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# Haves Voice

#### **Voice Mission Statement:**

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

#### CONNECTING **OUR** COMMUNITY

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May 2023

#### **Hayes Township Hall**









Did you know that residents can rent our township hall for events?

Free for memorial gatherings, and only \$100 rental fee/\$100 deposit. There are tables, chairs, and a kitchen available for your event. Summer weekends fill up quickly, so call (231)547-6961 to reserve your date.

Rental forms are available in the office and on our website as well.

#### Notes from the Special Board of Trustee/ Planning Commission Meeting

- A special meeting was held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, to discuss green pit gravel extraction by Rieth-Riley.
- Hayes Township's attorney gave an overview of history of the gravel pit and the consent judgement that came from a lawsuit in the early 1990's.
- Supervisor Ron VanZee, with board support, instructed the township attorney to address the list of concerns brought up by residents and board members at the meeting.

#### Notes from the April 2023 Board of Trustee Meeting

- The Board of Trustees voted to approve the welding bid from Tip of the Mitt welding for repairs on the skid dock at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull. They also voted on the purchase of new buoys for the Eastern Avenue Beach swim area.
- The Board supported closing the township EMS Construction account at Charlevoix State Bank as construction is complete.

#### Notes from the April 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

- An early recommendation was made by the Advisory Group that the PC hold off on further edits of the Zoning Ordinance until they have shared their collective input.
- PC embraced this request, and a unanimous motion was passed.
- A productive back and forth conversation took place regarding the shoreline presentation given at the March PC meeting.

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

#### Notes from April 2023 Advisory Group Meeting

- The final focus was RuralResidential/Agricultural/Recreational.
- Topics of concern/discussion included: accessory dwelling units may help lack of affordable housing, needing to prepare and plan for future development, protecting Rural Residential housing, maintaining rural character, possibility of denser housing in the future, and wetland topography posing challenges.
- The Advisory Group has their own website: hayesmasterplan.org. All information and meeting dates, as well as ZOOM recordings, will be posted on this website by Beckett & Raeder.

## Notes from April 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

- The Parks and Recreation Committee will be getting bids from local contractors to remove the broken concrete at the old launch at Camp Sea Gull, as well as having running water at the top and bottom of the park.
- The committee discussed a focus to address grant opportunities that would assist the township to focus on stabilization of the shoreline at Camp Sea Gull.

All Parks and Recreation correspondence can be sent to <u>hayestownshippr@gmail.com</u>

#### Hayes Township Calendar May 2023

Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> Parks & Recreation, 6pm

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Community Coffee, 1pm

Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees, 7pm

Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Resident Advisory Group 6pm

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission, 7pm

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th,</sup>** Hayes Township Book Club, 1pm

Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> ZBA Public Hearing, 10am

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



#### May Book Club Pick!

Our next book club novel is "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig

This book has amazing reviews and we can't wait to talk about it.
Our book club will meet on
Thursday, May 18th at 1pm at the Hayes Township Hall.

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



15 Boxes were packed and shipped to our Michigan National Guard Troops Stationed overseas! These volunteers spent part of their spring break assembling the boxes with goodies from home. Thank you to all the residents and local businesses who made donations for this shipment.

We are continuing to collect donations for the next group of boxes to ship. Contact the office or visit our website for more information.

Hayes Township has recently lost an amazing long-time resident Cliff Biddick. Cliff had participated in many different township boards through the years, including the Planning Commission and Board of Review. He was a dedicated and involved individual who brought a sense of humor and unique wisdom to every group and was a friend to many people in our community.

In lieu of flowers, the Biddick family has requested donations be made to several organizations, including the Humane Society. As a tribute to Cliff and the love he had for animals, we will be collecting items to donate to the local Humane Society in his name.



