
Voice Mission Statement:

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



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June 2025

From the Desk of Supervisor Bill Conklin: Clean-up

We apologize for the mixed messages since the ice storm. Some of you expressed concern that we did not communicate as timely as we could have. See the timeline:

April 8: Special meeting to consider ice storm clean-up for the Township. An expensive but incomplete bid was presented. Tabled until Board Meeting on April 14.

April 14: Board Meeting. One bid was for \$68,000.00 to clean-up the township and a second bid [\$35,000.00] was received from a company from Houghton Lake, with insufficient information. Some Board members believed that everyone should receive equal service; others who have paid money for clean-up would not be treated equally. I stated that the township should serve the ones who do not have the money or the means for clean-up, such as the elderly, the widows, the infirm and those who cannot afford clean-up. The Board decided that the Township could not pay \$68,000.00.

April 20: This was the deadline to write the Supervisor article for the May Voice Newsletter. I reported that the Board decided not to "formally" clean-up the Township. However, I indicated that I would organize volunteers to assist the elderly and the ones who could not manage their clean-up and provided my contact information.

April 26 & 27: Randy Cebulski, Kit Tholen, Sara Wolfe, Mel Czechowski, Carlos Jaramillo, Jordan Zwagerman and I assisted in the clean-up [65%] of 9 Mile Point and Michigan Shores (17 hours) since their association paid for the cost of the wood chipper and the dump truck.

April 29: I learned that grant money might be available, talked with the Charlevoix Community Foundation and then applied for a \$15,000.00 grant to clean-up Hayes Township. A \$10,000.00 grant was graciously approved the next day. The Company from Houghton Lake submitted a bid for \$30,000.00 to clean-up the township.

May 2: Special Meeting to consider the \$30,000.00 bid from Walt and Mariah Tasker, d/b/a W&W Tree Service (Houghton Lake) who presented their qualifications, references and pictures of their equipment. Mr. Tasker stated at the meeting that no payment would be requested until the project was complete and the Township was satisfied. The Board approved the bid and accepted the grant money.

May 3: Stacy and Linda McGarey, Justin Allen, Woody Pearson and I assisted in the clean-up of Spring-Maple-Rocky Beach-Division St. areas. (10 hours)

May 4: Casey and Kai Conklin, Dick Bateman and I assisted in the clean-up around an elderly couple's home/5 acres. (7 hours)

May 5: Voice Newsletter was received by Township residents, which was written on April 20 and contained outdated information. We are sorry for the confusion.

May 9: W&W Tree Service started cleaning up the east side of the Township, covering areas which had piles of debris for weeks.

May 10: Justin Allen, Kevin Willis and I cleaned up homes for the elderly in the North Townline and Bayshore area, Murray Rd and See Rd – 9 hours.

May 17: Kevin Willis, Chris Loewen and his sons, Robin (14 yrs) and Jack (10 yrs) and I cut and hauled limbs up 50 steps in Bayside Park for 4 hours; Jim Rudolph and I cleaned up two homes on US-31 and two homes on Boyne City Rd. (4 hours)

If you benefit and can do so, please consider making a \$50 or \$100 donation to the Township to defray the cost of the clean-up.

Emergency Assistance Committee: I apologize to Rick Golding for mis-characterizing his offer to "write an Emergency Management Plan" for the township in my article last month. I retract my statement in the Voice and apologize for inaccurately stating that Mr. Golding offered to chair the Emergency Assistance Committee. An Emergency Assistance Committee will be important to integrate residents with resources [warmth, water, meals, rides, comfort, etc] so assistance can be readily available in the next emergency. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate/serve on this Committee. Please contact me or other Board members, if you are interested.

Please research Dark Sky International; let's eliminate light pollution altogether.

- Bill Conklin, Supervisor | 231-373-0059



VOICE VIEWS

CONNECTING
OUR COMMUNITY

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

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



• HHW EVENT •

Friday, June 13 4-8PM

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Saturday, June 14 9AM-1pm

We will begin accepting phone reservations by calling 231-547-0080 starting Tuesday, September 1st through Friday, June 9th between 8am-3pm. Please only call ONCE and leave a message. Calls will be returned in the order received.

Additional calls/messages will delay the process. You can also schedule an appointment online by using the link located on our website. The link will be uploaded approximately 2 weeks prior to the event.

Location will be given out when scheduling your reservation. For more information, please visit: www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling

Common Hazardous Items: Florescent Bulbs, Motor Oil, Batteries (car, boat, motorcycle, and household), Pesticides, Cleaners & Polishes, Aerosols, Automotive Fluids, Oil Paints, Stains, Finishes & Thinners, Solvents, Mercury & Items Containing Mercury, Medicines FREE

Latex Paint: Latex Paint is not hazardous. You can pour the paint out onto cardboard, let dry, and then dispose of it in the trash. We will be charging \$13 /gal for disposal.

