



Talk of the Town

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SUPERVISOR BARRY DAVIS

Rudyard Township Spring Newsletter 2024 Supervisor Meanderings

Now that we all survived winter and the change to Daylight Saving Time, it sure is nice to have the days getting longer and the sun warming things up. Please take advantage of the Township's May 4th cleanup day to get rid of spring-cleaning junk. Dumpsters will be available at the Township Park on May 4th. Also, vouchers for tire recycling are available from the township. Contact the Township Office with any questions. (906) 478-5041 or rudyardtownshipmanager@gmail.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the township employees and volunteers who work to provide services and activities for everyone.

Don't forget to get out and vote in the upcoming elections!

Barry Davis
Supervisor



SPRING CLEAN-UP



2024 SPRING CLEAN-UP IS SATURDAY, MAY 4th

It's that time of year to spruce up our town clean up and clean out!

A dumpster and a scrap metal trailer will be located at the park on:

**Saturday, May 4th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

This is for Rudyard Township residents...please bring ID with you. It is for those items not picked up on your weekly trash collection schedule.

NO hazardous materials, liquid paint, brush or yard waste, computer monitors, fluorescent light bulbs or tires. Please do not dump household garbage. ****NO** air conditioners or refrigerators**

There will be someone on site to check ID and monitor dumpster items.

If you see trash in the common areas around town, feel free to pick it up.

Do you have scrap tires lying around? We can help!

You can pick up a Scrap Tire Voucher at the township office to be redeemed at either U.P. Tire in S.S.M. or Mark's Tire in Brimley.

Each household in Rudyard Township qualifies for up to \$25 in disposal value from April 1, 2024—March 31, 2025. If you are a Rudyard Township resident, stop by the township office for a voucher : Monday—Thursday between 10:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.



If you are planning construction, an addition, or moving in a mobile/modular home, you

will need to fill out a **Zoning Compliance Site Plan**. Stop at the Rudyard Township Office, 18725 S Mackinac Trail, to pick up your form. There is a \$50 application fee. Building Permits are issued through Chippewa County. You will need a Zoning Compliance Site Plan completed to go with your county building permit application.



Doing any DIY Projects?

Know what's below before you dig!

When you contact MISS DIG811, the public facility companies are notified to mark the location of their lines. Public facilities are marked for FREE. Locators will paint lines and/or place flags to mark the location of underground public lines. Go to www.missdig811.org for all the information you need!



COUNTY WIDE FEE BASED COLLECTION

Household hazardous items, paint, light bulbs, batteries, TV's & monitors
CALL 635-5681 for DATES, APPOINTMENT AND FEES



We have recycling bins located in front of the pavilion for clean glass bottles and jars, clean plastic bottles and jars, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, and metal or aluminum cans.

**Rudyard Township
Department of Public Works
EMERGENCY call: 906 322-0533
Non-emergency call: 906 478-5041**



The Rudyard Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula and will administer the giving of twenty-five scholarships to this year's Rudyard High School graduating seniors. This is only possible because of the generous contributions that many individuals have made in support of scholarships and the mini-grants for the education program. If you are interested in starting or supporting a scholarship, please contact Chari Fischer, President, at 906-478-4191. A list of the current scholarship accounts can be found on the Rudyard Area Schools website under Community, then Education Foundation.

The **Larry G. Davis Swimming Pool**, located at Rudyard Area Schools, will be offering a wide range of activities this summer including swimming lessons. The schedule can be found on the Rudyard Swimming Pool Facebook page.



Warmth for Warriors is a Rudyard based 501(c)(3) organization that supports active and retired military personnel and their families by supplying handmade knitted hats and holiday stockings to individuals and military units located in the U.S. and around the world. Many handmade items are shipped to Rudyard from individuals around the nation. If you know of persons or units that can be supported by Warmth for Warriors, simply email garydavis@centurytel.net. Go to www.warmthforwarriors.com to learn more.

