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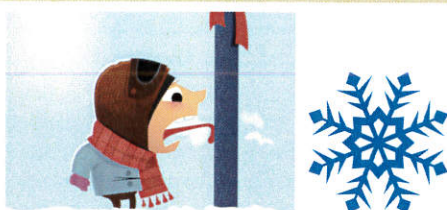
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DECEMBER 2018

Celebrating 20+ Years with Breitung Township!

Guy Forstrom—40 years
Bill Bailey—29 years
Mary Ann Hansen—22 years
Samantha Neuens—21 years

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



Don't get caught with your tongue stuck on a freezing pole! When it comes to winter safety, there should be no messing around! Make sure you go to: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather> to check out some preparedness and safety tips for keeping your family safe during these long, and sometimes painful, winter months here in the U.P., eh!



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

The Breitung Township office and DPW will be closed **Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th, 2018** in observance of the Christmas holiday. The Township office and DPW will **close at 11:30am on Monday, December 31st, 2018 and be closed Tuesday, January 1st, 2019** in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Welcome Mike Gillett!

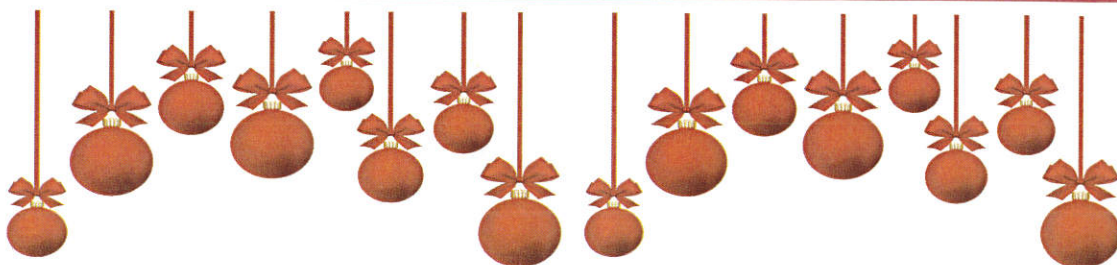
On behalf of Breitung Township, we would like to welcome Mr. Mike Gillett as our new Township Assessor! He holds office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 7am until 4pm. During those office hours, Mike is available at his office phone number, 906-779-2060, or by emailing him at assessor@breitungwp.org. Mike's name might sound familiar to you, and that's because Mike worked as the Breitung Township Assessor back in the '90's, before taking a job with the State of Michigan. Stop by to say hello and welcome Mike back to Breitung Township!



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Breitung Township has received some VERY exciting news! The Township has been deemed an **official drop-off site for letters written to Santa**, by the Big Guy in Red himself! Children are welcome to bring their letters to Santa down to the Township Hall, and put them in the red mailbox attached to the light pole near the front door! Letters will be collected until December 16th so we can ensure timely delivery to the North Pole! If the child would like a response from Santa and his elves, please make sure to include the return address on the envelope. Ho, ho, ho and a very Merry Christmas!



The Clerk's Corner-Samantha Neuens

November 6th was the second time we had the opportunity to use our new election equipment and everything went wonderfully! As you heard from the news, the Voter turnout was high!

Precinct 1 [Quinnesec]: 58.52%
Precinct 2 [East Kingsford]: 66.23%
Precinct 3 [North Breitung]: 59.20%

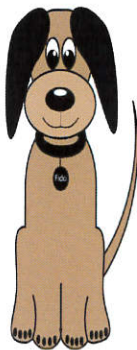


I would like to thank my Deputy Clerk and Election Inspectors for all of their hard work on Election Day. They are a big part of why both the August 7th and November 6th Elections went so well.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming year!

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 2019 calendar year.



AUTOMATIC BILL PAY NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2018 WINTER TAX PAYMENTS

Starting with the 2018 winter tax bill, taxpayers can now have their tax bills automatically deducted from either their checking or savings account. This service is free to use. The sign-up form can be picked up in the office, or downloaded off of our website. *This program works the same as our utility automatic bill pay with the exception that a new form must be filled out each tax year.* In the office we accept cash, checks, and all major debit and credit cards. Online, we accept debit or credit cards or e-checks. Please remember that using any debit or credit cards, whether over the phone, online, or in our office, will add a 3% convenience fee from our third party provider who processes our payments. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's office at the number on the front of the newsletter.

