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**Monday, May 30
Monday, July 4**

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ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTINUES

Despite increasing costs and static revenue, Watertown Township continues to fully fund the road maintenance program. The township's road maintenance program has been in place for 11 years and has assured that all roads in the township have received maintenance since the program began.

Watertown Township has spent \$1,775,557 on roads since June of 2000 and has outspent every township in the county by 2 to 1 since 2004. Once the budgeted funds from this year are spent, Watertown Township will have spent over \$2,000,000 on roads projects in the past 11 years. Check the township website for current road information.

HERBISON ROAD SET TO RE-OPEN JUNE 3RD

Herbison Road between Wacousta and Francis Roads has been closed since last fall due to the replacement of the bridge. Replacement was necessary due to age and deterioration of the bridge.

On behalf of Watertown Township, the Clinton County Road Commission received a one million dollar grant from the State Local Bridge Program for the replacement of the Herbison Road Bridge near Forest Hill. The grant covers 95% of the construction costs. The remaining engineering and construction costs were budgeted for and are the responsibility of Watertown Township.

Herbison Road is scheduled to re-open by June 3rd.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

The township's popular "Dump Your Junk" Day will be held Saturday, May 14th. See page 11 for more information.

The recycling area at the Township Hall has been improved to allow for greater access. A new recycling pad has been installed that allows for greater circulation, a new ramp was built by the maintenance department to aid in depositing plastic materials, and the township is working with Granger to place a larger paper container on site.

For more information visit www.twp.watertown.mi.us.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

JANICE THELEN, TREASURER | AMY KINNEY, DEPUTY TREASURER

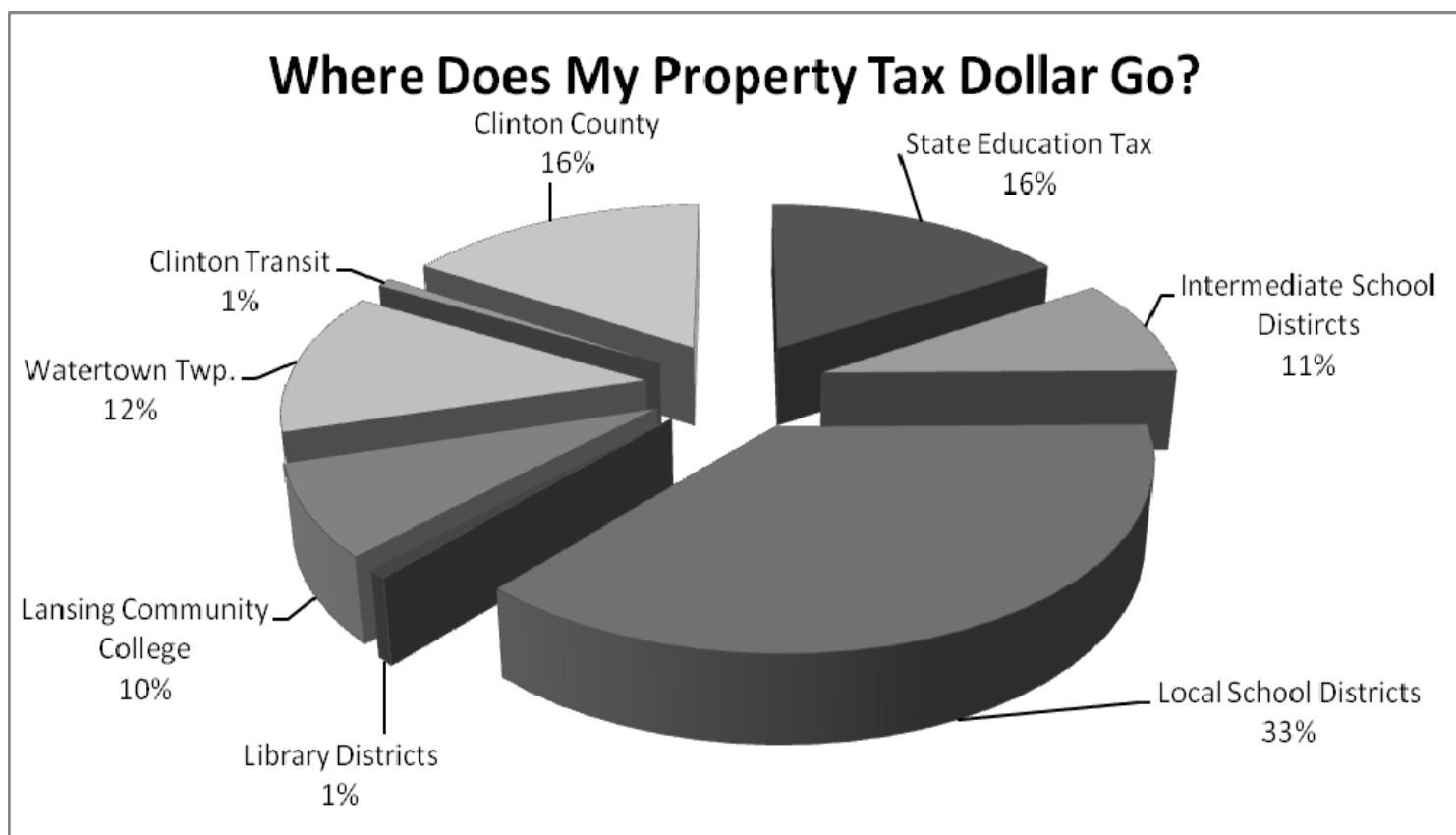
The financial health of municipalities throughout the State of Michigan has been in the forefront of news coverage for months now, which has lead many concerned residents to inquire about the financial health of the township while making their winter tax payments.

