

2018 Winter Newsletter



**Rik Kowall
Supervisor**

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the new White Lake Township Newsletter! As Supervisor, one of my goals was to find as many avenues as possible to communicate with residents. To that end, we plan to communicate in print more frequently because we know this is the best way to reach most everyone. In addition, we also created a Facebook page this year called **Whitelaketwp** and of course we still have our website **www.WhiteLakeTwp.com** where you can find answers for many of your questions. In the very near future a new electronic Township sign will be installed in the area next to our offices. The new sign will allow us to communicate messages real time for you to see as you drive by the Township Hall on things like election dates, tax due dates, special events and more!

This newsletter will highlight things we are working on in the Township and help direct you to the proper avenue to find out more detailed information on the things you want to know. We hope that you will find it useful and informative!

Supervisor, *Rik Kowall*

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE



The last year has been very busy. The Townships continued growth is apparent as you drive around town. The Civic Center area is busy with activity as the new White Lake Library is rising from the ground. An opportunity for the Township to purchase the old Brendel Lake Campground is underway with an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant. If the application

is approved it will provide 74% of the funding. If we are able to move forward with the purchase of this campground we can preserve this natural resource for residents to enjoy for years to come.

Four Corners is moving forward and will include Taco Bell, mixed retail and apartments. Rumor has it a much needed sit down restaurant will also be included! Multiple new developments such as Redwood (across from Meijer), Preserve at Hidden Lake and Lake Pointe (both in the Union Lake corridor) are open or coming soon. A new Mexican restaurant called Mojave Cantina at Tull Lake plaza is on the horizon too!

Road improvements around the Township including Bogie Lake Road, Cedar Island East approach at Bogie, M-59 and Grass Lake Road are either complete or in process. The Cedar Island East approach at Bogie is the first co-operative project the Township has ever done with the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) and the improvement has been remarkable. The Township will continue to look for roads that make sense to partner with the RCOC in a cost effective manner to aid the improvements of our Township roads.

As you can see, there has been a lot of interest from developers in White Lake. The challenge as Supervisor is to keep a balance of development and growth while trying to preserve the natural beauty of our area.



Supervisor Kowall and Police Chief Keller in new T.E.A.M. Truck.

CLERK'S OFFICE

By the time you receive this newsletter the Clerk's office will have completed the administration of the primary and gubernatorial elections. We were pleased to see the high turnout this year. If you would like to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list for future elections, please contact us. Election results can also be found on the White Lake Township website under the Clerk's Department tab.

The Township website also stores Board of Trustee meeting minutes for your reference in addition to all local Ordinances, forms and permits. The website is located at www.whitelaketwp.com.

Cemetery lots can be purchased for both the White Lake Cemetery (White Lake Road) and Oxbow Lakeside Cemetery (Elizabeth Lake Road) through the Clerk's Office. Plots fees range from \$600.00 for residents to \$1,000.00 for non-residents. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 248-698-3300 (ext.7) for additional information regarding any of these items.

Terry Lilley CMC, CMMC, Clerk

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

The Treasurer's Dept. accepts cash or checks at the counter. Taxes can also be paid on-line on the White Lake Township Website. For on-line payments use the "Pay Local Taxes" link on the Treasurer's section of the website. Please know that fees are charged for on-line payments.

Passports – White Lake Township is an Acceptance Agent for U.S. Passport applications. We process applications by appointment only. Please call for appointments.

Dog Licenses – 2019 Dog licenses will go on sale beginning December 10, 2018.

Property Taxes – Winter taxes are payable through February 14th, 2019 without late fees. Please include your phone number on your check or tax remittance slip in case we have issues with your check.

Mike Roman, Treasurer

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER

The Dublin Senior Center thrives on empowering seniors to celebrate living! Stop in for a tour and see all the updates to our building. For Senior Center Newsletter and Calendar of Events go to www.whitelaketwp.com – Open home page, click on Services & Departments, scroll to Dublin Community Senior Center, click open. Hope to see you soon!

Kathy Gordinear, Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelming support this past August! The police millage renewal passed by a record-making number of votes. The men and women of the White Lake Township Police Department will continue to work diligently to improve the quality of life for our citizens. Our Department wholeheartedly believes that our efforts would not be successful without the relationship enjoyed between the White Lake Township Police Department and our residents and businesses. We have many services available to you including our Vacation House Check program, Senior Welfare program, Radar Trailer, Prescription Drug Dropoff, White Lake Police Business Program, Vehicle Lockouts, Citizens Academy, Police Youth Academy, Shop with a Cop, Station Tours and Police Open House. Please visit our web page at whitelakepolice.com or like us on Facebook at White Lake Police for more information on all of these program and more. We thank you for partnering with us to make this community-focused police department one of the best in the state of Michigan!

Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permits Issued (9/28/18) Number of Permits Issued (1,905):

Building.....688	Electrical.....436
Mechanical.....501	Plumbing.....268

Plan reviews conducted through 9/19/2018: **602**

New Businesses in the Township

Fed-Ex (inside Walmart), Lefty's Cheesesteak (M-59 & Hill Road) Taco Bell (Cooley Lake & Union). The development will also include a retail plaza and luxury apartments. Worthington Crossing (Ranch style attached apartments across from Meijer)

When Are Permits Necessary?

Permits are required for new homes, additions, renovations, decks, roofs, windows, new furnaces or A/C units and other building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing projects. Building permits provide the means for our Building Official and inspectors to protect us by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction. Please call us at 248.698.3300 Ext. 2 for any questions regarding construction projects in the area, or permitting questions.

New White Lake Township Library

The new Township Library is making great progress, drive by and check it out for yourself. (10055 Elizabeth Lake Road, between M-59 and Town Center Blvd)

Brent Bonnavier, White Lake Township Building Official

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Per Michigan law, all Real and Personal Property, subject to taxation, shall be assessed annually. Assessments are estimated at 50% of the market value. As market value changes, so does your assessment. Property owners have a responsibility for reporting any changes, made to their property that would affect its value. Property owners are strongly encouraged to stop by the Assessing office to verify that the information in our records accurately reflect your property.

Special Assessment District (SAD): Residents who are interested in the extension of water mains, sanitary sewers, and/or road repairs in their neighborhood may want to petition for a Special Assessment District. For questions regarding SAD, please contact Jeanine Smith at 248-698-3300 ext. 3

Garbage: Green for Life (GFL) is the name of the waste management company contracted by the Township. If your garbage cart is damaged and no longer useable, please call GFL at 1-844-464-3587. **No-Haz Day is set for June 8th, 2019.**

Jeanine Smith, Assessor

FIRE DEPARTMENT



2018 Annual Fire Department Open House

The Fire Department's Open House was held September 30, 2018 from 1-4 PM at Fire Station #1. Although the weather was chilly, the community enjoyed a live extrication demonstration, a fire apparatus display, squirt and bounce houses, simulated bandaging, face painting, fire prevention materials, and refreshments. Our sponsors help make our annual Open House a great success.

Hiring Update: Two New Career Division Firefighter/EMTs

The top two candidates have completed a rigorous Civil Service testing and interview procedure. They now advance to the next stage of the qualification process. Watch for a future newsletter introducing our newly selected Career Division Firefighter/EMTs.

Rescue Air Boat Proposed

The Fire Department is examining pursuing specifications for a custom built rescue air boat. With 21 named lakes in the Township, the need is there to provide quick access on open water, partially frozen lakes, and on the ice during emergency situations. The boat shown is an approximation of the type of rescue craft being considered.

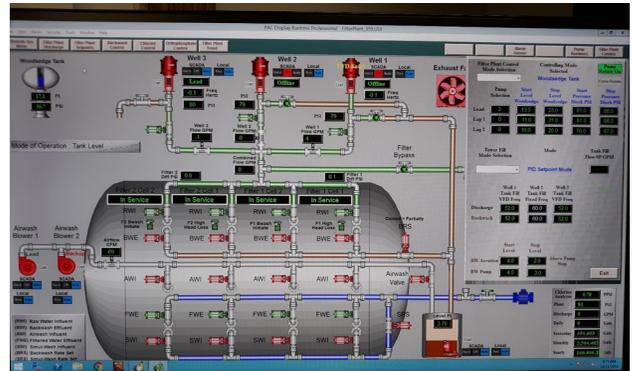


Andrew Gurka, Fire Chief

WATER DEPARTMENT

DPS SCADA SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

In February 2018, the White Lake DPS launched a project to replace its aging SCADA system. SCADA, also known as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, is a software tool that allows the Township to collect and analyze large amounts of data beneficial in operating the water system efficiently. This program offers many benefits such as 24-hour mobile access to operators for control and security monitoring and the ability to observe, compare and contrast long term trending data for maintenance management. The system includes SCADA and Security Cameras for all of our drinking water facilities as well as reporting software for management.



The Township was awarded a \$32,000 grant through Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association which will assist with the project cost.

Aaron Potter, DPS Director

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Community Development Department has been busy. We recently worked with the Planning Commission to update the Township's CIP (Capital Improvements Plan), renew our current Master Plan for Land Use, and amend some of the sections in Zoning Ordinance 58 (all of these documents can be found on our website). Several recently approved projects are currently under construction around the Township. We are working with prospective developers who are interested in new commercial and residential projects as well. We hope to hear good news before the end of the year from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, on a grant request to purchase a 57 Acre park on the west side of Elizabeth Lake Road (between M-59 and Teggeddine Road), with frontage on Brendel Lake.

Sean O'Neil AICP, Planning Director