Electronics: Computers, TV's, Cameras, Telephones, Microwave Ovens, Game Systems, Printers, VCR's, Radios (items that contain hazardous materials) FREE

Appliances: Refrigerators, Humidifiers, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Freezers, Stoves, Disposals, Lawnmowers, Electric or Gas Motors, Anything Steel FREE . NO DISHWASHERS, WATER SOFTENERS, OR FIBERGLASS TANKS!

Tires: will not be taken at this HHW event.

Mattresses: will be taken with this HHW event. When scheduling your reservation, please state the number of mattresses and box springs being dropped off. **Fee:** \$15 per mattress; \$15 per box spring

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

301 State St. | Charlevoix, MI. 49720 | 231-547-0080

Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Friday

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



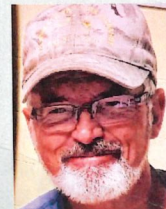
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Community Picnic

Mark your calendars! Our second annual Community Picnic will be on Saturday, August 2, at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull. We will have live music from fantastic local musicians, a silent auction, games, face painting, and more! Keep an eye on our website for details.



Hayes Emergency Committee

Our community was slammed with an unprecedented ice storm this spring. Many residents were left without power, running water, and no safe way to get supplies. As always, the unsung heroes of our township spent countless hours delivering fuel, clearing blocked driveways, assisting with generators, and reaching out to those in need.

Before we face another unexpected event, our Board would like to assemble an Emergency Committee. The committee would work hand in hand with the Board of Trustees, in the case of an unexpected event, to have a plan in place for our community. Everyone would have a role to play in the execution of an emergency plan, to best fill the most emergent needs of our residents.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact our office for an application, or download one from our website.

Camp Sea Gull Hosts

Thank you to our park hosts Gregg & Becky who arrived back to Charlevoix with a newly fallen tree across the access road to the lower part of the park. Gregg made quick work clearing the tree and debris, and of course, Becky made sure the park was clean and ready for visitors. We appreciate all of their hard work and are so fortunate to have them back this year!

Save the Bees!

How We Can Help



1 Support local and organic farmers.

2 Practice organic gardening at home.

3 Plant bee-friendly wild flowers & shrubs.

4 Bees are thirsty - put a small basin of fresh water outside your home.

5 Only buy local, raw honey.

6 Say no to pesticides.

10 Become a beekeeper.

9 Make you own 'wild bee' house.

8 Educate yourself and your loved ones about the importance of bees.

7 Stop weeding.



Hayes Township Trivia

Shelley Dorgan

knew that Undine was the name for a mythological water nymph, and she is our trivia winner for May!

An Undine is an elemental underwater being, with the Latin origin meaning 'little wave'. Learning something new about the history of our township!

MAY TRIVIA QUESTION:

Since we are coming up on bonfire weather and stories told around the fire pit...

Ghost stories have been told about something that can only be viewed in the

water. Hayes is a connecting area to this storied space.

Where is this and what are the stories about?

Submit your answers to treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov.

Good Luck!

Governor's award 'quite an honor' for Charlevoix Historical Society and partners



The Charlevoix Historical Society and its preservation partners received a 2025 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation on May 8 at the Lansing State Capital. Pictured (from left to right) are Ryan Schumaker, State Historic Preservation Officer; a representative from State Rep. Parker Fairbairn's office, Lindsey Dotson, Trevor Dotson, Denise Fate, Mark Heydlauff (City of Charlevoix), Michelle Smay (Smay Trombley Architecture), Robert Jess (Freshwater Church) and Steve Seeborn (Historic Paint Consultation). Provided by the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Looking for fun things to do with your family this summer?



Michigan Activity Pass provides Michigan library cardholders with the opportunity to discover and explore participating cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds and recreation areas in the state at a discounted rate.

Go to: <https://miactivitypass.org>

BeAlert FEMA signup

Charlevoix County residents can sign up for emergency alert texts through BeAlert. This alert system is FREE and a great resource to have.

Here is the link : <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=C-CEOEM>.

Hayes Township Calendar

June 2025

Monday, June 2 • 4:30

Parks & Recreation

*at Camp Sea Gull

Thursday, June 5 • 1pm

Community Coffee

Monday, June 9 • 6pm

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Hearing

Monday, June 9 • 7pm

Board of Trustee

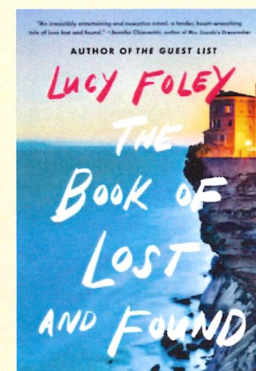
Tuesday, June 17 • 7pm

Planning Commission

Thursday, June 19 • 1pm

Book Club

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



June Book Club Pick!

**The Book of
Lost and Found**
by Lucy Foley

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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