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Voice Mission Statement:

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

Hayes VOICE

TOWNSHIP

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

#23

October 2024

From the Desk of Supervisor Ron VanZee:

UNITY: I've always been told that more business deals are made on the golf course than during a formal meeting. This makes a lot of sense, however for the Township to successfully conduct the required administrative duties that allow us to function as a whole cannot happen on the golf course, or, in our case, at a local beach. We must make all decisions in a public setting, a bit more formal than the above-mentioned options. The beauty of how our Board conducts business is that there are NO personal agendas. We concentrate on what's best for the Township as a whole. When that happens, unity is the outcome.

It is crucial to have unity and ensure all Trustees work toward the same objectives, and collaboratively seek to achieve them. Calm minds lead to minimized misunderstandings, little to no conflicts, optimized resource utilization, and a positive and healthy work environment that can adapt to change and conquer challenges effectively.

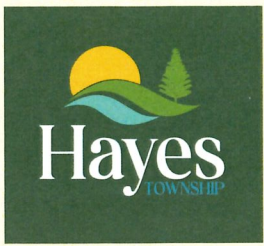
Unity goes way beyond the Board of Trustees. The common goals for Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation, Cemetery Committee, Assessing, along with surrounding communities and government agencies, Emergency Services and supporting foundations must be consistent to make it all work.

Working together for the last 10 years that I have been involved with Hayes Township, not a single acre of open space/farm land has been developed into higher density uses. This is a unified goal that needs to continue. Another is protecting all of our valuable water resources. With the Shoreland Review

Committee in place we have, with the cooperation of property owners, we have restored more of the Shoreland Protection Strip in the last two years than had been done in the previous 20 years. The Emergency Services Building in Hayes Township is a shining light of unity and cooperation, bringing the most critical of services to our residents first, while adding a valuable asset to our Township.

We do not write the rules for public meetings, but we do follow them. We very seldom have the opportunity to roll up our sleeves and have long discussions about every agenda item (although when we do have one that requires more time we don't hesitate to schedule a special meeting to discuss the topic at hand). A lot of the information we bring to meetings has been compiled over weeks or months of behind the scene work so we can share all options in public with the residents to make the most educated decisions. We do have a limited amount of time to accomplish Township business, but we are happy to share our information with our residents. As with this publication, we are working to inform you about Hayes Township events and information. It's not quite nine holes or a setting that may require sunscreen, but we work with what we have, unified and transparent for our residents, every month, with pride and satisfaction.

