

BANKS TOWNSHIP NEWS



April 2017

Clean Up Day May 13, 2017

Once again the Banks Township Board of Trustees is offering an opportunity for taxpayers to dispose of hard to get rid of items at no charge. Remember that last year the drop-off site was changed to 9516 Main Street, the parking lot at Preferred Waste 2 across from the elementary school. Collection begins at 8 AM and the site will close at 11 AM.

Proof of residency or property ownership is required. Please be prepared to present this notice or some form of proof of ownership. No building materials will be accepted, shingles, insulation, drywall, etc. Examples of allowed items: Household items, furniture, scrap metals, tires, car type batteries, appliances, air conditioning or refrigeration units. Freon will be purged at township expense. Site supervisors and signage will direct you to the proper drop off containers. Please be careful driving through the site as pedestrians are present.

NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE and NO HAZARDOUS WASTES!

Township Hall / Day Park / Library

If you haven't had the opportunity to stop into the township hall and check out the beautiful new stairs, entryway and handicap lift please know you are welcome and encouraged to do so. Along with the cosmetic renovations to the building, heating and electrical upgrades have also been made and plans to install new light fixtures, chandeliers and acoustic panels in the great room are moving along swiftly with hopes of being completed before the 2017 wedding season. The Hall has been a focal point in downtown Ellsworth since the mid 1930's and the addition of the new Community Square has made it even more appealing to those seeking a venue for weddings, graduation and anniversary parties. All work has been done with a great deal of care to preserve the historical integrity of the building and the new interior doors leading to the great room give the entryway a look of colonial elegance. The \$150,000 project has taken only a little over a year to progress this far with the rest of the work financed through a \$30,000 grant from Rotary Charities. Any and all contributions are welcome. Visit our website for more photos and Information.

After a great deal of paperwork and planning the township has secured a Michigan Recreation Passport Grant to make improvements at the Day Park on Lake Michigan. The matching grant requires a \$15,600 investment from the township and supplies the rest of the \$60,000 in park improvements. Work should start this summer with a completion goal of fall 2017. Included upgrades are ADA accessible pathways through the park and to the water's edge, ADA accessible picnic tables, benches and grills, solid surface parking for motorcycles and bicycles, additional picnic, and improved parking and bathhouse facilities.

Banks Township supports 2 of our local libraries! The East Jordan and Charlevoix Libraries are supported in part by your tax dollars. Residents are encouraged to get library cards and to frequent both resident supported establishments.

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SMART911

- Smart911 is a new addition to the emergency dispatch that allows citizens to provide the additional details that a dispatcher may need in order to assist them in an emergency.
- You can create a safety profile that attaches your information to your phone number. Go to www.smart911.com.
- When an emergency call is made from a phone registered with your Safety Profile, the 9-1-1 system recognizes it and automatically displays your profile on the screen of the dispatcher.
- At a time when you may be panicked, or unable to communicate, or it could be unsafe to communicate, Smart911 ensures that the details needed to help are immediately available.
- This is a nationwide service now available in Antrim County.

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Citizen of the Year 2016

Marilyn Ferweda moved to Banks Township in 1947 with her parents Marion & Lillian (Doctor) Sitzema to the John & Gertie Doctor Homestead on Doctor Road. After graduating from Ellsworth High School, Marilyn raised three children: Keith, Sharon and Kimberly. She spent many years working in the banking world, retiring from Huntington Bank after 30 years of service. She is a member of the Belltower Reformed Church, current President of the Ellsworth Lioness Club, member of the Flywheelers, the East Jordan Snowmobile Club, and the Banks Township Historical Society. She also serves as an election inspector and volunteers with the Ellsworth Pig Roast and the Ellsworth All School Reunion. When Marilyn isn't volunteering, she is enjoying her flowers and gardening. She and Gordon love to travel and visit their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and other family members throughout the United States. Congratulations to Marilyn, the Banks Township 2016 Citizen of the Year.

Nominations for 2017.....

Are now being accepted! Please nominate a Banks Township Resident for this honor by describing his/her community involvement, civic contributions, and special contributions. Nominations must be written or typed, signed by the person or persons making the nomination and submitted to the Banks Township Clerk by **May 15**. Please join us in honoring the citizens who make things happen in Banks Township!



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