

## CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP 2025 SPRING NEWSLETTER

**Supervisor:** Shirley Hazen  
**Trustee:** Annette Walters  
**Township Hall:** 231-867-3777  
**Emergency Service:** 911

**Treasurer:** Julie Austin  
**Trustee:** Debbie Zielinski  
**Chippewa Lk. Sewer:** 231-867-3616  
**Burn Permits:** (866) 922-2876 or [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit)  
**Clerk:** Kristin Lytle  
**Assessor:** Andrea Roberts  
**Community Bldg. Rental:** 231-867-3991

Township Board meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 P.M., in the Community Building

Fire Board meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 6:30 P.M., in the Martiny Twp. Office Building

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED**

During business hours we could also be taking educational classes, doing maintenance at one of our four cemeteries or parks, helping with the Sewer Dept. or doing a number of other necessary tasks, it's always suggested that you call the office prior to arriving.

*We are moving! The Chippewa Township offices will be moving to 10467 – 19 Mile Road (Corner of 105<sup>th</sup> and 19 Mile Rd.) We don't have an exact moving date, but we will post it on the Township website as soon as the date becomes available. We would once again like to Thank the property owners. Without the mileage and the ARPA funds, this would not have been possible.*

### **2025 Non-Hazardous Household Clean-Up Day:**

There will only be 1 Township Clean-Up Day this year. The Chippewa Township Clean-up Day will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. or until dumpsters are full. The location is the Chippewa Township Community Center located at 10467 19 Mile Road. Township Officials will NOT be helping unload trash. You are responsible for unloading ALL of your trash in a timely manner to help keep the flow going smoothly!! Township Officials will be on-site to direct traffic and oversee drop offs. Only One vehicle unloading at a time so prepare for traffic backups! Please remember that all loose trash must be cut into manageable pieces or placed in trash bags and please bring help to unload large & heavy items. Due to past problems, each property owner is limited to (1) pickup and (1) trailer load. NO building materials. If you are doing any building or remodeling, please rent your own dumpster. This service is provided, free of charge, to the property owners & residents of Chippewa Township only! \*\*\*NO EARLY DROP OFFS & NO TIRES \*\*\*

### **CEMETERY NEWS**

*Please remember that ALL artificial flowers must be in an approved container.* This allows the Cemetery Sexton to be able to weed whip around the headstones. *All Artificial flowers and trinkets not in a container will be removed.* The Chippewa Township Cemetery Ordinance is located on the Township's website, for reference. Go to [www.chippewatwp.org](http://www.chippewatwp.org), click on the "Community" tab then click on "Cemeteries". All of the Chippewa Township Cemeteries are closed to vehicle traffic in Winter months when there is snow on the ground. **PLEASE** do not drive into the cemeteries when there is snow on the ground, this includes **ALL** types of vehicles. Reminder: The week of May 1st the cemeteries will be cleaned. **All** artificial flowers that are not in approved containers, faded, etc., and all broken graveside ornaments will be throw away. **PLEASE** do not throw any waste in the wooded areas, this has been a problem in the past. Dispose of your waste in the appropriate containers.



Have you ever thought about becoming a Firefighter or wondered what firefighting is all about? Stop into the Fire Station on the First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The Firefighters will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. **We would like to publicly Thank our firefighters. You are heroes!** You may not feel like you are, but when others are running out, you are running in. We appreciate your countless hours of training, working long hours, missing family holidays, making sacrifices, all to keep our community safe. **THANK YOU** to the men and women serving on the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department as well as local rescue, EMS, and police. You are greatly appreciated! If you are interested in becoming a member of this great Fire Department, you can obtain an application at either the Chippewa Township Hall or the Martiny Township Hall. You can also contact Chief, Brian David or Assistant Chief, Carl Kerns.

