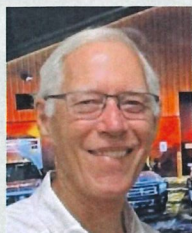


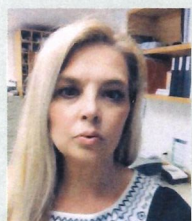
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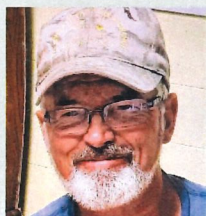
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Hayes VOICE

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November 2024

From the Desk of Supervisor Ron VanZee:

This has to be my favorite time of the year; our fall colors have put on quite the show this season. It's just another of the reasons we love it here in Hayes Township. As the temperatures start to drop, we know that some of the hustle and bustle of the summer is winding down along with the traffic. With those changes, we start to tuck seasonal parts of our park in for the winter. We clear Undine Cemetery of the fallen leaves, make sure our veteran graves have an American flag. We prepare for the annual Charlevoix County Road Commission meeting and evaluate the roads in our area for improvement discussions.

We are also working with the 'complete the bike trail committee', which is especially important to us because the majority of the bike trail from Charlevoix to Boyne City is in Hayes Township. We want to ensure engineering requests for proposals, grant applications and bid documents are completed and successfully advertised. It's also time to update and work with FEMA to ensure residents on Lake Michigan in the 100 year flood plain will be able to insure their properties.

Our annual audit is in progress, as well as the conversion of our township records/finances to BS&A Accounting software. This will link and track all accounting, tax software, and assessing programming. Our B,S,& A team have been wonderful training our officials on the new programs and we are all excited for the switch.

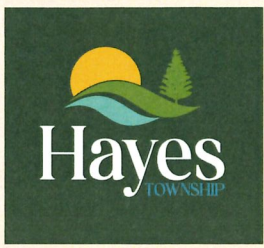
The Park and Recreation Committee will be discussing their goals for 2025 and what they would like to pursue for our parks. Planning Commissioners will continue updating our vital township ordinances and begin work on the Master Plan.

We may have less traffic on the roads, but our work at the township does not slow down. The views from my home, my drive to the office, to my kids sporting events, a drive to visit my daughter at college—all beautiful, as I take the time to soak in the rest of the show autumn has to offer. It's yet another reminder of why I will never stop working to protect what we have here, during every season.

All my best, Ron

Voice Mission Statement:

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



VOICE VIEWS

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Hayes Township Hall
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Rd.
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-6961

For the most up to date information
visit: hayestownshipmi.gov

Be a good neighbor - keep your trees trimmed!

We have had a few reports of rat and mice infestations in the township. Please note these suggestions from the CDC to help prevent infestations.

Discourage rats and mice from taking up residence on your property by removing food and water sources, and items that can provide them shelter:

- Seal holes inside and outside the home to keep rodents out. This may be as simple as plugging small holes with steel wool, or patching holes inside or outside walls.
- Remove potential rodent nesting sites from your property, including leaf piles and deep mulch.
- Clean up food and water sources in and near your house.
- Keep kitchen garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Turn compost piles to cover newly added food scraps.
- Stop feeding outdoor birds while you are controlling an infestation or feed only husk less items that leave less residue that can be food for rodents.



Visit the CDC website for more information and tips to keep your homes rodent free. This is the time of the year when they are looking for a warm space, and they can fit through the tiniest spaces!

Property Tax Update from your Treasurer, Julie Collard:

Winter taxes will be mailed out at the end of November and should arrive early December-look for the light blue paper. If you have any summer taxes due, that will be noted on the bill. All winter property taxes are due on Friday, February 14, 2025, without penalty. All property taxes owing, summer and winter, are due to Hayes Township by Friday, February 28, 2025. After March 1, 2025, all taxes owing need to be sent to the Charlevoix County Treasurer.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie at treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov or (231)547-6961

You never really know the true impact you
have on those around you.

You never know how much someone needed
that smile you gave them.

You never know how much your kindness
turned someone's entire life around.

You never know how much someone needed
that long hug or deep talk.

So don't wait to be kind.

Don't wait for someone else to be kind first.

