

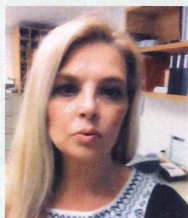
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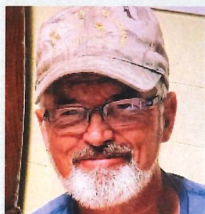
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February 2024

Notes from Supervisor Ron VanZee:

Matt Cunningham, our long-serving Trustee, has been a quiet and effective member of our team since 2016. He not only serves all the residents of Hayes Township effectively by servicing on our township planning commission but also serves on the Charlevoix County Planning Commission.

Kind, considerate, and willing to tackle the toughest of jobs, Matt has been a resident of Hayes Township since his birth in 1970, where he and his wife Jennifer raised their two children, Ray and Abby. Matt graduated from Charlevoix High in 1989 where he played football and basketball. Upon graduating, he enrolled at Olivet College where in graduated with a degree in business with a "double" concentration in management and insurance. He accomplished this all the while playing on his college football team.

Matt has been a valuable member of the R.B. Lyons Marine Construction Co. since he began working for his father, Ben Cunningham, at a young age. After graduating from college, he rejoined the company and has been the leader of his construction crew building docks, seawalls, and other marine facilities.

Matt's grandfather, Captain Richard B. Lyons, started the marine construction company in the early '70s and in 1973 hired his son-in-law, Ben Cunningham, to help manage the company. A short time later, Captain Lyons left to rejoin shipping on the Great Lakes and "sold" the company to Ben. With the help of his two sons, Ben built one of the largest most successful and respected Marine Construction Companies in Northern Michigan. Matt's work not only takes him into Lake Charlevoix, Round Lake, and Lake Michigan, but occasionally to Beaver Island.

In 2018 Matt led the company to the very successful construction of the dock and fishing pier at Camp Sea-Gull Hayes Township Park. In addition, Matt's company has donated their services to install and service bubblers for de-icing the dock/fishing pier.

Matt manages a successful construction crew, is a licensed Captain on the Great Lakes, has a license to operate cranes, and has a residential builders license.

A respected and successful leader in business, his involvement in Township affairs is balanced and solely focused on the good of the people. Matt Cunningham is 'one of a kind'. He is truly a master of his trade, and we are extremely lucky to have him as a busy and productive member of our Township Board of Trustees. I'm honored to serve alongside him on our Board, and know he will continue to make our future bright in Hayes Township.

All my best, Ron

Notes from the January 2024 Board of Trustee Meeting

- Treasurer Julie Collard reported on the completion of the Township audit. All the required documents for the state have been uploaded. The auditor shared that he has no major concerns, and the Township has a healthy financial reserve. Any deficiencies are being addressed and corrected by the township, and there is a corrective plan in place. The auditor recommended getting B, S, & A Accounting Software.
- The board is getting a current quote on B, S, & A software.
- The Road Commission will meet on January 10th at 7 pm in Boyne City. Township representatives will ask for a speed limit sign on Murray Road, safety signage at Upper Bay Shore and Burgess, as well as additional signage in Bay Shore by the residential area next to the Shell station.
- The board members voted to raise the Poverty Guidelines by 10% to help struggling families in Hayes Township potentially qualify for exemption.
- March Board of Review dates were set. Please see the calendar.
- Joni Hosler was appointed as an alternate member of the ZBA, and Richard Sculthorpe was appointed to the Board of Review.
- Pam Johnson was hired as the township Sexton.
- The board approved township hall improvements of new carpet installation from Whitley and painting from Arnold's Painting.

Notes from the January 2024 Planning Commission Meeting / Special Meeting Zoning Ordinance Edits

Special Meeting Zoning Ordinance edits:

- January 6th Special Meeting-The Commissioners held a special meeting/workshop. They reviewed Zoning Ordinance edits.
- The Planning Commissioners held a Public Hearing to review the updated Recreation Master Plan.
- Public comments on the Rec Plan update included: wanting a swim area at Camp Sea Gull, support for the restoration of the shoreline at Camp Sea Gull, having a longer skid pier at the boat launch, a suggestion of placing Pickle Ball courts next to the Township hall, and building bathrooms at the top area of Camp Sea Gull. The Parks and Rec Committee will review all feedback, make revisions, and present the edited plan to the Board of Trustees.
- The Planning Commission discussed public comment at their meetings. After a few months of trying one public comment, they voted to add a second comment of 1 minute at the end of their meeting.

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

Notes from January 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

- All Park and Rec Members were re-nominated to continue in their roles on the committee.
- A contractor has been located to strap down the pavilion at the park. They will submit a quote and schedule the work in early spring.
- The Committee members discussed the Charlevoix Millage Grant. The county is not accepting applications this year due to the outstanding projects they approved but are not complete.
- The Committee will brainstorm fundraising ideas.
- Members will receive feedback on their update of the Parks Plan at the public hearing on January 16th.

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

Hayes Township Calendar

February 2024

Thursday, February 1st
Community Coffee, 1 pm

Monday, February 5th
Parks and Recreation
Committee, 6 pm

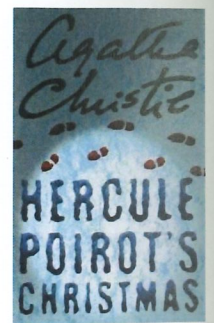
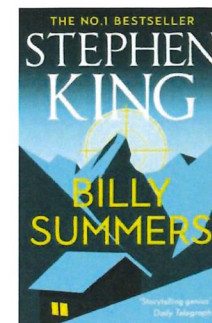
Monday, February 12th
Board of Trustees, 7 pm

Tuesday, February 13th
Planning Commission, 7 pm

Thursday, February 15th
Book Club, 1 pm

Tuesday, February 27th
Primary Election, 7am-8pm

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



February Book Club Pick!