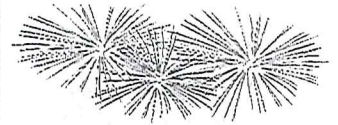
**We would like to THANK, Linda Meyers for her generous donation of a swing and picnic table to be placed at the Chippewa Township Community playground. We are hoping to complete installation yet this Spring.**

The Chippewa Lake – Mecosta Lions club are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Millett Park on **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.** For more information, please contact Bob at 231-972-8885.





# 2025 Fireworks



The Fireworks display over our beautiful Chippewa Lake will be held on Saturday, July 5th at Dusk. Please read the enclosed flyer for upcoming Fireworks events. As always, thank you to Marcia and the hardworking volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to ensure that we are able to enjoy a Fireworks display each year. Be sure to look at our local stores to purchase a copy of the New Fireworks Committee Cookbook. The Fireworks Committee is always looking for volunteers, please email Marcia at [chippewafireworkscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:chippewafireworkscommittee@gmail.com)

**The Mecosta County Commission on Aging** is a great resource for those living in our wonderful communities. As well as providing activities and exercise programs for seniors, the Commission on Aging is centrally located to provide the following services to all cities in Mecosta County: Homemaker Aides, Respite Aides, Meals on Wheels, door to door response transportation to medical appointments including dialysis, and Home Maintenance assistance for minor repairs. These programs assist seniors in remaining independent and in their own homes. For more information, please contact the Commission on Aging at 231-972-2884 or <https://www.mecostacounty.org/government/coa.php>

If you're out exploring our beautiful Township, be sure to check out one of our many new businesses. The **Morning Mug** is located on Dwight Street and offers a wide variety of coffees, sweet treats, and fresh seasonal fruits. The **Garden Shack** is also located on Dwight Street and has a wide variety of unique gifts as well as fresh in season fruits, vegetables, and grocery items, along with beautiful flowers in the Spring. **Stone House Vinyards** is located at 7850 – 21 Mile Rd. They offer a wonderful selection of wine, hard ciders, slushies, soft drinks, and wine tasting. Check out their Facebook page for upcoming events.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

The Mecosta County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., at the Mecosta County Fair Grounds located at 540 West Ave., Big Rapids, MI. Pre-registration forms is required if bringing over 200 lbs. to the collection site. If you have any questions, please call 231-796-0909 or visit [www.mecostacd.org](http://www.mecostacd.org)

**The Chippewa Lake Community Church** is hosting a Free Community Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, **May 17, 2025, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** You can find more information regarding this event as well as the Mobil Food Truck at [chippewalakechurch.org](http://chippewalakechurch.org).

**Chippewa Branch Library: Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** The library has 4 public computers, free Wi-Fi, and lots of books. For questions or library information, please call 231-867-2014.

There are multiple lakes within Chippewa Township. Whether you are boating, fishing, kayaking, etc., please take the time to refresh yourself on the Michigan boating rules and regulations at <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>  
We want everyone to be safe on our waterways.

It will soon be time to start mowing and trimming our lawns. Please be courteous of your neighbors and keep your lawns mowed on a regular basis. Also, do not throw your grass clippings, old flowerpots, & shrubbery, onto other properties. It is getting to be quite the problem in areas around the lake. It is not only unsightly, but unhealthy to our waterways. Also, **Please, DO NOT** throw yard waste into waterways.

**TNR Mecosta** is a wonderful organization that has been providing their services around Chippewa Township. Their primary focus is to humanely Trap-spay-Neuter-Return (TNR) feral cats. This is a proven method that improves the lives of feral cats and decreases the size of colonies over time. If you would like to learn more about this organization, please visit [tnrmecosta.org](http://tnrmecosta.org). or call them at (231)287-5158. You can mail donations to P.O. Box 1445 Big Rapids, MI 49307. If you can't financially donate; TNR is always looking for volunteers.

As always, please feel free to contact Township officials at the offices if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. We can't help if you don't ask. You can find the most up-to-date information and events at: [www.chippewatwp.org](http://www.chippewatwp.org).

***Have a Safe and Wonderful Summer! In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND!***