



East Bay Charter Township Newsletter

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed on Friday and the following upcoming holiday dates:
July 4, September 5, November 10, 23, and 24

The Township Offices will be closed August 2 and November 8 for elections.

New Sidewalks and Trails Moving Forward in East Bay Township

Between the East Bay Safe Routes to School program and the Three Mile Trail extension, East Bay Township is slated to get several miles of additional trails and sidewalks in the coming years. The new infrastructure improvements will be concentrated in the Township's East Bay Corners area – near the intersection of Hammond Road and Three Mile Road.

Both of these projects are coming closer to reality. The federal spending bill approved by Congress includes \$900,000 for the final construction design engineering for the Three Mile Trail Extension. TART submitted the request through US Representative Jack Bergman's office last April and East Bay Township will be issuing a Request for Proposals to complete this work in the coming months. The route will extend from the current trail terminus at Three Mile Road and South Airport Road, and continue up through the Mitchell Creek Meadows Preserve, ultimately connecting with safe routes pathways along Hammond Road.

In other good news, the Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant funding received a favorable review, and each school has been awarded funding for programming to help promote biking and walking safety, skills, and advocacy. The Safe Routes to School improvements will include four safe crosswalks at the Three Mile Road and Hammond Road intersection, trails along Hammond Road and Three Mile Road, and sidewalk connections from the road to the schools. Please stay tuned as these exciting projects move forward.



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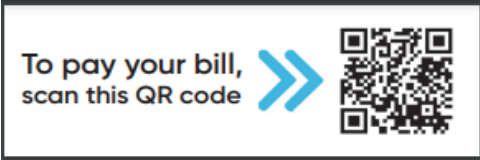
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Summer Fire Prevention Tips

Courtesy of Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department

Enjoy summer to the fullest this year with these safety tips to help avoid any unfortunate summer mishaps. Wishing you a fun-filled, healthy summer!

OPEN BURNING

Recreational Campfires must be:

- ◇ In established fire ring, outdoor fireplace, or other containment device
- ◇ A maximum size of 3 feet around and no higher than 2 feet of flame height
- ◇ A minimum of 25 feet from a structure or adjoining property or any other potentially combustible items
- ◇ Fueled with only dry hardwood



Agricultural Fires requirements:

- ◇ Fires for the burning of tree farm stumps, trees, and branches only (no man-made materials or manufactured lumber) are allowed with a burn permit when conditions allow. The permit is free and can be obtained from Grand Traverse Metro Fire at gtmetrofire.org.

FIREWORKS

- ◇ Leave fireworks for the professionals – attend a community fireworks display
- ◇ Find safe alternatives for the kids, such as glow sticks or silly string
- ◇ If you do choose to use your own fireworks:
 - Never attempt to re-light or pick-up fireworks that have not fully ignited
 - Light one at a time and move away quickly
 - Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby



When can Fireworks be enjoyed?

- December 31, beginning 11 am through January 1 at 1 am.
- Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day, from 11 am to 11:45 pm
- June 29 through July 4, from 11 am to 11:45 pm
- If July 5 falls on a Friday or Saturday, then July 5 from 11 am to 11:45 am.
- Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day from 11 am to 11:45 pm

LANTERNS

- ◇ Sky lanterns are a serious fire hazard and are prohibited per the fire prevention ordinance in Metro Fire’s jurisdiction of East Bay, Acme, and Garfield Townships
- ◇ Lanterns are typically made of oiled rice paper and a bamboo



**EAST BAY
AMBULANCE**
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

East Bay Ambulance received a grant award over just over \$43,000 from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and

Chippewa to use towards the purchase of a Stryker power-load system and a Stryker Power Pro 2 cot. This power-load system and cot costs just over \$51,000 and will be placed into the new ambulance purchased in March 2021 for delivery in late July or early August 2022.

A power cot system aids in answering emergency medical calls by improving the patient experience and reducing EMT and Paramedic work-related injuries. When patients are transported with a power cot system, they experience a smooth raising and lowering into the ambulance, minimizing patient falls and possible jarring from manual lifting. Due to the physical demands required of an EMT and Paramedic, EMS agencies can experience a higher frequency of work-related injuries, with half of work-related injuries sustained when lifting or moving patients. Automated power load systems, like the Stryker system purchased, minimize this risk. This investment will aid patients and personnel for years to come.

East Bay Ambulance, and its staff, diligently and compassionately work to provide effective emergency medical care and to make the community’s investment reach even further with successful grants like this. Thank you to the community for your support!

