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### Welcome Summer!

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#### Special points of interest:

- Voting 411
- Spring Brush/Scrap Pick-up
- Road Work
- Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Services
- Fire Department Update



# What's Happening in Bessemer Township?

## Voting - 411

The time is upon us again. Voting in the Primary and General Elections for township officials as well as for the next president of the United States!

Some items to remember:



- Residents must be a registered voter by July 7 in order to vote in the Primary Election held on **August 5**
- Residents must be registered by October 6 in order to vote in the General Election held on **November 4**.

- Absentee voter applications will be in duplicate form to count for both the Primary and General Elections
- Elections are held at the Bessemer Township Hall
- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

For more information, go to the township's website and click on "Announcements" and then the Voter Registration Information link.

## Annual Brush and Scrap Metal Pick-Up

Now in it's second season, the scrap metal pick-up this year was held on Friday, June 13. Residents were asked to place items curbside for pick-up. Vehicles were also picked up, but needed to be called into the township. This has been quite successful these past two years and the township is looking better each time.



Also, the brush pick-up helped area residents as well. This is usually done in the spring and fall is also normally scheduled during the months of May and September. For more information on each of these services contact the township.

## Road Work Projects Completed during 2007-08

You might have noticed the following work being done around our township:

- 2 sections of Harding Road winter gravel lift
- 2 sections of Harding Road to be paved in June-August



## Do you know about GRSWMA?

The Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority (GRSWMA) aka *transfer station* offers residents various services. Their board of commissioners consists of members of Gogebic county cities and townships. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Items that are acceptable waste to be dropped off are: appliances (white goods) for \$88/ton; refrigerators, dehumidifiers, freezers, air-conditioners for \$20 each; tires (up to 7) for \$1.75 per tire, add \$1.00 if still on the rim—oversized (or off road) tires are charged \$150 per ton; automobile batteries; and used

Other items accepted from Gogebic County only are: yard clippings, leaves, and brush. Also the following recyclables: plastic; glass; containers (aluminum & steel); cardboard and brown paper bags; magazines; newspaper and white papers.



For more information or items not listed contact: Chris Bressette at 906-932-0600 located at E5917 US 2, Ironwood.

## Anvil Water Project



The long awaited Anvil water replacement project is now underway! Dwellings that are served by an undersized, leaking or water service lines that are constructed of a material other than Type K copper will be required to replace their water service line at their expense. Permits are required for water service replacements. Permits can be obtained from the GRWA office located in the Ramsay Town Hall, the township office or the township DPW leadman.

For information concerning the day to day location of the work being done, residents can call: 906-932-3393. A recording, which will be updated daily, will tell you where the project is being done each day.

## Fire Department Update

The fire department is now almost at full capacity. With 18 members it is looking for at least two more community residents to volunteer to make it a full department. If you are interested in serving the township in this most respected way, contact Brian Kuchinski at 906-2243211 for more information.

The current member of our Fire Department are: Brian Kuchinski, Mark Selin, Scott Maki, Dave Hegbloom, Dave Syreini, Matt Kaurala, Jeff Randall, Alex Hautala, Mike Hautala, Bill Baer, Pat Leemon, Paul Cradit, Pearce Graham, Stuart Hautala, Kyle Leemon, Alexandra Kuchinski, Matthew Syreini and Neil Balduc.

Don't forget in the fall the department offers chimney cleaning. Please contact the Supervisor to be placed on a list. (667-0423)



### FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE:

#### REMINDER:

##### July 1st Tax Bill

Due by: September 14<sup>th</sup>, taxes become delinquent after September 15<sup>th</sup> with an additional 1% penalty per month or portion of month through February 14<sup>th</sup>. After February 28<sup>th</sup> taxes must be paid at Gogebic County Courthouse.

#### WATER UTILITY BILLS: Water billings are mailed on:

January 1<sup>st</sup> (period ending 12/31)

July 1<sup>st</sup> (period ending 6/30)

April 1<sup>st</sup> (period ending 3/31)

October 1<sup>st</sup> (period ending 9/30)

[Have 20 days after billing day to pay. 10% penalty will be incurred when past due date.]

#### **TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY CLOSURES:**

**4th of July** - Friday, July 4

**Labor Day**—Monday, September 1

**Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28

**Christmas** - Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25

**New Year's Day** - Thursday, January 1, 2009

Website: [www.bessemertownship.org](http://www.bessemertownship.org)