Rest assured, Watertown Township is not one of those municipalities we read or hear about in the daily news. We are financially healthy, thanks to the Board of Trustees and staff, who share the philosophy that expenditures should not exceed anticipated revenue when creating the annual budget. The Board also includes budgeting for future capital expenditures when creating the annual budget. Over the years we have created a healthy fund balance, which we anticipate will carry the township through the unexpected decrease in property values as well as any unexpected expenses.

Another question I often receive is how are the property taxes coming in with so many vacant homes in the township? Since 1998, Watertown has annually had approximately 6% of the tax roll go delinquent. As of April 13, 2011, approximately 7% of the 2010 summer and winter tax roll is delinquent, not including payments made to the Clinton County Treasurer after February 28, 2011. Not bad considering the economic challenges facing our residents and businesses.

Where do my tax dollars go? I would like to thank Amy Kinney, the Deputy Treasurer, for creating the following chart based on the 2010 summer and winter tax roll to assist with this question.

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For those who make use of ACH/electronic payments, please make sure to include a means of identification when you set up your payment. This could be your address, an account number or the tax ID number located in the upper right hand corner of your tax bill, or name on the account. We do our best to apply payments correctly; however, without the proper identification information we are not able to apply the payment to the correct account and may need to return the payment. In the event that a payment must be returned, all penalties and interest would apply as if the payment had never been received.

At income tax time of the year, the most common request is for copies of tax payments made in the previous year. Often the caller expresses frustration since they have unsuccessfully attempted to locate this information prior to calling my office. It takes a member of the Treasurer's Department seconds to print this information, then fax, email, or mail it to you. There is enough in life to be stressed about, locating tax information should not be included in this list of stresses....call us before becoming frustrated!

Just a reminder that tax, special assessment and utility billing information is placed on the township website at the "Tax and Assessing Information" link located at the bottom left corner of the home page. This information is updated monthly.

FIRE EQUIPMENT AND CREW RESPOND WELL

KEN MITCHELL, CHAIRMAN, LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE



The Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (LGRFA) responded to a house fire on Herbison Road in Eagle Township in February. The family was fortunate to have escaped safely; however, the home was a total loss.

This incident was the first major use of LGRFA's recently purchased fire truck. The truck performed extremely well. During the fire, the engineer was able to alert the firefighters to a safety issue because his position on the truck was elevated and he had a wider view of the scene. It was for this reason that LGRFA chose the design of having the controls in the center of the truck rather than on the side. Throughout the fire, nearly all of the equipment and options on the fire truck were utilized and performed at or above expectation.

Several other local fire departments also responded to the fire to provide mutual aid. The fire was stubborn and took more than 50 firefighters to extinguish. It was a large incident and a challenge to manage, but using the procedures developed by the National Fire Protection Agency, the scene was in control at all times. It was clear that regional training with other local departments served the community well.