Deck the Halls and Let Freedom Ring

Thanks to the Prosperous Places grant Breitung Township received in 2017 from CUPPAD, we were able to purchase seasonal banners, lighted decorations and American flags to be placed on various light and phone poles in and around Quinnesec. The seasonal banners include spring/summer, fall, and holiday designs, which will be rotated in and out with their appropriate season. The American flags will be flown from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



Jay Davis, D.P.W. Crew Member, next to the "bags of bags" from this November's compost and brush run.



In November, the Breitung Township Department of Public Works crew picked up a whopping 30,000+ pounds of compost and brush! The bags alone weighed over 580 pounds! Next time you see the crew out and about in the Township, give them a wave and tell them "thanks" for all of their hard work in keeping the Township clean!

D.P.W. CREW APPRECIATION SHOUT-OUT!

Have you met your new Breitung Township Trustees?



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Trustee Brent Johnson: Brent Johnson was appointed to the board to fill the vacancy left by Russ Garrett, after Russ moved out of the Township. He successfully ran for re-election in the 2018 midterms, and will be serving out the rest of his term, which is up in 2020. Brent enjoys the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, ORV and snowmobile rides. He works for Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Systems as the I.T. Manager, and through that experience, has been actively researching different technological cost savings for the Township. Trustee Johnson is married to his wonderful wife Jill of 8 years, and together they have two children, Axel who is 6, and Lydia who is 4. (pictured above, left) In their free time, they enjoy spending time together as well as with their extended family and friends. Trustee Johnson says he is, "thankful to live in, and serve, the residents of Breitung Township!"

Trustee Aaron Rochon: Aaron Rochon, the newest member of the Board of Trustees, was most recently selected to fill the vacancy left by prior Trustee Mary Beth Dixon, when she moved out of the state. Trustee Rochon (pictured above, right) is a Lieutenant for the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department and has two daughters, Katlyn, 15, and Mackenzie, 13. Prior to being appointed to the Board of Trustees, Trustee Rochon had previously served on Breitung Township's Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

WOULD YOU LIKE THE CHANCE TO SERVE YOUR TOWNSHIP?

If you're looking for your chance to be appointed to one of Breitung Township's boards or commissions, now is the time to get a hold of Supervisor Denny Olson and let him know! There are currently openings on the Township's Water/Sewer Board and Board of Review. Worried you don't have the experience needed to be on a board? No experience necessary! Breitung Township will train you!

You can reach Supervisor Olson with questions, or to let him know of your interest, at 906-250-0181.





From left to right: John Gaudette, Breitung Township Superintendent, Justina Blazier, Executive Assistant/Giving Ambassador for BOSS Snowplow, Guy Forstrom, DPW Superintendent, DPW Crew members Mary Ann Hansen, Bill Bailey and Chris Wilcox, and Jody Christy, President of BOSS Snowplow



BOSS Snowplow, a division of The Toro Company, in partnership with The Toro Foundation, announced on November 5th, 2018 that Breitung Township was to receive a Zero-Turn Mower from the 2018 Annual Product Donation Program. This is the fourth year BOSS Snowplow and The Toro Foundation have donated Toro products to a Dickinson County community.

#BOSSgives #Torogives

Breitung Township was honored to receive such a kind, and very helpful, donation that is now added to our Department of Public Works fleet of vehicles and equipment. This mower will make the cutting of the ball fields, and the open part of the cemetery, much quicker, giving the DPW crew more time to focus on other projects. Come this spring, make sure to keep your eyes out for a DPW crew member (who may have won a heated game of rock, paper, scissors, in order to drive it!), while he/she keeps the Township looking nice and spiffy!

Do you have a family member, or close friend, who was a Breitung Township firefighter who has 10 years of combined service, and has passed away? If so, we'd like to put his/her name on the Michigan Firemen's Memorial in Roscommon, MI.

The name being submitted to Michigan Firefighter's Memorial for placement to The Wall must have the following qualifications:

- Must be deceased
- Must have had minimum of ten years of active duty on a fire department

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- Active on a fire department at time of death (This information must be certified by the current Chief of the Fire Department or by the State Fire Marshal records).



All applications must be submitted to the Township by June 30th of each year to ensure the firefighter's name will be placed on The Wall in time for the Fall Memorial Service. If you are submitting more than one name please use a separate application for each name. Also, please submit a brief biography for each name you are submitting to The Wall.

**FROM ALL OF US AT BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, WE HOPE YOU HAVE
A HAPPY, JOYOUS, AND MOST OF ALL, SAFE,
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

