**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER JULY 2016**  
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BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP OFFICES OFFICE PHONE: 989-275-8878 OFFICE HOURS OUR WEB SITE:   
8888 SOUTH GRAYLING ROAD OFFICE FAX: 989-275-9965 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.** [**www.beavercreektownship.com**](http://www.beavercreektownship.com) **GRAYLING, MI 49738 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS: DEPUTIES: PLANNING COMMISSION: BOARD OF REVIEW: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**BRIAN ASHTON DEPUTY SUPERVISOR: MARIO GARNETT (CHAIRMAN) DOUG KEIPERT (CHAIRMAN) STEVE NELSON  
SHARON HARTMAN CAROL RAYBUCK BERNIE PETERS JOHN WELT SKIP LIBERTY  
KIM VAN NUCK DEPUTY CLERK: BILL WEAVER JOHN BROMLEY TIM FRANCIS  
MEAGAN LITTLE HOPE SCHRAM STEVE NELSON BRIAN ASHTON SECRETARY   
LEE RILEY DEPUTY TREAURER: MEAGAN LITTLE ALTERNATE: JUDY UMLOR DEB HELSEL   
  
**ZONING ADM-DON JOHNSON: BOARD MEETINGS: TRANSFER SITE HOURS:**IN OFFICE TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAYS Are held second Tuesday of every month @ 10:00 a.m. SATURDAY 8 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
 SUNDAY 1 P.M. – 6 P.M.  
 **2016-2017 MEETING SCHEDULES:** WEDNESDAY 4 P.M. – 7 P.M.   
**ASSESSOR CLAYTON MCGOVERN:** JULY 12 JANUARY 10  
IN OFFICE MONDAY MORNINGS ONLY AUGUST 09 FEBRUARY 14  
 SEPTEMBER 13 MARCH 14  
 OCTOBER 11 APRIL 11  
 NOVEMBER 07 MAY 09  
 DECEMBER 13 JUNE 13   
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**FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED**  
Beaver Creek Fire Department is accepting applications for firefighters. Applications and additional information can be obtained by contacting the department offices at 989-275-8548, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am-5pm.

**WHAT’S NEW?**Due to the excessive increase in the cost of recycling, and the results of an impromptu citizen survey during the township’s special meeting, of June 20th 2016, the Board has voted to discontinue recycling, effective August 1, 2016, until other more cost efficient methods can be found.  
  
On advice, of the township attorney, the Board has approved Ordinance #49, Medical Marihuana Caregiver Center Ordinance, which will establish standards and procedures for licensing Medical Marihuana Caregiver Center businesses. This and all of the townships ordinances can be found on the beavercreektownship.com web site.

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP TRANSFER SITE:** Located at 8756 S. Grayling Road, north of the Township Hall. You must have a transfer site sticker permanently attached on your vehicle’s windshield.  
Price for a second vehicle sticker is $3.00 with a limit of two stickers per residence. If you change vehicles, or the sticker gets damaged we will replace it free of charge.  
Recycle meetings are posted on the Crawford County Calendar at www.crawfordco.org.  
Attention-Please Take Note: The Transfer site now is able to accept used tires at a cost of $3.50 each. You will be allowed up to 4 tires per year per improved parcel. The tires can be no larger than auto tires, no rims allowed.

**COMMUNITY CENTER/PAVILION:**   
The Community Center and Pavilion is available to rent for all occasions. For more information visit our web page or call our office.

**SUPERVISOR BRIAN ASHTON:**After two terms as Beaver Creek Township Supervisor, I am retiring and sadly this is my last newsletter. I have had the privilege to work with a great team and have enjoyed, not only a cohesive working environment, but have made lifelong friendships. Public officials are sworn into office to uphold the state constitution and have strict statutory requirements. These obligations I have done my best to observe.  
Many of Beaver Creek Township’s major longstanding issues have been resolved. An underfunded and long over looked pension obligation, which the township’s board, with the help of our attorney, funded without excessive burden to the residents, and preserved our relationship with the Beaver Creek Township employees affected. We credit our attorney for his skillful guidance.  
Our team has improved, updated, and expanded policies, procedures and ordinances, which are used as a format to guide us in the day to day operations board decisions are made with the best information available and with a cost benefit approach.  
These eight years have expanded my knowledge and appreciation for the dedication of elected officials. I have been fortunate to have had a good working relationship with other township and county officials. Governmental entities rely on that interaction and cooperation to ensure the betterment of all our county residents. There are still challenges to overcome but they will fall to the next township board.  
Before, I close my last newsletter; I would like to bring to your attention that the township owns several buildable lots available for sale. A list and an asking price for each can be found on our web site, beavercreektownship.com  
 **DEPUTY SUPERVISOR CAROL RAYBUCK:**It is always rewarding to work on projects that bring long term benefits, to the residents, of Beaver Creek Township. Many projects enhance and expand existing services. Our local government unit is constantly striving to incorporate mutual goals from other townships, as well as, state economic initiatives. The industrial area, north of Four Mile Road, has undergone some major changes, including the building, of Kirtland Community College’s new campus and the future construction of Arauco, which is scheduled to begin, in 2017.  
If you are unable to attend board meetings, you can keep informed on news, issues and concerns that come before the board, by accessing the township web site at beavercreektownship.com.  
Don’t forget your Beaver Creek Township Park; pavilion and hall are available for your enjoyment.  
Wish you all a wonderful summer.

