

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL CLEANUP

The Annual Township Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Charles Hicking Park from 8 am to 12 pm.

Acceptable Items: Trash, garbage, furniture, mattresses, appliances **without** refrigerant or freon, building materials (no contractor waste), dry latex or water-based paints in open cans, tires (\$6/per tire fee, **cash** only). Each household is entitled to one free trailer load; additional loads accepted for \$10 each (**cash** only).

Unacceptable Items: Yard waste, concrete/cement/asphalt, liquid paints or stains, household batteries, fluorescent bulbs, electronics, televisions, computers, hazardous waste, solvents, oil, gasoline, kerosene, antifreeze, pesticides, insecticides, appliances with freon or refrigerants, propane tanks, asbestos tiles, automotive batteries, ammunition, medical waste, medication, prescription drugs or sharps.

The Kalkaska Conservation District is offering a Hazardous Waste and Electronics Disposal also on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at the Kalkaska Middle School from 9 am to 12 pm. They are also hosting a Tire Recycling Collection event on Saturday, August 15, 2026 from 9 am to 1 pm. Call the Conservation office with questions at 231-258-3307.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

After a long winter and extremely wet spring, the township has a lot of news to report. The heavy rains in April did raise levels at our dams. If you were following our Facebook page, you know our Township Supervisor was working closely with EGLE Dam Safety, Kalkaska County, and the Road Commission to monitor the status and create an emergency plan in case levels became critical. Although safe levels were maintained, the township will be doing some erosion repairs and maintenance to ensure future safety. We are seeking assistance from FEMA to help with the costs.

Boardman Township will be seeing orange barrels and construction crews in three areas this year. The County Road Commission will be paving Puffer Road from Farm Lane to Boardman with funds from the county millage. Your Boardman Township road millage will be funding two much needed projects. 3 miles of Boardman Road will be resurfaced from Puffer to Wellman Pond. Also, a 1/4 mile of Hart Road will be rebuilt and repaved from Hall Road to the north.

This August 4, 2026 will be the state's primary election. We will also have early voting available from July 25 to August 2. Aside from state and county items, our township will have some items. Most important, our township road and fire millages have expired and we are asking for your support of the new millages. If you need to register to vote or have any election questions, please contact our Township Clerk.

This is the final year for completing our ARPA projects. The designs for the Upper Dam will be completed so that the township can make a long-term plan for their implementation. Construction is completed of the new shed at the cemetery and pavilion at Gerald Gauthier Park and electrical work will be wrapped up shortly. There will also be some road upgrades at the cemetery. These federal funds through the ARPA plan have been very beneficial to our community.

Other items of interest include Perch Lake being stocked with perch, blue gill and minnows in May. The Township is also working on plans to repair the retaining wall at the beach. Our Boardman Fire Department will be receiving a new brush truck this summer to help fight wildfires.

Lastly, we would like to commend and thank the American Legion Post #463 for putting on an incredible celebration to commemorate the township's 150th anniversary. With many months of planning and lots of volunteers, the American Legion hosted a great community event that was a smashing success.

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PAYING YOUR TAXES

All property taxes are payable in person at the Boardman Township Hall at 4855 Pine Street on or before the final due date of September 14, 2026.

Regular office hours will be 2 pm to 5 pm every Wednesday from July 8 to September 9. The office will have extended hours from 9 am to 5 pm on Monday, September 14, 2026. In addition, you may schedule an appointment with our Treasurer that fits your schedule or request a Summer Deferment Application by calling (231) 369-3542 or sending an email to:

treasurer@boardmantownshipmi.net

Instructions are also printed on each property tax bill for mail or online payments. Online payments can also be made on the township website at:

www.boardmantownshipmi.net

TOWNSHIP RESOURCE FOCUS

We started this section several years ago and it's become a big hit with our readers. It is designed to expand our citizen's knowledge of local resources. Look for articles featuring local, county, and state resources that may benefit you! This month we take a look at our Township Treasurer.

∞Boardman Township Treasurer∞

Your Township Treasurer is an elected position that serves a term of 4 years. State law defines the duties and responsibilities as:

The treasurer is required to receive and take charge of all funds belonging to the township or which are required by law to be paid into the township treasury, and to pay over and account for the funds according to law or township board decision. (MCL 41.76)

Therefore, in the case of property taxes, the treasurer issues a bill to each property owner based on a taxable value set by the Assessor, which was determined by state guidelines. The treasurer must collect the taxes and disburse them twice per month to the proper entities. Your tax bill may include operating allocations or voter approved millages for the township, school districts, or many county services. Your paid tax receipts are always available to you by request. Please provide a stamped self-addressed envelope or an email address with your request.

The treasurer must also keep a precise accounting of all receipts and expenditures for all township funds. This involves maintaining and balancing multiple bank accounts which are reconciled with the township clerk and also verified by the supervisor. The treasurer is also tasked with investing township funds when possible.

Summer Tax Deferment Available:

1. If your property is your principal residence and your gross household income is less than \$40,000, plus you are one of the following:
 - 62 years old, or surviving spouse of someone who was 62 or older at time of death
 - Paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic
 - Eligible serviceperson, veteran, widow or widower of veteran
 - Blind
 - Totally and permanently disabled
2. If your property is agricultural real property and is classified or used as agricultural property and your gross agricultural receipts for the previous year are not less than your previous year's gross household income.

This allows the taxpayer to delay the due date on the summer taxes until February 14, 2027 without any interest or penalties. To learn more, contact the treasurer by phone or email. Information and application is also available on the township's website at :

www.BoardmanTownshipMi.net

Kalkaska County is asking residents to take a brief survey regarding recycling before July 31, 2026. Visit www.bit.ly/kalkaskarecycle or scan this QR code:



FIRE & RESCUE

The Boardman Township Fire Department is looking for people willing to serve their friends, families and neighbors. Volunteers earn money for each call they are able to attend. Contact Fire Chief Randy Tinker at (231) 590-0172 or Chief9.btfr@gmail.com to find out how you can help keep this vital part of our community response alive. **New members are eligible for a \$1000 signing bonus.**

Our Fire Department also provides mutual aid to many surrounding communities. Fire Station #9 does more than fight fires, they assist with traffic control while on an accident scene, provide extrication services in severe auto accidents, and more.

Please follow our department on Facebook at:

@Boardman Township Fire & Rescue

RECREATION

Boardman Township has many parks and wildlife preserves within our boundaries for everyone to enjoy.

Hazel Butler Park—On School Street in South Boardman. This park features a playground, a T-ball field, basketball hoops, and picnic facilities.

Gerald Gaultier Memorial Park—On East Main St. This Park features picnic tables and grills plus a newly completed pavilion along the shore of Young's Pond. There are no restroom facilities here.

Charles Hicking Park—On Park Rd. off Supply. This park features a baseball field, playground and picnic pavilion with a porta-potty.

Perch Lake Township Park—On Hart Rd. The park features a swimming area with picnic facilities and bathroom. A boat launch is nearby on Woodman Rd. for non-motorized watercrafts.

South Boardman Nature Preserve—On Butler Rd. The 110-acre wildlife preserve with a walking trail encompasses the headwaters of the south branch of the Boardman River protecting the sensitive Albright Swamp Wetlands.

Visit us online at www.BoardmanTownshipMi.net. There you will find a calendar of events within the township, access to minutes, agendas and budgets, or links to pay your taxes, print summer tax deferment application, permits applications for zoning requests or land splits, and more! Also follow us on Facebook:

@BoardmanTownshipMI

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