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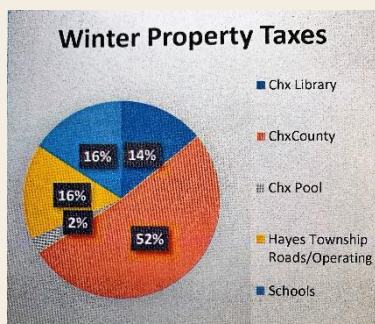
Spring 2019 Edition

# Hayes Township



**Tax Breakdown >>>**  
**Where does your tax money go?**

Your property tax bill has a lot of abbreviations and random decimal points on it—not very clear to most people. The money is divided up among many entities—the schools, the Veterans, the seniors, as well as many other community programs, all get money from property tax payments. For your Winter Taxes, the main division of money goes to Charlevoix County, Charlevoix Community Pool, Charlevoix Library, schools, and Hayes Township Road and Operating funds.



**Strength in History:**  
**Old homes tell wonderful tales...**

*Our Township Supervisor, Ron VanZee, lives in a home that is part of the history of this area. He shares his thoughts, discoveries, and what keeps him rooted in Hayes Township.*

I live in an old farmhouse. It's not just an ordinary farm house, but one that was part of the original Undine Stettlement. Built in 1896 by the Baccott family, it has served as home to countless people, especially during the time the Danly Family owned it. to remove carpet and see that by the nailing pattern on the floor the current bedroom was once 3 separate bedrooms. Or to remodel a bathroom only to find the tile was installed the old way with concrete and wire mesh requiring a wrecking ball to actually make a dent. The bathtubs were all cast iron, to truly test a farm boy's strength, and the wall cavity behind the medicine cabinet was filled with razor blades and dusty skeletons of several different species of creature. We have plumbing woven into a maze that would take several decades to decipher and longer for water to pass through, corncobs used as insulation in the attic, but the best prize has been a wall-mounted General Electric Tungal 6 volt car battery charger with a series of 5 light bulbs indicating the amount of charge in the battery. There are some other great events, such as a flowing river through the basement during a heavy rain, a visit from the occasional bat, and kitchen countertop

temperatures that keep butter firmer than our fridge. My wife calls all of this character. What I call it depends on the day. Hayes Township also has interesting character and history. It is a beautiful place to raise my family, filled with breathtaking views, beautiful lakes and waterways, and great hard-working people. Reviewing files, minutes, and plans sheds a completely different light on how our Township has evolved, just like politics, friendships, and diversity has played a role in past decisions is just amazing. Although I have always worked for or with government, I never had the desire to run for public office—but I am glad I did in Hayes Township. Becoming involved with the day to day activities of operations I have learned more than I ever could by just living here. I have met countless people in this position that I never would have known. The downside: I seem to run out of phone data often. You too can get involved, and you won't be sorry. Check out website, come to a meeting. You will want to learn more too.

Working hard >>>

## Planning Commission: Revising our Township Master Plan

**Master plan:** A master plan is a blueprint for the future. It is a comprehensive document, long-range in its view, that is intended to guide **development** in the **township** for the next 10 to 20 years

### Revision

Every five years, the Planning Commission reviews and revises our Master Plan. This gives everyone an opportunity to make appropriate changes that reflect the most up to date information.



The process of revision takes a lot of hard work for the members of the commission. They are working hard to accurately update each section of the plan.

The Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The meeting dates are posted in the front window of the Township Hall as well. Residents are welcome to attend and learn about revisions being made, as well as give feedback on the vision for our Township.

## How can I get more involved in Hayes Township?

We are always looking for fresh ideas and voices in the Township. Coming to any of the meetings is always a great way to hear the most current issues being discussed, as well as a sounding board for residents to share their comments as well. There are applications at the Township hall to join an advisory board. We are also currently looking to put together both Fundraising and Grant Writing committees. Stop in for the most up to date information. Your voices are important to us, and we love to hear what's on your mind.



Hayes Township will not be having our Spring Clean Up this year. We are re-scheduling it to 2020.

Any residents looking to get rid of large items can take them to the American Waste Facility located at: 08860 Park Circle Drive. They are open from 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday. Their phone number is (231)547-2162.