Don't wait for better circumstances or for
someone to change.

Just be kind, because you never know how
much someone needs it.



November 5, 2024 Election

VOTING POLLS ARE OPEN 7am-8pm

Cast your vote at Hayes Township Hall
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Rd.

HAYES TOWNSHIP VOTERS:

Our election workers will be available to walk you through each step of the voting process on election day. Your safety and comfort are important to us!

If you have any issues with voter intimidation or concerns for your safety, please call 911 or let any election official know immediately. Your right to vote is sacred, and we will protect our residents as well as our hard-working election workers.

We are working in tandem with Michigan State Police, our local Sherriff department, as well as Charlevoix County Election staff and officials to ensure a safe, smooth, and peaceful election day.

Report Voter Intimidation!

Voter Intimidation/Interference is something we take incredibly serious in Hayes Township. We have received several calls and communications from residents who feel they are being targeted by an individual in the township who is laying in wait and taking video/pictures of everyone going to the Township Hall. As many residents are bringing their absentee ballots in, this has become a concern.

If you experience any voter intimidation or interference, per the Election Assistance Committee please visit: <https://www.eac.gov/voters/other-national-contact-information>

Per the EAC, residents are directed to contact their local law enforcement to make a report.

We strongly encourage anyone who believes they are being intimidated as a voter to please report any and all issues they encounter with voter interference. You should always feel safe to come to our Township Hall, especially to vote. Thank you to the local Sheriff department for the great job they do and all of the support they provide during elections and through the year.

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Happy Anniversary

Bill and Diane Conklin
celebrated their
40th Wedding Anniversary
on October 6th.

Mike and Jean Smith
celebrate an amazing
54 years together on
November 1st.

*Congratulations to these
couples on their special
milestones!*



Reserve your date for our township hall!

Dates are filling up
quickly! Reserve your
date for a holiday party
or celebration in our
newly renovated
township hall.

Give us a call at
(231)547-6961
for availability.

Fall in the Heart Of Hayes Township



MENTAL HEALTH: Help is available

We have a personal survey available at the office to assist in evaluating mental health. If you would like one emailed to you, please request mental health survey from our treasurer at treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov. This is a private survey to help individuals assess their mental health.



For friends and family living with someone who struggles with mental health issues:

A *mobile crisis team* is a group of health professionals that respond to mental health crises in people's homes. The team may include nurses, social workers, psychiatrists, or peer specialists. Mobile crisis teams sometimes work together with police departments. If your city has a mobile crisis team, you can call them and they will come to your house to do an assessment. They will ask you a lot of questions, and then help you get your family member to the hospital as needed.

Sometimes there is no one available to help, and you have to take them to the hospital yourself or call the police. Remember that police aren't trained in mental health, and seeing them can scare people. Whenever possible, it's best to rely on support systems that include people with mental health backgrounds. A mobile crisis team is the best option for this.

If you have the choice to go to a inpatient mental health hospital it is also best for you to visit there first for admission rather than going to the ER. Emergency rooms are designed for physical health emergencies and are not well equipped to handle psychiatric emergencies.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. You can also reach Crisis Text Line by texting MHA to 741741.

Hayes Township Calendar

November 2024

Tuesday, November 5
Election, 7am-8pm

Thursday, November 7
Community Coffee, 1pm

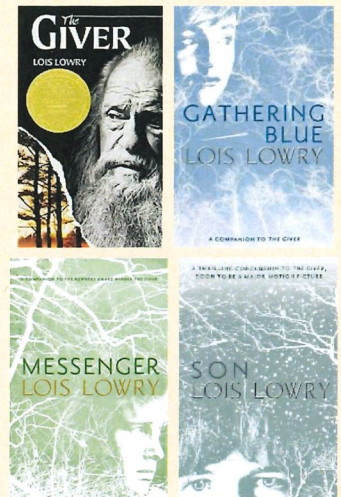
Thursday, November 7
Parks & Recreation, 6pm

Monday, November 11
Board of Trustees, 7pm

Tuesday, November 19
Planning Commission, 7pm

Thursday, November 21
Book Club, 1pm

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



November Book Club Pick!

The Giver Series by Lois Lowry

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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