**CLERK SHARON HARTMAN:**The clerk’s office is very busy dealing with custody of all township records; minutes and notices of meetings; elections with absentee ballot requests, training, testing of machines and keeping voter files; ordinance book and publications; general ledger; payroll; accounts payable; personal files; the cemetery burials and sale of lots and many, many other day to day items. The list is endless!   
The August 2nd Primary Election is fast approaching, if you are voting absentee and on my list, you should have received your request form. There is still time to vote absentee in the August 2nd Primary Election is July 5th and we have applications available at the township.  
Cemetery lots are still a great deal at $150.00 per lot for a resident and $300.00 for a non-resident. There are still many to choose from all through the cemetery.

**DEPUTY CLERK HOPE SCHRAM:**To all the residents of Beaver Creek Township I hope you all had a wonderful winter and glad warm weather is, now here. The Clerk’s Office has remained busy with upcoming elections this year. Please come to vote for the Primary Election August 2nd, 2016 and for the General Election November 8th, 2016. If you have not registered to vote please come to the township and we will get you registered. If you have any questions about elections or any other information you may need; please call me. Wish you all an enjoyable summer.

**TREASURER KIM VAN NUCK:**Happy Summer!!! Hope this finds everyone well.  
I have sent out letters for those whom have filed before for Poverty exempt, Disabled Veteran’s exempt and summer tax deferments please fill out and get back to our office. If you do not receive one of these letters and you feel you qualify, call our office or stop in and I can help you with this matter.  
Another big change, Roscommon Area Schools along with COOR will not be putting their school taxes on summer tax bills. Those in these districts will be paying school taxes on your winter bill. This will cause issues with Mortgage Company escrow accounts. Please be aware of these changes this tax season.  
If you have any address changes please call our office at 989-275-8878 and let us know, as we have several tax bills that keep coming back to us. Thank you. I will be happy to take partial payments for your taxes. When you mail your taxes in just indicate this on your bill or send a note with your payment. If you cannot make it to our office between 9am-2pm we have a drop box outside front door no cash please. I will send a receipt to let you know your payment was received. If you have any questions regarding your tax bill please do not hesitate to call. If it is an assessing question our Assessor Clayton McGovern is usually here on Mondays.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT DON JOHNSON:   
What is zoning?**Zoning is governmental regulation of the use of land. The purpose of zoning is to function as a tool to implement a community’s master plan, ensure the compatibility of land uses, protect natural resources and protect property values. Both general law and charter townships may adopt zoning ordinances, pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3101, et seq.) The zoning ordinance is adopted to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. Typical zoning regulations address the physical development of the township. Enacting zoning involves adopting an ordinance that divides the community into various districts or zones and developing regulations specific to those zones for uses, lot and building requirements, parking, signs, and other requirements related to the use of land.  
The zoning department looks forward to a substantial, thriving, productive year. Have a great time this year and please be safe in your activities. Stop in and visit with us. We would enjoy seeing you.

**SECRETARY PAT LARSON:**I hope that all is well with the residents of Beaver Creek Township and I hope that we all get to have a wonderful summer. This is an election year therefore I hope everyone votes this year as it is very important. Whatever your enjoyment is for the summer, get out there and have fun.

**FIRE CHIEF, ROGER WEATHERLY:**The Beaver Creek Fire Department Firemen would like to express their appreciation and thanks to all of the residents of Beaver Creek Township. The fire department offers many services free of charge such as, home fire safety inspections and Fire Wise home Inspections. Residents are encouraged to contact the fire department to schedule these inspections.  
Crawford County 911 has started a new program called SMART 911. All residents are encouraged to take part in this free service. (Information on these programs is provided below.)  
**FIRE WISE Program:**  Protecting property from wildfires.  
Learning about the dangers of wildfires can help save your home and those you love. According to experts, wildfires across the country are burning hotter and faster than ever before. After a severe fire season in which fourteen hundred homes burned, the national fire protection association created the Fire Wise Program. The program offers simple ways community members can work together to prevent their properties from becoming fuel for a wildfire. Residents can reduce the risk of their home’s ignition by simply modifying their homes and immediate surroundings for example; clearing a space around the home can reduce wildfire threat. Reduce surrounding vegetation and prune large trees even something as simple as cleaning gutters and eaves of leaves and debris can prevent an ember from igniting a home. When possible choose heat and flame resistant construction materials for homes, decks, porches and fences. The most protective roofing materials will be rated class a, including asphalt shingles and metal, cement and concrete products. For more information, visit Fire Wise.org to schedule an inspection of your home call your fire department office.  
**SMART 911:**It is a free service, private and secure, provided by your community to help you when you call 911. You control your information, and it saves time in an emergency, when seconds count. Once you’ve signed up first responders will be aware of important information you have provided that will help them address your emergency. This information including medical issues, current location and even your pets will help police, fire and EMS locate and help you. For more information visit Smart 911.com, or call your fire department office.   
The personnel at Beaver Creek Fire Department have always been dedicated to the protection and service of its residents, and encourage anyone interested in assisting the department to contact this office.

**Campaigning on Township Property/Campaign Signs:**A policy was adopted by the board 8-18-2015. On Election Day, campaign signs shall be limited to not more than 2 signs for each candidate or ballot issue. Campaign signs cannot be placed on township property until 6 am on Election Day.