Water Safety in East Bay Parks

Northwest Michigan Water Safety Network provided East Bay Township Gen’s and Arbutus No. 5 Parks with water rescue stations equipped with safety directions and USCG-approved ring buoys.



Check the stations out, read the directions before they are needed, report any missing buoy to the township office and, remember, a stolen buoy is a stolen life.

East Bay Station 9
110 High Lake Road
Non-Emergency Call 231 947-0299

There's a lot going on at the East Bay Branch library! In addition to the weekly story time for children, Sing & Stomp, and monthly East Bay Book Club for adults, there are several special events this summer and fall. These include an escape room for teens, a visit from the North Sky Raptor Sanctuary, and of course the Annual Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendars; it's on September 10 this year!

Even though the Summer Library Challenge, formerly known as the Summer Reading Program, is in full swing, it's not too late to sign up! The theme this year is Oceans of Possibility, and there's something happening at the library every day.

Check out the Library's Facebook page or tadl.org/eastbay for more information.

ELECTIONS

There are two elections coming up in 2022.

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, General Election



For registered voters already signed up to receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application, it should have been received in early June. The application sent has a pink highlighted section, as shown below, to allow the voter to request a ballot for one or both of these elections.

<input type="checkbox"/> ELECTION: 8/2/2022	<input type="checkbox"/> ELECTION: 11/8/2022
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Please note that the Township is required by law to only send an Absent Voter Ballot to registered voters that have requested this service in writing with a valid signature or by requesting online at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index>.

As a reminder, the in-person voting locations may have changed. A new Voter ID card was mailed in late spring to all registered voters. It shows your voting location as well as the various elected offices that will be on the ballot when voting.

If you are interested in serving your community as an Election Inspector and are able to work, on average a 16-hour day, please consider working at a paid position as an inspector in the election process. Employment Applications can be download from the website at eastbaytwp.org where there is a quick link under voter information. It takes approximately 43 workers made up of both major and minor political affiliations to staff the five precincts and the Absent Voter Counting Board. The mandatory certification training is now being scheduled for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election.



New to East Bay—there is now a secure ballot drop box located at Station 9 at 110 High Lake Rd. This location will be monitored regularly for applications and ballots to be securely transported to the township office.

STAY UP-TO-DATE



Staying informed on when topics are on the Township's agenda? The Planning Commission? The Parks Commission? The Zoning Board of Appeals? Here's an easy way to stay up to date, visit the township's website and sign up for email alerts. Go to eastbaytwpmi.documents-on-demand.com and pick which board or commission and page topic from which you would like to receive alerts. Every time a document is uploaded to this topic, you receive an alert.

Visit the Little Libraries in every East Bay Township Park!

Pine Grove Gen's

"I can't imagine a man really enjoying a book and reading it only once."
- C.S. Lewis

Grace Macdonald
Arbutus No. 5
Killingsworth

East Bay Township Master Plan out for Public Review

After nearly two years of public input and planning commission visioning sessions, the draft East Bay Township Master Plan is ready for public review. The draft Plan is available to download on the Township website. Comments and input on the plan are welcome and encouraged over the next two months. At the end of the public comment period, the planning commission will hold a public hearing to consider adopting the Master Plan.

A master plan is a guiding document intended to set forth a community's vision of its long-term future, usually 10 to 20 years. It covers just about everything—an analysis of the community's residential, commercial, industrial sectors; transportation; and natural features. The master plan outlines a vision, goals and objectives to help chart a path forward for East Bay Township.



[Watch the East Bay website for the September date for Coffee with a Cop!](#)

Brush and Yard Waste Passes

East Bay Township is offering residents a fee-free yard waste pass to help with spring and fall cleanups. Each property owner requesting a pass will receive two passes. Each pass allows disposal of three cubic yards at one time. Once the passes are received, please put them in a safe place as once they have been issued for a property, replacement or additional passes will not be issued.

East Bay Township's Community Police Officers are organizing a clean up of targeted illegal dump sites. While free disposal has been obtained, many hands, and trucks, could help. Please watch eastbaytwp.org for further information on how you can help these troubled areas.



Boards and Commissions Meeting Days and Times

Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets on an as-needed basis on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Park Commission meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Regularly scheduled meetings are held in south meeting room at the township hall. Always check the website calendar for any changes to dates/times/locations due to elections and holidays. [Watch meetings on local access cable television on channel 191 or on the computer at www.tacm.tv.](#)

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Ambulance: East Bay Ambulance: 231-947-0299
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Police: East Bay Township Community Police Officers: 231- 947-3631 or
Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office: 231-995-5000 or Non-Emergency Dispatch at 231-922-4550