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### Welcome Summer!

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#### Special points of interest:

- Upcoming Elections
- Spring Brush/Scrap Pick-up
- Grass Cutting
- Special Thank You
- Coming Soon!
- Playing Baseball?
- Fire Department Update
- Tax Collection Dates
- Holiday Hours



# What's Happening in Bessemer Township?

## Mark Your Calendars

The time is creeping up on us again. Voting in the Primary and General Elections this year will include all of our state senators and representatives as well as a new Governor and Secretary of State!

Some items to remember:

- Residents must be a registered voter by July 6 in order to vote in the Primary Election held on **August 3** (You must vote party line on this one.)
- Residents must be registered by October 4 in order to vote in the General

Election held on **November 2.**

- 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 & Saturday, May 21-22. Residents were asked to place items curbside for pick-up. Vehicles were also picked up, but needed to be called into the township. Slowly, but surely our township is cleaning up its unwanted scraps and making it



a better place to see and live!

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.

## Got Your Grass Cut?

Township residents need to be aware that you are responsible for keeping your property free from obnoxious weeds and grass. Ordinance #113 prohibits grass or other vegetation to grow taller than 10". The owner is responsible for any costs incurred in the upkeep. After notice from the Supervisor, if grass is still too tall, the DPW

will mow the lawn and the owner will be billed at a rate of \$200 per cutting. Let's all work at keeping our township looking it's best!



## A Special THANK YOU!

The Bessemer Township Board would like to thank and recognize Harmony Osborn and Rachel Moon (local youth) for their donation of time in keeping up with organizing the books in the book exchange. Located in a small room in the southwest corner of the building it is full of great books and magazines for anyone wanting a new read. Also, it's a place to drop off your old books in exchange for new ones (new to you that is). There is a wooden collection box for any donations.



Thanks again Harmony & Rachel!

## Coming Soon: Pay Your Bills Easier



The Township will be accepting debit and credit cards as a method of payment for utility or tax bills in the near future. Things to know:

- You can go directly to [www.govpayexp.com](http://www.govpayexp.com) to make your payment. You will need your property ID# or utility bill account #.
- A township code will also be needed (yet to be assigned).
- You may also pay at the township hall in the Treasurer's Office.
- Cost to you is \$3.50 for the 1st \$100.00 of payment & 3.5% for any amount above \$100.00.

A public information session will be held in the future for further clarification.

## Playing Baseball?

Just a reminder if you have a baseball team and would like to use the field please register your team at the township hall. A \$50.00 fee is charged prior to keys being turned over. A schedule would be great too so our DPW department can keep the grass cut.



Let's Play Ball!

## Fire Department Update

The fire department is operating at full capacity. With 17 members made up of community residents. We are always grateful for their dedication and service. The current member of our Fire Department are: Brian Kuchinski (Chief), Mark Selin (Assist. Chief), Scott Maki, Dave Hegbloom (Lieutenant), Matt Kaurala, Jeff Randall (Treasurer), Alex Hautala, Mike Hautala, Bill Baer (Captain), Pat Leemon, Paul Cradit, Pearce Graham (President), Alexandra Kuchinski, Matthew Syreini (Secretary) and Neil Balduc. Newest members are Michael Saari Scott Laurn.

Don't forget in the fall the fire 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** - Monday, July 5

**Labor Day**—Monday, September 6

**Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26

**Christmas** - Friday, December 24 & Monday, December 27

**New Year's Day** - Friday, December 31, 2009