



Green Lake Township

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010

TOWNSHIP BOARD

SUPERVISOR: Paul Biondo

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-
Thursday 8:00am-5:30pm,
Closed Friday

TOWNSHIP BOARD:
2nd Monday of each month
at 6:00pm

PLANNING COMMISSION:
4th Monday of each
month at 6:30pm

ZBA MEETING: 2nd
Wednesday of each
month at 7:00pm

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO
ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.**

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www.greenlaketownship.org

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greenlaketownship@charter.net

The Village of Interlochen Community Beautification Program

The Village of Interlochen DDA sponsored their first community beautification project. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make our first project a success! Nine Hundred daffodil bulbs and fifteen perennial gardens are in the ground! Next spring you will see a beautiful change to the corridor of M137 through the Village of Interlochen. First of all we would like to thank our Director, Susan Mrowczynski. She organized the project, spent hours with shovel in hand, and applied for a grant from The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City for this project. Thanks to The Friendly Garden Club, we received a grant for \$500 to make our first project a reality. Susan and her volunteers did a wonderful job. Thank you Susan and to all the volunteers listed below:

Dennis Mrowczynski

*Pastor Joy Ziegler Village of Interlochen
Bay View Wesleyan Church*

Warren Studley

Cynthia Johnson

Dave Morse

Verta Odziana

Rudy Odizana

Patrick McDonald

Ed Dewey

Bob Ward

Lin Alessio plant donation from

Interlochen Perennials

Trailer provided by Gary and Mary Flint

And a thank you to Tom Hager of

Skegemog Gardens

Enjoy the Village of Interlochen's new look this spring! We plan on continuing this program annually. If you would like to participate, contact Krysti Baker at 276-9329.

Avenue of the Arts Autumn Fest

The Interlochen Chamber of Commerce sponsored the first annual Avenue of the Arts Autumn Fest held on September 18, 2010. The Village of Interlochen was packed with local residents and visitors taking in the art exhibits, shopping and attending the classic car show. The Interlochen Elementary School hosted a multi media juried art exhibition. The event was a huge success! Each local business hosted an artist and displayed art work. People were dancing to the 60's

and 70's music in the parking lot of the Dove Song! The Village of Interlochen was alive with excitement. Associate sponsors of this event were the Village of Interlochen DDA, Fox FM, Long Lake Marina, Tom's Food Market, Bud's, Devette and Ford Insurance, Thirlby Automotive, Lake "N" Pines Lodge and many more. If you missed it this year, mark your calendars for next fall. Don't miss out on all that the Village of Interlochen has to offer. Remember to shop locally

Traverse City Senior Center Reaches Out to Rural Townships

The Traverse City Senior Center hosted a luncheon on September 23, 2010 at the Golden Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the luncheon was to introduce their program to our area. When they took a close look at their membership they realized that many of the members came from rural townships. They decided to offer the same activities that they offer in Traverse City to seniors in our area, using the Golden Fellowship

Hall, and other venues that do not require a drive into the city, making access much easier. Seventy people attended the luncheon! Everyone was excited about having these activities available closer to home. For more information on how to get involved please contact George McBath at 231-922-4911. A bowling league, a line dancing class and a visiting author book signing are already in the works.



MESSAGE FROM PAUL BIONDO, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

The Village of Interlochen is alive and well as you can see from the articles in this newsletter. We live in great place with great people. I am proud to serve each and every one of you. Together we are on our way to creating the Village of Interlochen that we all envisioned.

Over the past few years we have had several visioning sessions that many of you took part in. Your enthusiastic participation has kept the vision growing. I'll never forget what everyone said they liked best about Green Lake Township, they said they liked the people that lived here most.

Everyone is friendly and always there to lend a helping hand. I couldn't agree with you more. Thank you for all your support and participation over the years. Let's work together to keep the momentum going. Remember the easiest way to support our community is to shop locally.

Bits from Sue Schroeter, Treasurer

The Township offices will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years. For those wishing to pay their taxes in person before 2011, the Treasurer's office will be open Thursday December 30th. from 9:00 to 5:00. There is a secure drop box in the door of the office building and post marks will be honored for all others.

Your tax information is now on our web site and can be obtained by going to greenlaketownship.org. All information is live so you can check to see when your payment was received, do print offs for your income tax preparer, even check on other properties in the Township.

As always, partial payments are accepted.

We prefer that you do not pay with cash but if necessary please have the correct amount. The Township does not keep a lot of money on hand to make change.

We are not set up to take credit card payments because the charge for that service would have to be passed on to the taxpayer. Most companies charge approximately 3%. Please enclose a brief note with your payment and let me know if this is a service that you want. If enough taxpayers respond favorably I will get it started.

Have a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing and hearing from you throughout the coming year.

INTERLOCHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Children's Christmas Party!

The Interlochen Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual Christmas Party this year on Friday, December 3, 2010, at the Green Lake Township Hall. This event is free of charge. Hot chocolate and donuts will be served at Tom's from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Food will be served at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Township Hall. Santa will arrive at the Township Hall at 6:00 pm and that's when the music starts. The Christmas Tree lighting and Christmas carol singing will begin! The horse driven sleigh rides are always everybody's favorite and will be provided again this year. Dress warm and come enjoy the fun. The Interlochen Chamber of Commerce hosts this party through donations from our community. If you would like to help call 276-7141.

On Saturday, December 4, the Interlochen Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Christmas in the Village from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Each business will be serving refreshments and offering great Christmas gifts at discount prices. Be sure to take advantage of this special event.



GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

The Green Lake Township Recreation Committee has been hard at work on an update to the community's Recreation Master Plan. The Committee would like your ideas and opinions about parks, trails, and recreation programming in the Township. Survey forms are available at Green Lake Township Hall, and at the Interlochen Library. Or, go to www.greenlaketownship.org to complete the survey on line. The Recreation Committee will also be conducting three different focus group discussions. The topics are Youth Recreation, Trails, and Township Park Upgrades. If you are interested in participating in a focus group discussion or have other questions about recreation programming in Green Lake Township, contact Krysti Baker at 276-9329.

The Village of Interlochen DDA Receives Grant

The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Village of Interlochen DDA. The grant is to assist Green Lake Township with the next stage of planning for the development of the Village of Interlochen Gateway. The grant money will be used to hire a design firm to create an Interlochen Gateway Design and Circulation Plan. This plan will insure that our major corridor at US 31 and M137 is developed following the guidelines of our approved streetscape design, and our vision for the future of the Village of Interlochen.