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To Our Burt Township Taxpayers:

**BALLOT PROPOSALS:** The August election will have 3 proposals, all of which are **RENEWALS**. Number One is a renewal of our 1/2 mill for OPERATING funds. This is currently being used for road improvements, brining of the roads, transfer stations costs, Big Dump Day, etc. Number Two is a renewal of our 1/2 mill for Fire Protection. This money is used ONLY for fire protection and pays both the Pellston Fire Department for servicing the west side of the lake and the Mullett Fire Department for the east side. Number Three is a renewal of our 1/2 mill for ROADS. This money is used only for Burt Township roads. It is for preparing roads for paving, paving or repaving a current road.

**BURT TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:** ([www.burttownship.org](http://www.burttownship.org)) is your main source for township information including: The Master and Recreation Plans, current budget, meeting dates/times, and minutes of the various boards and commissions. If you look there first, you may find the information you seek and avoid any printing charges incurred through requests to the Township Clerk.

**FOIA:** The Freedom of Information Act requires that we retain records of all requests, so we ask that any FOIA request you submit be made on the standardized form. Any request for information about the Boards actions is considered a FOIA request. Additionally, you will find the procedures, guidelines and a summary of the new FOIA statute on our website.

**RECYCLING:** All electronic waste (TV, computers and components, phones, batteries, electric motors, etc) is now accepted at Straits e-Cycling, 1320 West State Street, Cheboygan. Information is available at [straitsecycling.org](http://straitsecycling.org) or contact Tonya Corey at 844-422-7780. The cost to recycle ranges from free to \$15. Non e-waste, such as hazardous chemical, bio hazard waste, oil base paints and oil can still be recycled every Wednesday, Noon to 3:00pm at the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds (summer hours). We cannot accept any of these types of material or e-waste at the transfer stations.

**ROADS:** The Township Board has approved the following for this summer/fall; crack sealing of Deerfield Lane, Cedar Drive and Cedar Point Roads, paint striping of Roads will include both dump roads and West Numbers, Eagles Nest and Service Roads. The Board also approved afton stone (crushed rock) on 5100 feet of Indian Pte. Road From the corner of Brutus Road to correct drainage.

**NATURAL GAS:** PIEG of Onaway continues to work with the state to gain support to provide natural gas service to the east side of the township, which the township continues to support.

**DETOUR WARNING:** The bridge over Maple Bay on Brutus Road is slated for replacement starting in August of this year. The Detour will run you up West Burt Lake Road to Riggsville Road. It will last approximately. 3 months.

**ZONING:** Zoning Administrator Jim Larson can be reached by phone: 231-238-8667 and email: [jl Larson@burttownship.org](mailto:jl Larson@burttownship.org). Various zoning related applications are available on the Township web site. Click on "Downloads". A zoning permit may be required for improvements to your current property. Save time by reviewing the zoning ordinances at [BurtTownship.org](http://BurtTownship.org) or calling the zoning administrator before starting your construction project.

Just a reminder, you need to submit a timber harvest plan if you are doing a commercial timber cut on your property. Please reference section 6.22 of the Burt Township Zoning book for questions.

**TRAIL:** Phase two of the Burt Lake Trail is underway. A new Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant was submitted on April 1, 2016. Along with the MNRTF grant an MDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant was also submitted in spring, 2016. TAP is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as multi-use paths that enhance Michigan's non-motorized transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. Grant awards will be announced in December, 2016. If the grants are awarded to Burt Township a \$75,000 local match is necessary.

Trail Committee members have been working with University of Michigan management for several years to develop a northern connector route for the Burt Lake Trail. University of Michigan is providing a letter of intent for an easement to allow a separated trail from West Burt Lake Road at Hogsback, North to Riggsville Road, East to East Burt Lake Road then South to Birchwood Road. This would extend the present Burt Lake Trail an additional 3 miles and is planned as a separated paved trail. Tax deductible contributions are now being accepted now for the next phase of the Burt Lake Trail by sending your donations to the Top of Michigan Trails council at 1687 M 119, Petoskey, Mi 49770, designating the funds be directed to the Burt Lake Trail.

Again this year we will have the Volunteer Trail Maintenance crew. Are you interested in helping out? If so contact Gary Street, 529 6557, or [burtlake1@yahoo.com](mailto:burtlake1@yahoo.com).

The next Trail meetings are June 27, July 25, and August 22 at 7:00PM at the Township Hall.

**PIPELINE:** Enbridge Line 5 carries oil and LP gas from Canada, under the Straits of Mackinaw, through Burt Township. It is being closely watched in Lansing by the Michigan Petroleum and Pipeline Task Force and several grass roots groups. The Board signed a resolution to limit its daily use to non-oil products (LNP) until the final, independent report certifies the lines safety.

**FREE LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE:** Brittany Vanderwall is the Forester for the Cheboygan/Presque Isle Conservation Districts. Her free services can be found at <http://www.piconservation.org> or contact Brittany at the Conservation District office at (989) 734-4000, or email her at [brittany.vanderwall@macd.org](mailto:brittany.vanderwall@macd.org).