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7:30am-4:00pm

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Dickinson County
Road Commission:
906-774-1588

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Dickinson County
Construction Codes
906-774-4885

**FIRST COMPOST
PICK-UP OF 2018
WILL BE MONDAY,
MAY 7TH, 2018**

Breitung Township

OFFICE: 3851 MENOMINEE AVE.
QUINNESEC, MI 49876

DECEMBER 2017

Celebrating 20+ Years with Breitung Township!

Guy Forstrom—39 years
Bill Bailey—28 years
Jeff Iverson—27 years
Mary Ann Hansen—21 years
Mary Beth Dixon—21 years
Samantha Neuens—20 years

*Thank you for your continued
dedication to our Breitung
Township residents!*

DOG LICENSES SOLD HERE!

Available now and continuing through the end of February, you can stop by the Treasurer's office to purchase a dog license. In order to purchase a license for your furry friend, please bring their current rabies vaccination paperwork and the \$10 fee. Dog licenses are valid for the 2018 calendar year.



STAY TUNED!

Coming soon is our new, easier to use website! We're currently working on getting everything moved over to the new site and hope to have it live sometime after the New Year! It'll be a work in progress even after it goes live so we appreciate your patience and understanding!

REMINDER ABOUT OFFICE CLOSURES:

The Breitung Township office and DPW will be closed Monday, December 25th, 2017, Tuesday, December 26th, 2017 and Monday, January 1st, 2018 in observation of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

When paying your utility or tax bill, we have a few options for you to take advantage of:

1. In-person. Our office is open 7:30am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday.
2. 24-hour drop box. Can't make it in during our open business hours? We have a secure drop box located next to our front door that you can drop your payment into anytime.
3. Online. BS&A, our billing software company, provides our residents with the ability to pay their tax and utility bills online. You can find that option by going to our website, www.breitungtwp.org, and clicking on the "Utility/Tax Information" link on the main page.
4. Over the phone. If you're wanting to pay with your debit/credit card, you can call the Utility Clerk or our Treasurer and they can take your payments over the phone.
5. Mail. You can mail in your payments to our office using:
Charter Township of Breitung
P.O. Box 160, Quinnesec, MI 49876.

**When paying with a debit or credit card, please keep in mind the 3%, minimum of \$2, convenience fee that our third-party provider charges.*

BOARD OPENINGS

There is a potential for openings on the Board of Review, Planning Commission, Water/Sewer Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. If you're interested in applying to be on any of those boards, send a letter of interest to John Gaudette via email at jgaudette@breitungtwp.org, or mail by PO Box 160, Quinnesec, MI 49876. You can also contact Supervisor Denny Olson at 906-250-0181.

2017 Recreation Survey Results

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Rigoni and Kathleen Larson for being the winners of the two \$100 bills given away from the survey drawing! Thank you to all residents who took the time to read through, answer, and add comments to the Recreation Survey. We had a total of 268 surveys returned to the Township. Your participation is GREATLY appreciated and one of the many things that makes Breitung Township a wonderful place to live, work and play!

Walking paths and playgrounds received the most support with an average response of 3.97 for walking paths and a 3.88 for playgrounds. Coming in as close third and fourth places were boat landings and fishing access sites. This information will be used by the Planning Commission as part of their process to update the Recreation Plan for 2018. This plan is a five-year document used to guide budget and planning decisions affecting our parks and recreational facilities. If you have any questions, or would like to see more detailed results from the survey, please contact your Planning Commission members or Superintendent John Gaudette at 906-779-2055.

Out of the 268 surveys that were returned, a whopping 24% of you responded that you'd be interested in learning about and being a volunteer within the Township in regards to Parks and Recreation! If you were one of those people, your name, phone number and/or email has been added to a list and you can expect to hear from us soon!

Zoning Permits, Building Permits, Conditional Use and Variance Permits

Although we are not your "one stop shop", we are often times your "first stop shop" for all things building and zoning related. Something as simple as a dog house, because it can't be built over the property line, is an example of where zoning rules and permits come in to play. A good rule of thumb is that *everything* needs a zoning permit, however, replacing roofs, windows, doors, decks and porches that do not increase the size of the footprint of the building DO NOT require zoning approval. They may require a building permit from the Dickinson County Construction Codes Office still. Their office is located on the corner of Harding and Woodward Avenues in Kingsford. You can reach them by phone with 906-774-4885. The Construction Codes office needs zoning approval before they can begin their building permit process on any structure over 200 square feet in size, yet ALL structures on a concrete slab, regardless of size, need a building permit.

Although state law allows up to 45 days for zoning permit approval, we pride ourselves on a quick turnaround time for your zoning permits. The better prepared you are, the quicker the process. Property descriptions and a diagram (site plan) of your project are very helpful for the approval process. Most of the zoning permits can be approved, or referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals/Planning Commission, while you wait.

Conditional Use and Variance permits require a minimum of three weeks since they are not approved by office staff. The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals follow state guidelines in order to provide proper notice and schedule meetings for their special zoning order public hearings.

Zoning permit applications should include the necessary paperwork to start the building permit process and have a checklist for health department, road commission, etc. It's always better to have your zoning questions taken care of earlier in your building process rather than later. Zoning permits are available in our office from 7:30am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday, and any time online at www.breitungtp.org.