LGRFA is also happy to report that due to the generosity of the Looking Glass Firefighters Association, the department now has the only set of rescue cutters in the area capable of cutting through the new metal used by auto manufacturers in the construction of roof support pillars. The approximate cost of \$5,000 was raised by the firefighters association through various events such as the pancake breakfasts and car washes.

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

MELISSA FREEMAN, CLERK | CHRISTY SOCHAY, DEPUTY CLERK | MARY JO KELLEY, BOOKKEEPER

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The township is currently seeking individuals to fill vacancies on the following boards and committees:

Local Officials Compensation Commission (2 vacancies)

Planning Commission (1 vacancy)

Board of Review (alternate)

DeWitt Library Board (1 vacancy)

Parks & Recreation Committee (2 vacancies)

Zoning Board of Appeals (1 vacancy)

If you are interested in serving on a township board or committee, please contact the clerk's office for an application at (517) 626-6593. The clerk's office can answer any questions you may have with regard to the various committees and their functions.

NOTARY SERVICE

There are five notaries available to assist you in the township office. This is a free service available to township residents.

WACOUSTA CEMETERY

Two cemeteries lie within the boundaries of Watertown Township, privately-owned Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens and township-owned Wacousta Cemetery. Wacousta Cemetery, located at the corner of Corrison and Wacousta Roads, has a long history dating back to its earliest known burial, Betsy Webber, in 1850. Our cemetery is the final resting place for many of the area's earliest citizens, including approximately 250 military veterans. Over 160 years of history, including the restored Grand Army of the Republic monument honoring Civil War soldiers, lies within cemetery boundaries.

The Clerk's office is committed to cemetery administration including reconciling old cemetery records, bringing consistency to the way information is recorded, and preserving crucial burial records in a user-friendly manner. To assist in this monumental task, the Township Board approved the purchase of cemetery management software through locally-based Pontem Software in March 2010. The software provides cemetery mapping and the ability to manage the storage of images and documents, in addition to basic recording of ownership, deeds, occupants, and additional information.

Since the software was installed last spring, the Clerk's office has begun the task of entering thousands of burial records into the new database. With the help of the cemetery Sexton, this summer we will begin a survey of the cemetery to reconcile burial records. Additionally, a digital map of the cemetery was created to aid in the location of available gravesites, specific graves, and burial sites of our military veterans.

Transferring and verifying the data is a long-term, time-intensive project, but one that is imperative to ensure that cemetery records are protected and accurate for future generations. The Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Sexton are excited about the ability it will provide us to better serve the public in retrieving cemetery data accurately and efficiently.

The cemetery is open from 8:00am to dusk on weekdays, and 9:00am to dusk on weekends. The following items are not permitted in the cemetery: chairs, settees, benches, hanging baskets, glass containers, glass covered boxes, photos, wreaths, statues, ornaments, and flowerpots. Artificial flowers are permitted only if placed in cement urns. For more information about the Wacousta Cemetery please visit the township website at www.twp.watertown.mi.us/departments or contact the Clerk's office.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

ANDREA POLVERENTO, PLANNING DIRECTOR | AMY KINNEY, PLANNING ASSISTANT

SPRING AND SUMMER PROJECT REMINDERS

Spring Cleaning!

Now is the perfect time for a little spring cleaning, as the weather is warming and the snow has melted. Please take a moment to clean up any items that were discarded or forgotten on your property over the winter.

If you have trash, scrap, rubbish, construction materials, junk or junk vehicles, you could be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance's junk provisions.

The Township's "Dump Your Junk Day" is right around the corner, and a great way to dispose of the items above. The Township can also provide information regarding vehicle donations.

Permit reminders

Don't forget that many common summer projects require building, trades and zoning permits. Projects like decks and porches, pole barns and sheds, air conditioning, pools and residential additions require various permits. The permits are online at the Township's web site, www.twp.watertown.mi.us, and paper copies are also available in the office.

If you hire a contractor for projects such as those listed above, be sure to hire a licensed contractor. If your contractor applies for permits, be sure that when the project is complete, you verify that a final inspection has been completed. A green sticker will be affixed by the inspector granting final approval. If you have questions about a contractor or would like a list of reputable contractors, don't hesitate to contact the building department at 517-622-8822.

Signage Information

Garage and yard sale, open house and auction temporary yard signs are permitted for the day of the event. When creating these signs, don't forget to put the date of the sale or event on the sign. The township may remove old, outdated or dilapidated signs.

