

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP
2017 SUMMER NEWS LETTER
231-882-4411

www.benzoniatownship.org

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

Supervisor – Jason Barnard
– Karen Burns

Clerk – Diana Heller

Treasurer

Assessor – Jill Brown
James Sheets

Zoning Administrator – Jason Barnard

Trustee –

Cemetery Sexton – Eric Ferneilus
Trustee – Sheila Priest

Memorial Park Maint. – Ken Blair

Summer property taxes – Office hours during summer tax collection (July 1 – Sept 14th) 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, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH. 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.

Clean up day- May 20th was our spring cleanup day. The next cleanup day will be August 12th at the same location, behind Tri-Gas and next to Antolin (the former Magna Plant) on US-31 south of Benzonia. The time will be 7:00 – 11:30. 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 fluorescent bulbs to the township hall.

- Visit - http://www.benzieco.net/dept_recycling.htm for a schedule of upcoming events.

Election – There will be an election on August 8, 2017 that will have 3 different proposals on it.

The absentee ballots should be ready late June. Please call or come in to request your absentee ballot for either or both elections this year.

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

The Dog Park is *VERY* popular with our four legged friends. Please remember to pick up after your pet. There are bags and a container available – PLEASE USE IT. The park is currently closed in the Winter months with no maintenance of trash bins. Please be courteous when you use the park and clean up the area.

- **The Veterans Memorial** is nearing completion. Please stop and take a look, it is located in Memorial Park behind Watson car dealership. **You still can buy a paver in remembrance of a loved one.** Plans for the dedication are in the early Fall.
- *****If tables are removed from the pavilion, PLEASE put them back when you are finished.*****

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

Fire Department – Steve Adams is our Fire Chief. Our fire department averages 15 members. Six 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.

New Assessor – Benzonia Township has hired a new assessor. Her name is Jill Brown and she also assesses in Crystal Lake Township. We welcome her to our team!

New Zoning Administrator – Benzonia Township has a newly appointed interim zoning administrator, Jason Barnard, with the retirement of Dave Neiger. We wish Dave the best in his retirement!

Roads – Please visit www.benziecrc.org to see what road projects are scheduled for 2017. Narrow Gauge Road will be paved this summer from Eastman Road to Marshall Road.

SELLING PROPERTY? The property transfer affidavit is a **state requirement** every time a property changes owners it is **required** to turn this form in within **45 days**. There is a link for it on our website, or go to the Michigan.gov to find it. It's form 2766 on the Michigan.gov site.

***** REMEMBER** - Applications for Poverty, VA Disability and Personal Property exemptions need to be filed yearly. Call the township office if you have questions about any of these. *******

**UPDATE FROM THE BENZONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY –
Summer Reading 2017
THURSDAYS, 3:00 PM AT THE
LIBRARY**

**Register beginning June 1st @
BPL**

Read books and fill out reading logs.

Win Prizes! Weekly drawings!

***The more you read, the more
opportunities to win!***

**June 22nd – Build a Better
World with Friends!** : BPL Puppet
Lab plus bag decorating, face painting,
and friendship activities.

**June 29th – Build a Better
World with Nature Conservation:**
Conserving and preserving our natural
environment with Michigan Department
of Natural Resources. Fun game of
Wildlife Bingo!

July 6th – Library Takeover! :
Invade the library – stories, games,
crafts and activities.

**July 13th – Build a Better
World with Water:** Help the BPL

Puppet Lab learn about the importance
of clean water. Hilarious water stories
plus fun “contaminating” and filtering
water plus a water themed craft.

**July 20th – Build a Better
World with Technology:** Join
the BPL Puppet Lab and COGnition for
SUPERSIZED SUMMER READING FUN!
Activities include a Virtual Reality
station presented by COGnition and
ZanMgt.

**July 27th – Summer Reading
Finale: Building a Better
World through Community.**
BPL Puppet Lab and surprise community
guests will teach us about strong
communities and how you fit in to
make a better world. Participate in
exciting stations with treats, games, and
activities.

<p>Benzonia Public Library 891 Michigan Ave. Benzonia, MI 49616 231-882-4111 - www.benzonialibrary.org</p>
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