

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
CHEBOYGAN COUNTY**

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Burt Township Taxpayers:

**Spring Clean Up 2016:** Mark your calendar for the “Big Dump Day” on Saturday June 18, 2016 at the East Side Transfer Station. NO liquids (paint, chemicals, etc.) will be accepted, we will accept DRIED paints, appliances, tires, batteries, etc.. This is the only time of the year we are able to accept these items. This is available to all township property owners at no charge.

**Transfer Station Permits:** As of April 1, 2016 all residents who wish to use the east or west transfer stations will need to obtain a new waste permit for a fee of \$50.00. You may purchase this card at the same time you pay your taxes by writing a SEPARATE check payable to “Burt Township Transfer Station”. Your numbered card will be returned by first class mail. If you elect not to purchase a card at this time, you may do so through the year (after March 1<sup>st</sup>) by contacting the BURT TOWNSHIP CLERK. The card will be recorded in your name and IS NOT transferable to anyone else. The card is valid for one year and will extend to you unlimited usage for disposal of your household garbage, which should be properly bagged or boxed. **NOTE:** We are not licensed to accept any other items such as used furnishings, appliances, tires, chemicals or miscellaneous trash at these sites. For items that we cannot accept we suggest you contact Republic Waste Services @ 866-733-6796. Don't forget to RECYCLE whenever possible!

**Township Construction Ordinance:**– Burt Township has Zoning that may regulate remodeling and construction on your property. This Zoning also includes a possible green belt natural vegetation strip requirement within 25 ft of the Burt Lake shoreline as well as size limitations for fire pits with seating areas within the 75 ft setback from Burt Lake. During planning of your remodeling and construction projects, please check which permits and requirements are applicable to your projects. Refer to the Township Web Site <http://www.burttownship.org> (right hand side under Zoning) for those requirements, mainly in chapter 6, or contact Zoning Administrator Jim Larson [Jimeuclid@aol.com](mailto:Jimeuclid@aol.com) . Failure to apply for and receive proper permits prior to alteration of your lot or structure, or the start of new construction will result with triple fees for required permits and/or penalties as allowed by law.

**Our Zoning Administrator,** Jim Larson was appointed by the board and took the position December 1st, 2013. Jim's address is 4099 East Burt Lake Road, phone: 231-238-8667 and email: [jimeuclid@aol.com](mailto:jimeuclid@aol.com). Various zoning related applications are available on the Township web site. Click on “Downloads”.

**Burt Township Web Site ([www.burttownship.org](http://www.burttownship.org))** is the source for township information including: The Master and Recreation Plans, current budget, the September 2013 survey results, meeting dates/times and minutes for the various boards and commissions.

**Trail Update:** The first 5 miles of trail have held up well with modifications on 3 hills to prevent erosion. In July, the Michigander ride used the Burt Lake Trail as a connection from Topinabee to Brutus on their route from Cheboygan to Harbor Springs. Residents and visitors biked, jogged, and walked on the trail this summer and fall. A special thank you to the west side volunteers who have done an outstanding job keeping the trail in top shape all season. The parking lot at Chaboiganing was completed with Recreational Passport funds and volunteer labor. The Little Traverse conservancy will plow the lot this winter and groom conservancy trails and adjacent University of Michigan trails for cross country skiing. We have been working with University of Michigan management for several years to determine a northern connector route. Several meetings this summer with the assistant director of the Biological Station have been very encouraging. The University of Michigan may donate an easement to allow a separated trail from West Burt Lake Road at Hogsback, north to Riggsville Road, Riggsville Road to East Burt Lake Road and along East Burt to Hogsback on the east side. This would be about 3 more miles of Trail and would be a 2016 emphasis for funding. Scheduled for 2017 is the county sponsored reconstruction/paving of Mullet-Burt Road, which will have paved shoulders for trail use, from Hoppies to the old Corner Store at Topinabee Mail Route,. We need property owner's cooperation to have contractors keep their trucks/trailers off the trail and park in driveways.

**Elections:** There will be three elections this year. The Presidential Primary will be held March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The State Primary is August 2, 2016 and the Presidential Election is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mark your calendar! Contact Donna McDougall, Clerk, 231-838-4012 for absentee ballot information.

**Natural Gas Update:** DTE extended its natural gas service this summer to the west side of the township. The majority of the west side property owners have already "tapped" into the service for this winter. PIE & G of Onaway continues to work with the state to gain approval to provide natural gas service to the east side of the township. The Township Board continues to support PIE & G in this effort.

**Roads:** West Birchwood Road has been upgraded with Afton stone and grading this fall to improve the road and correct the "flooding" in certain areas of the road.

**Your Township Board:**

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