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Voice Mission Statement:

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

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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

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August 2023

From the Desk of Hayes Township Supervisor Ron VanZee:

"Being a volunteer means that you are offering something – something that is not required nor an obligation."

You do not volunteer for the pursuit of a monetary prize or recognition. You volunteer because the optimist inside you, perhaps the idealist, spies a glimmer of hope. You understand that you are helping.

The reality of how important volunteers are has surely been reflective in Hayes Township.

During the 4th of July weekend, when Hayes Township

Park was filled with people, boats, and boat trailers, residents stepped up to the plate, keeping everyone safe and making that day a pleasant experience for everyone.

When we were on a search to find a lawn service to complete spring cleanup at Undine Cemetery, volunteers showed up with weed whackers, lawn mowers, chain saws and leaf blowers and showed what real teamwork and dedication can accomplish.

The township could never flourish and find the success we have without people who give their personal time to help with committees, commissions, boards, elections, and everyday business activities. I want to say thank you to each person that serves as a member of the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Parks and Recreation, Election, as well as the township individuals who are willing to lend a hand every time there is a need to be filled. The residents who take it upon themselves to clean our township, almost on a daily basis, help a neighbor in need, and spread kindness through our community, we see you: we thank you.

You make a difference. You make us better. Thank you! There is a place for you. All my best,

Ron

Notes from the June 26th, 2023, Special Planning Commission Meeting

• The Planning Commissioners reviewed the Shoreline Protection Subcommittee report on 11667 Pa Ba Shan site plan. The PC voted to approve the protective strip site plan review with approval of Tip of the Mitt for plantings, and that the shoreline strip should remain in its natural state.

Notes from the July 2023 Board of Trustee Meeting

- Reports were presented from the various board members and township staff.
- The board discussed how volunteers stepped up to help get the Undine Cemetery cleaned up for the season. The township is working to find a local company to assist with landscape care.

Notes from the July 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

- The Planning Commissioners reviewed the Advisory Committee report on the future land use map and are preparing to make decisions at the August meeting.
- Discussion began about the Zoning Ordinance draft verbiage.
- A Special Shoreland review meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 25.

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

Notes from July 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

- The committee members discussed donation amenity opportunities for the parks.
- It has been recommended that the old wooden steps at Camp Sea Gull be removed for safety.
- Options for the area in front of the pavilion and helping prevent erosion are being compiled.
- All members will be reviewing the Recreation Master Plan and bringing edit suggestions to the August meeting.

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

Hayes Township Calendar August 2023

Thursday, August 3rd Community Coffee, 1pm

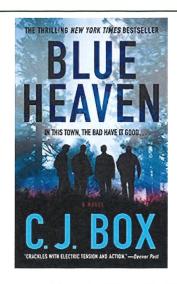
Monday, August 7th
Parks and Recreation
Committee, 6pm*

Monday, August 14th Board of Trustees, 7pm

Tuesday, August 15th
Planning Commission, 7pm

Thursday, August 17th
Hayes Township Book Club, 1pm

All events are held at the Hayes Township Hall unless otherwise noted. *Meeting will be at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull



August Book Club Pick!

Blue Heaven by C.J. Box

We have a real thriller for our end of summer read.

Our book club will meet on Thursday, August 17 at 1pm at the Hayes Township Hall.

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





Music in the Park!

Beautiful music in a beautiful place...We are working with local musicians to schedule a few August evenings of live music in Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull. Keep an eye on our website for the dates and times.







Our EMS Crew on the ready, helping the smallest members of our community, and working as a team.



FARMERS MARKETS

Don't miss out on the local produce and goods for sale at the fantastic farmer's markets.

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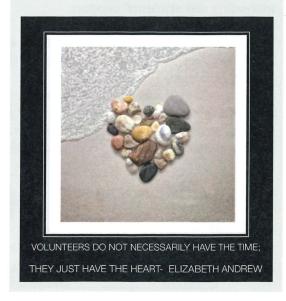
Bridge Street Every Thursday from 8am-1pm, Through October 26

BOYNE CITY

Veterans Park
Wednesday & Saturday,
from 8am-Noon
(Special Day August 12
at Peninsula Beach)

PETOSKEY

on Howard Street Every Friday from 8:30am-1pm





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Spotlight on: Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Mike Ritter

What are the latest updates you can share about Charlevoix Schools?

Charlevoix Public Schools is currently preparing for the upcoming school year by hiring staff and cleaning/maintaining our buildings. We are also working on several facility projects, including a new roof at our middle high school, upgrades to our field house, an upgrade to our preschoolers' playground, and installing new fencing at Kipke Field.

What programs or improvements would you like to see implemented within the next few years?

We continue to monitor our student achievement each year and adjust our curriculum materials, strategies, and support to meet the needs of our students. We are also working on safety and security within our district and are currently installing new speaker systems that interact with our new phone systems, which will improve our ability to communicate quickly.

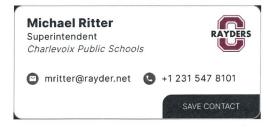
What changes are you excited/proud about that will impact the students?

In the next few years, we plan to continue monitoring our student achievement and adjusting our curriculum materials to meet our students' needs. We are proud that in the past two years, we have hired a behavior specialist, math specialist, technology coordinator, STEM teacher, and director of technology, who have all greatly contributed to increasing our students' support.

What message would you like to share with the families of the school kids as they prepare to start a new year? To the families of our children, we wish them all a successful and fulfilling school year.

What would you like to share with the Charlevoix Community about Charlevoix Schools?

As for the Charlevoix community, I want everyone to know that we strive to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students, and we are grateful for the continued support across the board for our students. I greatly appreciate how our community always steps up to support Charlevoix Public Schools!



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