Warmest Regards,
Ron VanZee

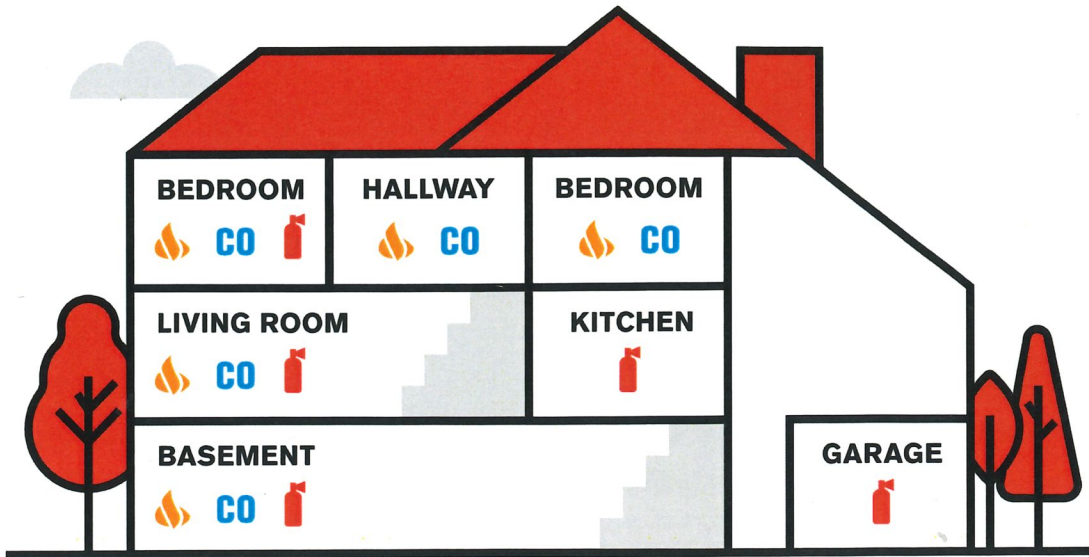


VOICE VIEWS

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visit: hayestownshipmi.gov



Smoke Alarm

One on every level
and in every bedroom



Carbon Monoxide Alarm

One on every level
and in every bedroom



Fire Extinguisher

One on every level,
plus kitchen and garage

October is Fire Safety Month

Did You Know?

Installing reliable protection and being proactive is important to help keep your loved ones safe from a fire or carbon monoxide (CO) emergency.

- Almost **3 of every 5** home fire deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms (NFPA)
- Carbon monoxide is the **#1 cause of accidental poisoning** in the US (CDC)
- Unattended cooking is the **#1 cause of home fires** (NFPA)
- A fire department responds to a fire every **23 seconds** in America (NFPA)
- **Include Your Pets in Your Escape Plan** - Pets should have their own safety plan in case of an emergency. Collars should be on your pet at all times and if leashes are necessary, make sure they are easily accessible. Note their hiding spots to help with a faster evacuation.

*"Autumn shows us how beautiful
it is to let things go."
- Unknown*





General Election Information

November 5, 2024

From our Clerk, Kristin Baranski:



Hayes Township Registered Voters: The 4th and final Election of 2024 is just about a month away. There are a lot of different options for each of you to vote.

For the voters that prefer to vote from home: Absentee Ballot Applications were mailed out for those on the permanent absentee voter list the 3rd week in September. Complete the application, sign, date and return it back to the Township Hall either by US mail, drop box, email or personally bring in your application during my Election Office Hours.

The Election Hours are: Mondays 9am-11:30am
Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm
or reach out to me directly to book an appointment:
(231) 547-6961 or email: clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov

For the almost 500 Hayes Voters on the permanent ballot list: All ballots were mailed by September 30. Complete the ballot, sign, date and return back to the Township Hall either by US mail, drop box, email or personally bring in your voted ballot, sealed in the signed envelope, during my Election Office Hours (see above) or reach out to me to book an appointment. Voters also have the right to now bring in their completed absentee ballot **on election day** and put it through the tabulator themselves. If you would like an absentee ballot and are not currently on the list to receive an application nor a ballot automatically, please contact me.

For the voters who love the excitement of voting in person: Our Poll Workers look forward to making the day smooth for each voter.

Please feel free to reach out to me regarding any election questions. Thank you!

- Kristin Baranski, Hayes Township Clerk

A Note From Treasurer, Julie Collard:

Hayes Township Residents, you are the best! Our summer tax season was one of the smoothest yet. I loved speaking with and seeing so many members of our community. Your notes and cards make my tax processing brighter. Thank you for your kind words and prompt payments. As always, I'm here to help you in any way I can. Winter taxes will be mailed out at the end of November