The township's sign ordinance also addresses real estate signs. Signs which advertise property for sale may only be placed on the property which is for sale. Off-site and directional real estate signs will be removed by the township when noticed.

Signs of any kind should not be placed in a public right-of-way, including road rights-of-way. The road right-of-way extends approximately 33 feet from the center of public roads in the township.

WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

The annual Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, starting at 11:00am with line up at 10:45am. The Memorial Day service in the cemetery will follow. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our appreciation and respect for those who have served our country in the past and those who continue to serve. There will be a community picnic in the Looking Glass Pavilion after the cemetery service. Hot dogs and chips will be provided. Please join us!

LOOKING GLASS TRIATHLON

This year's triathlon will start at 7:00am at the Looking Glass Valley Park on Saturday, May 28th.

- \$30.00 registration fee per team
- The team race will include approximately
 - 1.5 mile run
 - 2+ miles canoeing
 - 3 miles bicycling
- All teams start and finish with the same partners
- Teams must furnish their own bikes
- Teams must have one member over age 18

Use the registration form located within this newsletter or on the township website.



FITNESS 4 YOU AEROBICS

JERRY MCNEILLY

Have you been thinking lately, "I really should start getting some exercise?" Do you think, "I will do it when I have more time?" Well, how about making time now to join us at the township gym as we move to the music!

The music starts at 6:15pm on Monday and Wednesdays. The class consists of two parts, is co-ed, and is non-competitive. Come for the first part of 45 minutes and leave, or stay another few minutes for toning and stretching.

This is all done at a low to medium intensity, and conforms to the American Council on Exercise (ACE) recommendations for group fitness aerobic classes. We use golden oldies music and an occasional line dance as a cool down.

You can try the class free until you decide if it fits your needs. For more information, call Jerry McNeilly at (517) 627-9570.

DEWITT DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

JENNIFER BALCOM, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The DeWitt District Library is located at 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt, next to the Schavey Road Shopping Center. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00am – 8:30pm, Tuesday 1:00pm – 8:30pm, Friday 1:00pm – 7:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm, and Sunday 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Additional information on programs and services offered through the DeWitt District Library are available online at www.dewittlibrary.org, or by phoning (517) 669-3156 during business hours.

FRIENDS OF THE DEWITT DISTRICT LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the DeWitt District Library (FODDL) will be holding a Used Book Sale on **SATURDAY, MAY 7th from 9:30am - 4:00pm at the DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Road, Lansing.** Members of FODDL are allowed to enter the sale ½ hour early. Applications to join the Friends of the DeWitt District Library will be available for those wishing to join. Reduced pricing will begin at 3:00pm. All proceeds benefit the DeWitt District Library. Further information on the Friends of the DeWitt District Library can be found on DeWitt District Library's website at www.dewittlibrary.org/about%20us/friendsofthelibrary.html.

FREE eBooks AVAILABLE THROUGH DEWITT DISTRICT LIBRARY

DeWitt District Library has expanded its services with downloadable eBooks, available 24/7 from the library's website. DDL card holders can check out and download eBooks anytime, anywhere - free of charge and late fees.

This new service is powered by OverDrive, which has been providing DeWitt District Library with downloadable audio books, a service hundreds of DDL patrons are already enjoying. To read eBooks, users need to install Adobe Digital Editions, free software offered through OverDrive. The eBooks available through this service can be used with Barnes and Noble's Nook, Sony Reader, iPod, and a variety of mobile devices that support eBooks. Information on compatible portable devices can be found in the Getting Started section of OverDrive.

In addition to the newly selected eBook titles, DDL patrons will have access to over 15,000 public-domain, DRM-free eBooks which OverDrive has added from Project Gutenberg (PG). PG selections include popular pre-1923 classics, such as the works of Jane Austen and Arthur Conan Doyle.

Getting started is easy; visit the library website at www.dewittlibrary.org, select the OverDrive feature, and enjoy.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR JOB SEEKERS

Another new web resource available to DeWitt District Library patrons through the library website is the addition of the Michigan eLibrary's Job & Career Accelerator. This new interactive tool combines everything a job-seeker would need into an easy on-line application. The Michigan eLibrary is administered by the Library of Michigan and provides Michigan residents with access to online information at no cost. MeL.org can be accessed through the books and research section of DDL's website at www.dewittlibrary.org/booksresearch/databases.html.