Hazardous waste disposal information for Charlevoix County will be available soon. We will share these details on our website as well as have the fliers available at the Township Hall.

## Park Plans >>>

### Parks & Recreation Committee:

## Working Hard Toward a Bright Future for Hayes Twp. Parks

Parks and Recreation Committee recently welcomed several new fresh and energetic members to their committee. Katy Hill, Leslie Cunningham, Paul Zardus, and Lisa Kuebler were all recently appointed to the Parks and Rec Committee, and Chairperson Michelle Rick-Biddick says "I am very encouraged by our new members and believe we can do great things for our wonderful parks."

The committee is working toward finding and submitting requests for grants that would help Hayes Township continue to make improvements on our parks.

A grant request with the Community Foundation has been submitted in order to hire a professional Park Consultant to help us move forward with planning for the future of all of our parks. They have also discussed options for possible community events to organize over the summer.

Rick-Biddick welcomes anyone interested to attend their meetings and/or share any thoughts or suggestions they might have.



*Notes from our Clerk, Warren Nugent*

**High Speed Internet Coming to Hayes**

**Township** - Beginning as early as April this year Truestream, powered by Great Lakes Energy, will be installing their fiber network. Truestream says they will install areas that show the most interest first and registering with them costs nothing and will not obligate residents to buy Truestream services in the future, however registering now will save you installation fee's later (\$149.00 value). For more information call 1-888-485-2537 or go to join truestream.com

**Township Residents Voice Their Concerns**

– The Planning Commission held a public hearing March 13<sup>th</sup> to take public comments on a proposed cement batch plant in the township by Emer's Inc. I was proud of the many residents who took time to participate in the process and make their feelings known. Many of the residents were able to freely speak their mind. The hearing was conducted very well by Planning Commission Chair Roy Griffitts and the Planning Commission members. Elmer's obviously has been listening to the residents as they have asked for a delay in the process to re-evaluate their plan and hope to come back in June with an updated plan more suited to resident's concerns. Stay tuned for updates.

**Hayes Township Park Phase 1 Update:**

Hayes Township Park remains closed to the public through the spring and as the completion of the construction continues in June. The projected completion date is June 15; however, this is dependent on many safety factors that need to be in place before the park is officially opened.

The health and safety of everyone remains the most important issue in opening the park and addressing these issues may cause delays.

We will keep everyone updated on the progress on our Township website as well as at our Board Meetings.



**Township Fiscal Health** – The last few months township monthly bills have been under budget, improving our overall available General Fund cash flow. Our cash flow will start getting tight in July as we will only have around \$88,258 before dipping into the Township Reserve.

The low point is in September when we are only about \$45,865 above the reserve until tax revenue starts coming in. The problem is Phase I park money is all spoken for so any added costs this spring to the Camp Seagull project will have to come out of the general fund. Based on a recently completed Township Risk Assessment we know we have to add some fencing, safety railings on the walkway and near the boat launch. There are drainage issues on the west end and the steep hill may be breaking down and need to be addressed.

**Township Deputy Clerk** – After considering four well-qualified candidates for the position, I would like to announce that we welcomed Kristin Baranski to the Township Team as the Deputy clerk. Kristin is well qualified and has hit the ground running giving me much needed help over the last few weeks. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Kristin and I at the Township Hall 231-547-6961. Feel free to email either of us as well: [clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov) [deputyclerkhayes@gmail.com](mailto:deputyclerkhayes@gmail.com).

Thanks again for giving us the opportunity to serve as your Township Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

**Township Hall  
Office Hours:**

*Monday: 9-12pm*

*Tuesday: 9-12pm*

*Wednesday: 9-4pm*

*Thursday: 9-12pm*

*(all hours subject to change-  
please call anytime to verify)*

**Mark Your Calendar:  
Upcoming Township  
Meetings**

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend all monthly meetings. Bring your ideas and questions and come hear what's going on in our wonderful Township!

**Parks & Recreation Board:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday the month:

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (5:30pm)

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (7pm)

Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> (7pm)

**Board of Trustees:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @7pm:

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

**Planning Commission:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @7pm:

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>



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