are any questions, please
contact Kristin at 231-547-6961

Leave Leaves Alone



To learn more visit:

www.healthyyards.org & www.leaveleavesalone.org



The response to our Amenity Donation benches was fantastic!

All 10 benches have been donated and will be placed in Camp Sea Gull. Thank you so much to all our generous donors!



We were very saddened to hear of Fred Parson's passing. He honorably served our country in the US Navy, as well as served Hayes Township as Supervisor for many years. Fred stayed involved in township matters and we were always thankful for his wise suggestions and opinions. His support and kindness will forever be remembered and appreciated. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Letha and entire family.

ELECTION UPDATE

Absentee ballot applications have begun to go out to all voters on the permanent absentee ballot list. The next election will be held on November 7th. Please reach out to our Clerk, Kristin Baranski, with any questions.

Clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov or (231)547-6961



Our Parks and Recreation Survey is now available!

The link is on our website, hayestownshipmi.gov.

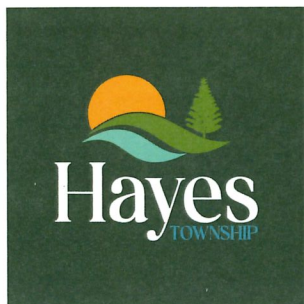
You can also access it by going to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CXHPWDZ>



Unexpected **kindness** is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change.

-Bob Kerrey



VOICE VIEWS

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For the most up to date information,
Visit:
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It's that time of year again!

Fall is the perfect time to visit a local orchard!

Here are some local venues to check out and enjoy with your families:

Friske Farm Market, Ellsworth, MI

Royal Farms, Ellsworth, MI

King Orchards, Central Lake, MI

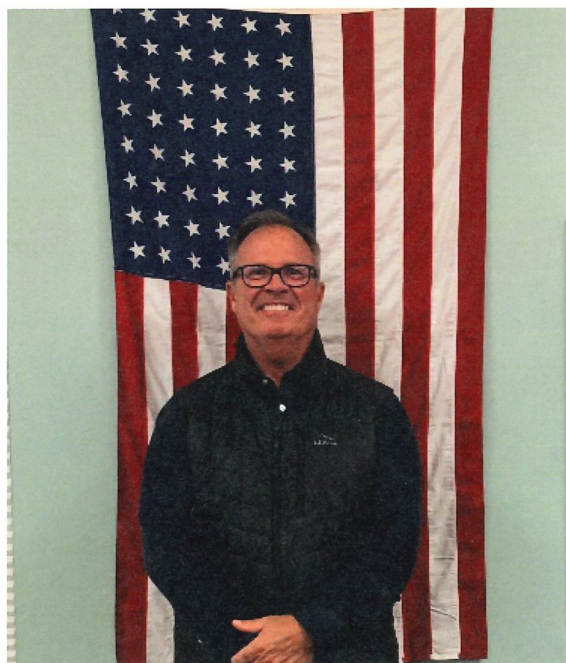
Cherry View Orchards, Central Lake, MI

Elliotts Orchard, Bellaire, MI

Good Nature Farms, Kewadin, MI

Knaeb's Apple Farm & Ciderworks, Rogers City, MI

Golden River Orchard, Cheboygan, MI



***We would like to welcome Mark Snyder
as our newest member of the Planning
Commission!***

Mark joins our diverse group of residents that represent different parts of our township.

- 5 represent waterfront homeowners of our 3 local lakes-Lake Charlevoix, Lake Susan, and Lake Michigan,
- 2 of which make their living directly related to the lakes.
- 2 members represent the residential/agricultural regions of the township.
- All 7 members have a special interest in preserving the lakes in Hayes Township.

Their hard work and dedication make a big difference in our township!

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