SUMMER READING

The DeWitt District Library will launch their summer reading program on **FRIDAY, JUNE 10th at 4:00pm** with the library's traditional chalk-the-walk. All ages are invited to decorate the library's sidewalks with their creative chalk art and sign up for summer reading. This year's theme, "One World, Many Stories" will encourage exploration of countries and cultures around the globe. The program is free and open to children of all ages and abilities. Check the library's events calendar online for information on summer reading themed programs and specials.

GRAND LEDGE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

RUTH THOMPSON, YOUTH SERVICES

The Grand Ledge Area District Library at Wacousta will participate in the Wacousta Summer Celebration Days event on Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th. The branch will be open Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Stories for children will be read at 11:00am and 1:00pm, and craft activities will be available.

This summer we welcome four exceptional programs. The 2011 Summer Reading Program will be enhanced by the talents of Natalie Simpson from JubalArts Dance & Music Studio. She will offer a three-day mini-dance workshop. The workshop will be on Monday, June 20th, Tuesday, June 21st, and Wednesday, June 22nd. Each day, three separate times are available for pre-school through high school. Come to the library for details on times. Registration is required as space is limited.

"Dinosaur Digger," PaleoJoe will be at the main library on Monday, July 11th at 1:00pm. If you dig dinosaurs, bones, and history then come register and dig in for this program.

On Monday, July 18th, Tuesday, July 19th, and Wednesday, July 20th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, three afternoons are devoted to Family Fun Time. This time is set aside just for family and friends to make crafts, play cards and board games, or play the Wii.

Sun Theatre is partnering with the library to present a double feature movie on Wednesday, July 27th. There will be an 11:00am (G) and a 1:00pm (PG) movie showing. Check the library for details for the featured movies.

We will be offering four age/grade groups the opportunity to read for rewards in the Summer Reading Program. Our Read-to-Me program is geared for the preschool through kindergarten pre-readers and beginning level readers. For the elementary, middle and high school grades 1st through 12th, there are up to five reading logs that can be achieved. We have a wide range of books available for checkout at either library location. For listening on the go or for a change of pace we have youth and adult audio books on tape and CD. For those interested in advanced technology check out Overdrive downloadable books for PC's, MP3 players and iPods along with the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL). If a book is not available in our collection, you may be able to order the book from another lending library for use on the reading logs. We are looking forward to a program that is fun and challenging for all age groups. For advanced or beginning readers, caregivers, siblings and parents can always read the stories to assist our readers in achieving their reading goals.

Adults also have the option of joining the Adult Summer Reading Program. It is in bookmark format. Just pick up a bookmark and fill in the adult readers name and phone number. The completed bookmark may be dropped in a container located in the adult services area of the library to be eligible for a weekly drawing for adults.

All of these programs will run from Monday, June 13th through Monday, August 1st at 9:00pm. The youth events are free, however, space is limited so sign up early to reserve your place. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer at our Wacousta and Main library locations, events, and programs.

We appreciate our generous sponsors, many of whom are repeat supporters of reading in our community. With a special thank you to business owners Chuck Pantera from Sun Theatre and Natalie Simpson from JubalArts Dance & Music Studio for giving additional support for this summer.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

DEPUTY SHARON WORTHINGTON

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you have not yet signed up for Neighborhood Watch Alerts, you can do so anytime through the Clinton County website (www.clinton-county.org). Under Law & Justice, click on Sheriff Office, then select Neighborhood Watch; you will see a link on the right side of the page to subscribe to Neighborhood Watch updates.

CRIME AND VACATION INFORMATION

Homes have been broken into in the southeast section of the county, often during daytime hours. Some were forced entry (windows broken to get in), but some had no apparent signs of forced entry. Money, electronics, and jewelry were the main items taken. Electronics taken include video games and systems, televisions, and computers. Possible suspect vehicles are a black Grand Am with a dull finish, or a white vehicle. If you see anything suspicious please call 911.

Recently, we received information on marijuana growing operations. Search warrants were executed and a substantial amount of marijuana, money, and equipment were seized. Though some of these operations claim they are in the "medical" marijuana business, they are in violation of the law under those guidelines. The medical marijuana law has rules and guidelines for growing the marijuana; you cannot simply grow it and claim it is for medical purposes. Call the police if you suspect something illegal.