#### We are collecting: (new, unopened)

- Dog/Cat food (wet & dry)
- Cleaning supplies
- Towels & blankets, new or used
- Soft, chewy dog treats
- Hard rubber toys
- Frisbees to make licky treats for dogs
- Rattle/"Fishing pole" toys for cats
- Harnesses, new or used\*

- Kitty Litter
- Paper towel
- Trash Bags, kitchen & large sized
- Lickable treats for cats
- Slow Feeder/Puzzle bowls for cats/dogs
- Plush toys for cats and dogs
- Quick release buckle collars for dogs
- Standard leashes, new or used\*

\*Just a tip: some of this stuff can be found at TJ Maxx, Marshalls, and HomeGoods for a great price.

All monetary donations should be made out directly to the Humane Society Thank you for your generous donations!

#### **HAYES RESIDENTS:**

Thank you for your fantastic feedback on the Hayes Township Voice! We are so glad you are enjoying the monthly township updates coming to your doorstep. With transparency in mind, we wanted to let our residents know that the cost each month per household is \$0.68.

For \$8.16 per year a household, we are dedicated to continuing to build community connection.

#### Spring Clean Up

Just a reminder to our residents that our spring clean up is scheduled every other year and the next one will be in 2024. There is a Charlevoix County recycle and hazardous waste event being held June 9th and 10th. Appointments can be made by calling (231)547-0080. For a complete list of items and more information, you can visit their website or charlevoixcounty.org/recycling.

#### New Website ZOOM meeting links

In order to streamline our zoom meeting links, we have included all ZOOM meeting links in our website calendar.

To join in any ZOOM meeting, simply visit the township website at hayestownshipmi.gov. Scroll down to the Board Calendar on the left side and click on the meeting you would like to virtually attend.

There will be a link that says Event Website. Click that and it will link you to the Zoom meeting.

We hope this helps all residents who wish to participate virtually. See you on ZOOM!

#### Bay Shore Gravel Pit/Green Pit Update

We are in constant communication with Rieth-Riley regarding the green pit gravel excavation. They have been very cooperative and are addressing every issue our township attorney has inquired about. We will continue to share updates on our website and at future meetings with our residents as they become available.



### Voice Views

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#### Spotlight on: The Charlevoix Public Library

Charlevoix Public Library Director Ryan Deery likes to describe our library as the "living room of the community. We want to be the place you choose for resources, for activities, for support and socializing." This broad goal translates into a variety of services that any resident of the library district which includes all of Hayes Township, can take advantage of.

As it has been for over 100 years, the library is still your source for reading resources like bestselling or informational books and movies. However, library users can also download digital items like ebooks, digital magazines, and downloadable audio books through the library's two free apps: Libby by Overdrive and Hoopla. "We have seen a massive increase in the use of our free digital resources" said Director Deery, "it really seems to be catching on."

Users can also check out unique items from the Library of Things like a guitar, croquet set, metal detector, WiFi hotspot, induction cooktop, and so much more.

The library is also your hub for informational programs and classes. This past winter, the library featured recreational programs for adults such as the winter blues concert series as well as classes on finding morel mushrooms, watercolor painting, ice fishing, brewing kombucha, and much more. For kids, this winter featured chess clinics, improv workshops, and story time. To find out what is coming next, check the library's website at charlevoixlibrary.org

The library is also your resource for technology. Whether that means using one of the library's computers, connecting to our high-speed Wi-Fi, faxing or printing, or finding the help you need with your own technology, the library has your back. Especially popular is the Teach Me Tech class where you can sign up for one-on-one help with a technology expert.

Finally, we are lucky to have such a spectacular library facility that can be used for meetings, getting your work done, as well as socializing. "Last year, our meeting rooms were booked over 700 times by community groups, businesses, high schoolers studying, or remote workers," said Director Deery. Spaces like the youth area which is full of educational toys or the Belvedere room with its fireplace and cozy armchairs are perfect for spending a few minutes or a few hours.

All of this and more belongs to all of us and is funded by all of us so stop in to your Charlevoix Public Library found at 220 W. Clinton St. or give the library a call at 231-547-2651 to learn more.

\*Notes to Hayes Residents: the free wi-fi at the Township Hall is thanks to the Charlevoix Public Library!

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