Billy Summers
by Stephen King
&

Hercule Poirot's Christmas
by Agatha Christie

Between the winter weather and
seasonal germs, we will be discussing
both books at our next club meet-up.

We will meet on
Thursday, February 15th,
1 pm at the Hayes Township Hall.

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

H A P P Y Valentine's Day

Boost your mental health for Valentine's Day this year!

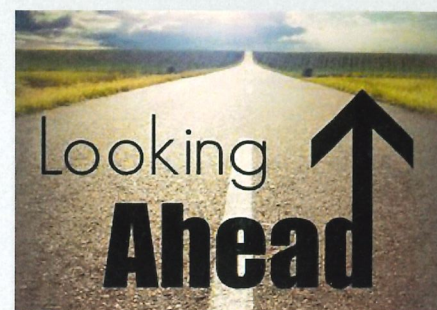
Here are 10 ways to do that:

1. Practice forgiveness - even if it's just forgiving that person who cut you off during your commute. People who forgive have better mental health and report being more satisfied with their lives.
2. Track gratitude and achievement with a journal. Include 3 things you were grateful for and 3 things you were able to accomplish each day.
3. Keep it cool for a good night's sleep. The optimal temperature for sleep is between 60- and 67 degrees Fahrenheit.
4. Experiment with a new recipe, write a poem, paint, or try a Pinterest project. Creative expression and overall well-being are linked.
5. Show some love to someone in your life. Close, quality, relationships are key for a happy, healthy life.
6. Boost brainpower by treating yourself to a couple of pieces of dark chocolate every few days. The flavonoids, caffeine, and theobromine in chocolate are thought to work together to improve alertness and mental skills.
7. Take time to laugh. Hang out with a funny friend, watch a comedy, or check out cute videos online. Laughter helps reduce anxiety.
8. Go off the grid. Leave your smartphone at home for a day and disconnect from constant emails, alerts, and other interruptions. Spend time doing something fun with someone face-to-face.
9. Spend some time with a furry friend. Time with animals lowers the stress hormone - cortisol and boosts oxytocin - which stimulates feelings of happiness. If you don't have a pet, hang out with a friend who does or volunteer at a shelter.
10. "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."
-Albert Einstein. Try something outside of your comfort zone to make room for adventure and excitement in your life.

-Shared from MHA

HAYES TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:

Just a reminder that Winter Property Tax bills are due by Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 without penalty. Treasurer Julie Collard will be in the office that day from 10 am-2 pm. All Summer/Winter Property tax bills are due to the Township by Thursday, February 29th. Julie will be in the office from 9 am-5 pm that day. All payments submitted after February 29th should be sent directly to the Charlevoix County Treasurer. If you have any questions, please call/e-mail Julie at (231)675-5927 or treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov. Thank you!



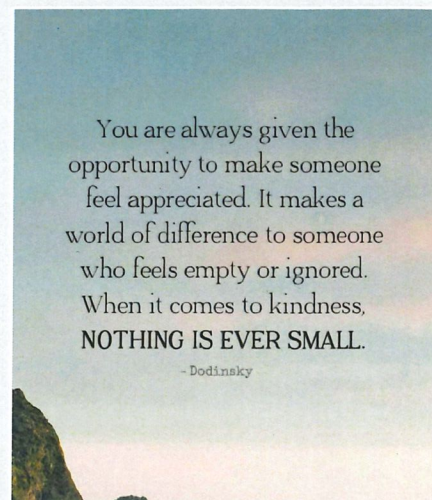
Looking ahead in 2024:

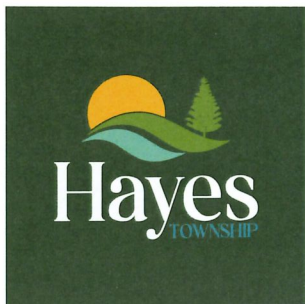
- Elections! For the most up-to-date information on all 2024 elections, keep an eye on our website, hayestownshipmi.gov. If you have any questions, please call our Clerk Kristin Baranski at 231-547-6961.

- We will be having our bi-annual Hayes Township clean-up in late spring/early summer. As soon as we are on the schedule with Waste Management, we will be sharing the date with all residents.

- Our free food pantry will continue to be available to everyone in the community who needs it. The overflow food inside the vestibule is available during office hours and by appointment-just call the office to make an appointment.

Our Parks and Recreation Committee is hard at work on planning community events for this upcoming year! Both volunteer opportunities and fun events will be organized. All events will be shared online and in the Voice.





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For the most up to date information,
Visit:
Hayestownshipmi.gov

HAYES RESIDENTS: In order to provide additional transparency and dispel any disinformation, the Board of Trustees has invited our Auditor to give a presentation at our February 12th Board meeting. As always, we invite everyone to join us. For any township-related questions or concerns, please contact us at (231)547-6961. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting.



January 25, 2024

To the Township Board and Management
Hayes Township
Charlevoix County, MI

Hayes Township Board of Trustees:

I will be presenting the audits for the Township's June 30, 2022, and 2023 financial statements. Some of the topics will include our opinion (a clean opinion was rendered for both years), the financial condition of the Township as of June 30, 2023 (unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$638,425 as of June 30, 2023, or 90.6% of the annual general fund expenditures, which is considered healthy), and the restoration of compliance with the Michigan Department of Treasury (the Township received qualified status from Treasury on January 2, 2024, all F-65s have been brought current, and Treasury has received and accepted the Township's corrective action plan).

Thank you!

JOE VERLIN, CPA, CGFM

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