With summer fast approaching, remember you can call our office to add your home to the vacation property check-list. Please do not post too much information about your activities on social networks such as publically-viewable blogs or Facebook; don't make it easy for someone to know the times you will be gone.

NEW TEXTING LAW

The new "texting" law states that a person shall not read, manually type, or send a text message on a wireless two-way communication service while operating a motor vehicle.

CLINTON COUNTY REVERSE 911 INFORMATION

Clinton County Central Dispatch/9-1-1 relies on emergency notification technology from PlantCML[®], an EADS North America company, among other means, to keep you alert of situations and ultimately, ensure your safety. In doing so, we must have current contact information readily available at all times.

As more people transition from landline phone service to wireless and VoIP phone service, the availability and accuracy of local 9-1-1 or commercially provided phone data has greatly diminished, creating significant gaps in communications databases. For this reason, Clinton County Central Dispatch/9-1-1 has now implemented PlantCML's Self-Registration Portal (SRP) to gather critical data, including cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses, directly from you.

For more information and to sign up for emergency notifications, please log on to <https://clintoncountymi911.onthealert.com>.

IF YOU GROW IT, THEY WILL COME

RONALD V. OVERTON, PLANNING COMMISSIONER AND MASTER GARDENER

Having a variety of wildlife in your backyard can not only provide hours of enjoyment for you and your family, it can enhance the value of your property. What is even better is the things that attract wildlife will also restore critical habitat and make your yard a more complete and fully functioning ecosystem. Having a diverse selection of plants will attract a wider variety of insects which in turn will attract more birds. The overall system will get to the point that it keeps itself in check (e.g. if you get too many of any one critter, it will quickly attract a bigger critter to bring things back into balance). Variety is also important because it means losing any one species has only a small impact on the overall system. Imagine if all of your shade trees were White Ash.

The four things wildlife need are food, water, shelter and space. Every species has its own food requirements and they can change throughout the year and at different ages. For example, a Monarch butterfly drinks nectar, but a Monarch caterpillar eats milkweed. While most birds eat seeds, 96% of them feed insects to their young. Food can include fruits and berries, grain and seeds, nectar and nuts but also includes the plants themselves – twigs, leaves, buds, roots, etc.

Water is crucial for wildlife. Some of us are fortunate to have a river or pond or even a marsh. For others, this might simply be a birdbath. What is important is that it be clean and fresh. Some species like running water and some like it still and some even prefer that it be stagnant. Butterflies like to gather around mud puddles where by sipping the muddy water, they can get the salts and minerals they need to reproduce. It's called *puddling*.

Just like us, wildlife require shelter. They need a place to sleep and raise their young, and protection from the weather and predators. I watch the birds sitting in the spruce tree waiting their turn to swoop down to the bird feeder where they grab a seed and quickly return to the spruce to eat in safety. Shelter might also be that standing tree that's dying. If it won't hurt anything when it falls down, let it stand. It's called a snag and will become home to all kinds of wildlife. When it falls over, different critters will take over and call it home. Eventually, micro-organisms in the soil will help it to decompose.

We all need our space. Every species has a particular amount of space or territory it needs to survive. They need to get food and water and find a mate. Regardless of the size of our own property, we can make it seem larger by providing a variety of food, water and shelter. We can effectively make it larger by banding together with our neighbors to make adjoining habitats or perhaps create green connections between habitats. This could include fencerows, drains, ditches, streams, utility rights-of-way -important travel corridors for wildlife.

When you're choosing a plant for your landscape, in addition to its appearance, think about how it functions with regard to wildlife. Does it provide fruits or nuts, a good nesting site, nectar or seeds? If you need a shade tree, consider oak or hickory or hazelnut. If you want a flowering ornamental tree, why not choose one with flowers AND fruit like a dogwood, hawthorn, or serviceberry. These have great fall color so you get three seasons worth of enjoyment. You really want a flowering crabapple? Choose one labeled "Persistent Fruit." This means the fruit stay on much longer and provide food for birds well into the winter.

If you want to have wildlife in your yard all year, keep in mind that they need food and shelter all year. Just like having flowers that bloom at different times, have plants that bear fruit or seeds at different times. Think about how you arrange your landscape, particularly if you're planting an attractive fruit bearing tree. Is there cover close by for the birds? Or are they going to be easy prey for that hawk? Group the food, water and shelter close together. Try to mimic nature with variety and arrangement instead of straight lines of the same thing. And keep an eye out for places where different types of habitat meet. Each of these habitats has a different wildlife community. Where they meet and transition is where there is a greater diversity of food and shelter and therefore greater variety of wildlife.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

“DUMP YOUR JUNK” DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

“Dump Your Junk” Day will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 7:00am - 11:00am.

