

VISIT US AT:
WWW.BREITUNGTPW.ORG

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
7:30am-4:00pm

Fax:
906-779-2077

Treasurer:
906-779-2065

Clerk:
906-779-2050

Utility Clerk:
906-779-2052

Assessor:
906-779-2060

DPW:
906-779-2064

Code Enforcement:
906-779-2053

Superintendent:
906-779-2055

Other Useful Phone Numbers:

Dickinson County
Road Commission:
906-774-1588

Great American
Disposal:
906-774-9006

Dickinson County
Sheriff's Dept.
Non-Emergency
Line:
906-774-6262

Breitung Township

OFFICE: 3851 MENOMINEE ST.
QUINNESEC, MI 49876

JUNE 2017

REMINDER ABOUT OFFICE CLOSURES:

The Breitung Township office and DPW building will be closed the following dates:

July 3-4, 2017
September 4, 2017
November 23-24, 2017
December 25-26, 2017

Are you needing a more convenient way to pay your water and/or refuse bills?

Breitung Township offers FREE automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account for your water and/or refuse bills! Contact the Utility Clerk to get more information and the paperwork needed to get you started!

Looking for information on burn permits?

Call the DNR's automated phone number or check out their website for more information.

1-866-922-2876
www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

Do you need to report a street light outage?

Go to:
<https://www.we-energies.com/slo/default.aspx>

Call WE Energies at:
1-800-662-4797

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 normal 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.breitungtpw.org, and clicking on the "Utility/Tax Information" link on the main page. You will have to create a login if you haven't already and the website will walk you through the process from there.
4. Over the phone. If you're wanting to pay with your debit or credit card, you can call the Utility Clerk or our Treasurer and we can take payments over the phone.
5. Mail. You can mail in your payments to our office using:
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.*

REMINDER: Whether mailing or dropping off a bill payment, it **MUST** be received in our office by the due date in order to avoid the late penalty.

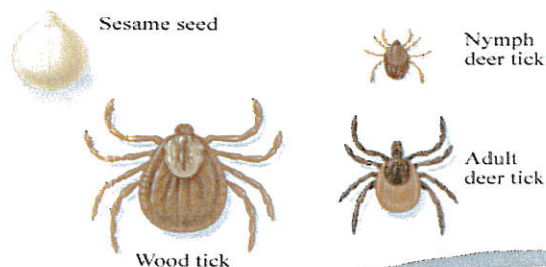
DEER TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN BIT BY A DEER TICK:

1. Remove the tick carefully. Store in a plastic bag for identification by a doctor.
2. Call your doctor or local hospital immediately for advice on what steps to take.
3. Watch for flu-like symptoms, fever, a rash (usually comes in a bullseye shape) or a headache.

For more information on Lyme Disease and deer tick vs. wood tick bites, go to:

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/lyme-disease/basics/symptoms/con-20019701>



NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE...

"Good fences make good neighbors" is a quote that is often repeated when people come in to my office to apply for a fence permit. The quote, originating from Robert Frost's 1914 poem titled, "Mending Wall", can easily be taken out of context if you haven't read the entire poem. In the poem, Frost's main character is somewhat saddened by the whole affair of mending the wall each spring, as this was the most time the two neighbors spent together. They were simply "maintaining the divide". Sandra Bullock's character in the 1995 film, "The Net" realizes the isolation her fences had created and by the end of the movie, tears them all down.

However, there are times when fences are necessary. Frost's character mentions "keeping the cows in". Around Breitung Township we strive to keep the deer out of our gardens, keep our pets and children safe, and may want to decrease the accessibility of a backyard pool, potentially curbing an unsafe situation for others. Sometimes, fences are necessary to alleviate problematic situations. People don't always get along, such is life, and a fence may help to ease the tension between two neighbors.

So, what makes a "good neighbor" you ask? Are you one? G.K. Chesterton said, "We make our friends, we make our enemies but God makes our next door neighbors." In the 1990's sitcom "Home Improvement", Wilson was only visible over the top of the fence, showing only his nose and eyes, yet interacted regularly with his neighbors, the Taylors. A boundary between two properties doesn't have to be a complete barrier.

At the Breitung Township Town Hall, a fence permit is \$20.00. Getting a permit and following proper procedures helps to prevent the fence from becoming, or adding to, the problem. There have been home sales that have been delayed because the fence was installed in the wrong spot and needed to be fixed prior to the closing date.

If you think you need a fence permit, call 906-779-2055, stop by to speak with myself, John Gaudette, the Superintendent/Zoning Administrator or go online at www.breitungtwp.org to get a permit and I can help get you started in your fencing project.

DID YOU KNOW...

Breitung Township takes pride in offering its residents three parks that boast playgrounds, baseball fields, soccer fields and other recreational facilities. Highlighted below are each park and their specific offerings:

Quinnebec Recreation Park:

- *Playground equipment
- *Tennis Court
- *Basketball Court
- *Multi-purpose open field
- *Soccer Field
- *Skateboarding Park
- *Illuminated Ice Rink with warming shelter equipped with restrooms
- *Pavilion
- *2 Baseball Fields (Babe Ruth & Little League)

Deer Lake Park (Located on Oak Ridge Road)

- *Playground equipment

East Kingsford Recreation Park:

- *Playground equipment
- *Baseball Field
- *Basketball Court
- *Multi-Purpose open field
- *Illuminated Ice Rink with warming shelter equipped with restrooms
- *Pavilion