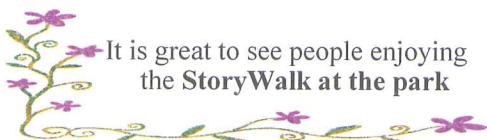


The **Lions Club** annual Spring Fling Raffle will take place on May 17th. Be sure to secure a ticket from a Lions member. (MI License #R73986) The 27th Annual Rudyard Lions Triathlon and 5K race will be held on July 28, 2024 starting at 9:00 a.m. More Lions activities and information can be found: www.rudyardlions.com. Call 906-478-5244 if interested in membership.

Senior Meals are served at the township hall Monday through Friday at Noon. Cost is \$3 for seniors and \$6 for guests under 60 years old. If you are in need of Meals on Wheels, call Community Action at 1-906-632-3363.

We have rental dates available for the township hall and pavilion. Call 906 478-5041 to reserve your date! Consider renting our facilities for your shower, wedding, or graduation party.

To report a street light that is not working, call the office at 906-478-5041.



It is great to see people enjoying the **StoryWalk at the park**

RUDYARD SUMMERFEST
JULY 26, 27, 28, 2024



Website:
www.rudyardtowsnip.org

Email:
rudyardtowsnipmanager@gmail.com

The **Rudyard Historical Society** has a variety of books, mugs, and building replicas for sale year-round at the township office. Books make great gifts, as well as additions to your own personal collection. Here are a few examples that are only \$10 per copy: **Tales Of Rudyard As Told By The Folks** (Volumes I & II together), **Rudyard—125 years** (1883-2008), **Rudyard Centennial Cookbook**, & **Rudyard Area Schools History** (1883-2008). **Historic Michigan Travel Guides** are \$12 ea., **Building Replicas** are \$15 each, & **Snowy Owl** mugs are \$15 each and are microwave and dishwasher safe. We would like to increase activity and interest in the Historical Society Museum and One-Room Schoolhouse, including events for families and school children. Please watch for updates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

A reminder that we are coming into burn season. Please be careful with Spring fires! Farmers who will be burning fields, please call dispatch at 906-495-3312 to let them know where you will be burning before you light it up! If you do not call and get a burn permit, and the fire department is called out, you will be charged for a call. Always check for a burn permit online or call: **CENTRAL DISPATCH 906-495-3312**



The Rudyard Fire Department is always looking for new members. You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings if you are curious to learn about what we do. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the fire hall.



Rudyard Township has partnered with the Townships of Kinross, Bruce, Chippewa, Detour, Hulbert, Marquette, Pickford, Raber, and Whitefish to form the Northern Emergency Medical Services Authority (NEMSA). This group is working to positively shape the future of EMS in our community, for which we are very grateful!

2024 Road Paving and Road Brining

The Chub Creek and "5-way stop" road projects are planned for this summer, but we do not have any specific dates as of this writing.



If you have questions or concerns about this year's application of dust-control brine on the gravel roads, please call the office. Brining usually takes place in late May or early June.

H.E.A.R.T. (Helping Emergencies Around Rudyard Together) wishes to thank you for your support over the years. Because of our generous Community members, we have been able to help many families and individuals around our community in their time of need. If you know of an emergency situation that we may be able to help with, please contact one of our local churches.



Assistance is available for water, sewer, trash, heat, or electric bills. Contact the Superior Watershed Partnership to learn how they can help! Many working families will qualify. Phone: 906-273-2742 or website: superiorwatersheds.org/energy-conservation

Cemetery

According to the township cemetery ordinance, 'no burial spaces shall be opened & closed without the control of the township'. Call the township to arrange all burials. The cemetery sexton will mark the location in the plot and we will record it in our books. This will insure that our records are kept updated and accurate. There is a fee for opening & closing both full and cremation burials. If burials are done prior to contacting the township, you will still receive a bill for that service plus an additional fee.