Please do not line up before 7:00am as it causes delays and a very dangerous back-up on Wacousta Road. Those who wait until 9:00am often have little to no wait and last year were able to drive directly up to a container.

This event is highly popular and takes many volunteers, which are in short supply. If you are interested in volunteering please call (517) 626-6593 ext 207.

Padnos Steel will be on site to collect steel, J&J Appliance will collect old appliances, and Firestone Tire will be collecting tires. Granger’s waste acceptance guidelines are located within this newsletter.





WASTE ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES—EFFECTIVE 2005

As provided by State of Michigan Statute and Rule and the
Granger Prohibited/Hazardous Waste Exclusion Work Plan

PROHIBITED WASTES

The following prohibited wastes **cannot** be accepted under any condition or from any source.

- Hazardous Waste & Hazardous Waste Containers/Labels

Hazardous wastes are materials that are ignitable, corrosive, reactive, toxic as well as listed wastes such as; pesticides, herbicides, solvents and their containers.

- Explosives, Ammunition, and Firearms
- Low-level Radioactive Waste & Radioactive Labeled Containers
- PCB's
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Liquid Wastes (or Free Liquids)
- Sewage and Septic Waste
- Oil Based Paint
- Used Oil
- Materials That May Adversely Affect the Liner or Leachate System

The following conditionally prohibited wastes can be accepted if the specific conditions indicated are met.

- Asbestos (requires proper packaging and handling)
- Empty Drums (must be clean and crushed)
- Medical Waste (decontaminated or packaged as required)
- Whole Motor Vehicle Tires (must be cut in half)
- Yard Clippings or Yard Waste (unless diseased or infested)
- Used Beverage Containers i.e. \$.10 deposit cans and bottles (only acceptable in very small quantity)

SPECIAL WASTES

The following special wastes can be accepted if the specific conditions indicated are met.

- Compressed Gas Cylinders (must be empty and disabled)
- Contaminated Soil (requires testing to confirm non-hazardous)
- Dead Animal Carcasses (will not be accepted in large quantity)
- Electronic Waste or E-Waste (only from households and exempt generators)
- Fluorescent Light Ballast (without PCBs only)
- Fluorescent Tubes (only from households and exempt generators)
- Household Paint (must be in non-liquid form)
- Incinerator Ash (must be tested to confirm non-hazardous)
- Oil Filters (must be drained for 24-hours)
- Sandblasting Materials (requires testing to confirm non-hazardous)
- Waste Water Sludge (requires testing to confirm non-hazardous)

**For additional information contact:
Phil Newsome
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pnewsome@grangernet.com**

2011 Looking Glass Triathlon

Saturday May 28, 2011, 7:00am start at the Looking Glass Valley Park (arrive at 6:45am)

Registration fee: \$30.00 per team

The team race will include approximately:

1.5 mile run

3+ miles by canoe

4 miles by bike

We will make every attempt to accommodate requests placing teams together

All teams start and finish with the same partners. Teams must furnish their own bikes. Teams must have one member over 18. T-shirts for each participant. Trophy to class winners.

Two classes

Adult (both over 18) Co-age (one over 18/one under 18)

Name _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Address _____

Team Name _____

Age (if under 18) _____

Shirt size xs s m l xl

Shirt size xs s m l xl

As a participant of the Looking Glass Triathlon, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damage or injury, which I may accrue because of participating in said program. This release is intended to release Watertown Charter Township, its employees, agents, trustees, or representatives of Watertown Charter Township and all parties included in the program, from and against all Liability arising out of or connected in any way with participation in said program. My Participation is voluntary and done at my own risk. This results in a full waiver in accordance with the provisions specified above.

I have carefully read and understood everything written above.

Print Name _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature of parent or Guardian if under 18 years old _____

Signature of parent or Guardian if under 18 years old _____

Please complete and sign registration and send to the Township at the address below. Make check or money order payable to: Watertown Township. Mail to: Watertown Township Administration Dept, 12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

****Deadline to register: Wednesday, May 11th at 12:00 Noon****
NO EXCEPTIONS

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