

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP  
2015 SUMMER NEWS LETTER  
231-882-4411

[www.benzoniatownship.org](http://www.benzoniatownship.org)

General office hours Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 4:00

**Supervisor** – Jim Sheets

**Assessor** – Christy Brow

Eric Ferneilus

**Memorial Park Maintenance** – Aaron Hickey

**Clerk** – Diana Heller

**Zoning Administrator** – Dave Neiger

**Treasurer** – Karen Burns

**Cemetery Sexton** –

**Summer property taxes** – Office hours during summer tax collection (July 1 – Sept 14<sup>th</sup>) are Monday and Wednesday 9-12 and Thursday afternoon 1-4. There is a drop box available by the entry door – please feel free to use it. If you would like a receipt, please enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope, ask for a receipt if paying in person or click on the link to BS&A on our webpage and print your receipt from that site. Sorry, but we do not accept credit cards.

**Dump Day** – Our next scheduled township dump date is August 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-12 next to Magna on US-31 south of Benzonia. Please stop at the township hall to get a ticket and a list of items not accepted (that list will also be in the local paper).

**Cemetery** – Our cemetery sexton is Eric Ferneilus. His contact number is 231-642-7720.

**Recycle** – Bring in your dead batteries, cell phones, printer cartridges and compact florescent bulbs to the township hall.

Visit -

[http://www.benzieco.net/dept\\_recycling.htm](http://www.benzieco.net/dept_recycling.htm) for a schedule of upcoming events.

**Election – August 4<sup>th</sup> election:** Up for renewal, Sheriff Department millage and the Benzie Bus millage.

Dates to remember:

July 6, 2015 – last date to register to vote in the August 2015 Special Election.

August 3, 2015 – last day to vote on an absentee ballot.

August 4, 2015 – Election Day, 7am – 8pm.

We will be looking for more election officials for the November, 2016 election. Because all present and future election officials need to be certified, please call the Clerk's office for more information by January, 2016. You will get an application and told of the procedures involved.

**Memorial Park** – Our park continues to grow. The schedule for weekends in July and August is already full. We have a form at the township office for groups over 25. We are discussing the addition of a second pavilion at the park.

**Plans are moving ahead for the dog park, with a target date of mid-July 2015. The dog park will be located in the south east corner of Memorial Park.**

*Donations are always appreciated for the increased maintenance to the park.*

**Fire Department** – Our volunteer department averages 18 members. Eight of our fire fighters are Medical First Responders, and all are State Certified. We average 200 medicals calls and 70 fire calls every year. We have a contract with our neighbors to the south (Joyfield Township) to provide fire protection. We pride ourselves in the ability to budget our money and pay cash for all of the equipment purchases we make.

**Roads** – Please visit [www.benziecrc.org](http://www.benziecrc.org) to see what road projects are scheduled for 2015.

## UPDATE FROM THE BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY -

### Every Hero Has a Story — week by week

We want to recognize our **community heroes**.

From local business owners who give back to their community, to the emergency responders who keep us safe, we are grateful to all those who make us proud to be part of such a wonderful community.

Our special guests will read some of their favorite stories and share with you what inspires them.

**There will also be a craft or activity at each story hour. Join us on**

**Thursdays at 3 p.m.** at the **Benzonia Public Library,**

891 Michigan Ave. (US-31), Benzonia

July 2: Story time: Puppet Show! Hilarious fun!

July 9: Story time: Sheriff's deputies Kyle and Mark with special guest, police dog Dahsty.

July 16: Story time: Firemen James and Lenny. Lots of goofy fun!

July 23: Story time: Marlene, Recycling Coordinator. Learn all about the benefits of compost!

**July 25: SATURDAY, 11 a.m. Nature Discovery Day: A fun & informative program with live**

**snakes, turtles, frogs & salamanders.** (at Benzonia Memorial Park)

July 30: Story time: Sunny & the Elk, learn how a local girls discovery took her all the way to the Smithsonian!

August 6: Story time: Josh, director at Grow Benzie! Hear wacky stories and create sidewalk art.

August 13: Story time: Mrs. Gould & her husband, local teachers. Learn from the best how to have summer fun

**August 15: SATURDAY, 11 a.m. Family Fun Day Finale:**

**Heroes from EMS, police, & fire departments—with their emergency vehicles.**

**Followed by a puppet show, pizza, prizes, games, & the ever popular water war.**

**A day of fun & Heroes that you don't want to miss!** (at Benzonia Memorial Park)

**Programs listed in bold will be on Saturdays at the Benzonia Memorial Park,**

**South Street (behind Watson Benzie Auto Dealership) & are co-sponsored by Benzonia Public Library and Darcy Library of Beulah.**

**Call the Benzonia Public Library or visit our website for information & updates.**

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