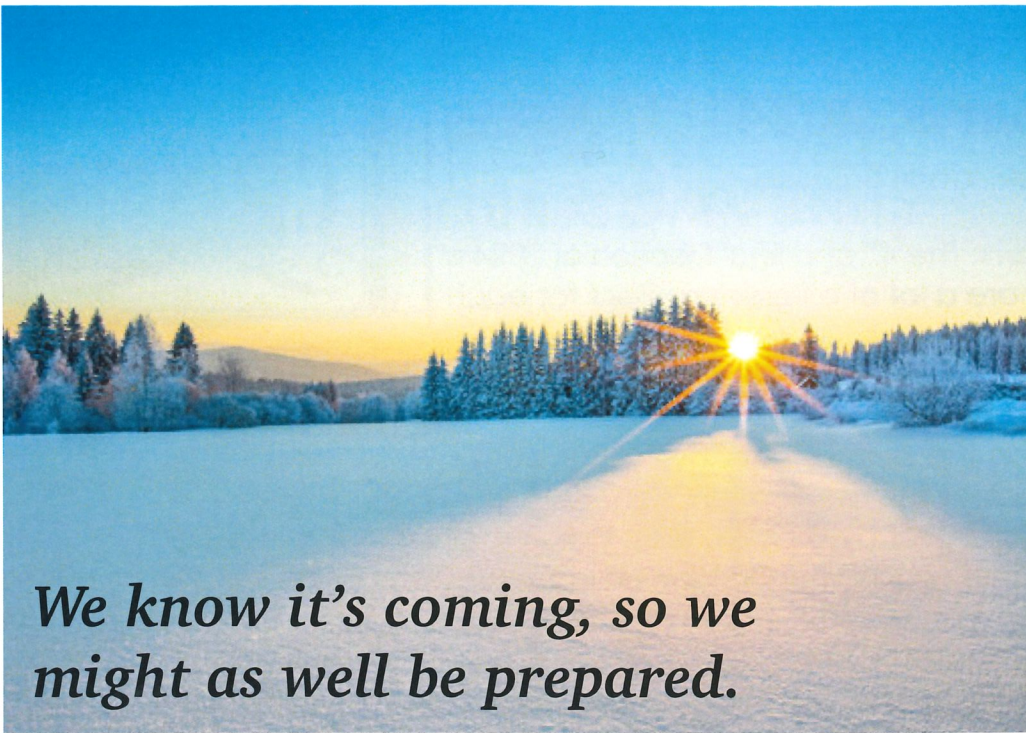


Please note:

The bathrooms at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull will be closed for the season the second week of October.



Another summer has come to a close at Hayes Township Camp Sea Gull. Our Park Hosts Gregg and Becky will head to warmer pastures for the winter months. We can't thank them enough for their dedication and commitment to care for and not only the park, but for their true hospitality to all guests. We are exceptionally lucky to have such a wonderful couple to return each spring and keep our parks beautiful.



We know it's coming, so we might as well be prepared.

Here are some suggestions & reminders as the cold weather months get closer:

- Prepare your home
- Insulate: Insulate your walls, attic, and water lines that run along exterior walls.
- Weather-strip and caulk: Seal your doors and windows with weather-stripping and caulking.
- Install storm windows: Install storm or thermal-pane windows, or cover your windows with plastic from the inside.
- Repair roof leaks: Fix any leaks in your roof.
- Trim tree branches: Remove tree branches that could fall on your home during a storm.
- Use space heaters: Use space heaters to warm areas of your home, but keep them away from children and pets.
- Use ceiling fans: Switch your ceiling fan to rotate clockwise in the winter to push warm air down.
- Home kit: Include blankets, extra clothing, non-perishable food, water, a first aid kit, flashlights, and medications.

If you can't afford your heating costs, you can contact the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for help. 1-800-866-THAW

PC Article Correction:

As mentioned at our Board Meeting, there was an incorrect statement made. The information shared in the Voice in the article on population trends and potential impact on the demand for housing contained a calculation error that overstated the potential demand. The projected retirees in the state through 2030 is closer to 2 million than 5 million. This error, while regrettable, does not change the conclusion that demand for housing in the Township is anticipated to increase over the next several years. Apologies for any confusion.

Hayes Township Calendar

October 2024

Thursday, October 3
Community Coffee, 1pm

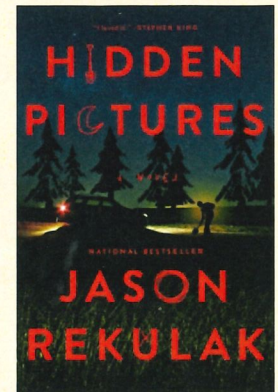
Monday, October 7
Park & Recreation Meeting,
6pm
*Eastern Avenue Beach

Monday, October 14
Board of Trustees, 7pm

Tuesday, October 22
Planning Commission, 7pm

Thursday, October 24
Book Club, 1pm

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



October Book Club Pick!

*Hidden Pictures
by Jason Rekulak*

To get more information or be added to
our Book Club e-mail list, please
contact Clerk Kristin Baranski at
(231)547-6961

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