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July 2022

Dear Burt Township Taxpayer;

Summer has arrived in Northern Michigan and the Board has been busy at work!

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

State Primary Election – August 2, 2022

State General Election – November 8, 2022

Absentee applications have been mailed to all Burt Township voters by your local Clerk. If you did not receive an application and would like to vote absentee, please contact Christy Kozlowski at 734-730-1746.

August 2nd ballot proposals - Burt Township will be seeking approval of an additional ½ mill for fire protection and EMS services for 2 years. The county will be seeking renewal of 1 mill for road improvements, ½ mill for senior citizens services, and ½ mill for 911 and emergency management. Voting in person will be available from 7 am to 8 pm at the Township Hall. Contact Christy Kozlowski, clerk at 734-730-1746 or burttownshipclerk@yahoo.com for additional information.

ROADS UPDATE

The Township will be paving Birchwood Road this summer – From E Burt Lake Rd to the Township Hall. Completion date is October 1. The Township will also be doing Crack Sealing on the following roads: Brutus Road (from W Burt Lake east to Indian Point), Indian Point, Crump Road, Indian Road, and Service Road. We will also be putting down Afton Stone on any gravel roads that need it.

INTERNET UPDATE

May 2022 Update: The project manager for Spectrum informed the township that as far as he knew, the Brutus Rd./West Burt broadband project was still on the docket for 2022. He is waiting to hear from Spectrum corporate leadership on when to get started. That's the only update he was able to provide. Work has begun on the Douglas Lake project, so there is measured optimism that we are not far behind and that will not see any lengthy delays. We will continue to provide updates as we learn more.

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LIBRARY SERVICES

Any property owner in Burt Township can use all the resources of the Topinabee (just remodeled), and Indian River Libraries at no charge. A free library card will be issued upon your first visit to the Indian River Library which can be used at numerous area libraries, including Petoskey. This is made possible by allocating, under contract, the penal fines that Burt Township receives each year to these two libraries. Please take advantage of the resources these libraries can offer.

BURT LAKE TRAIL PROGRESS

October 13, 2021, Phase III of the Burt Lake Trail was completed which “filled the gap” to provide 11.4 miles of continuous non-motorized trail for walkers, bikers, and joggers to enjoy. This section is 1.5 miles of beautiful winding trail through the UM Biological Station Forest, from the Riggsville Road/East Burt Lake Road intersection (where Phase II ends) to the intersection of Birchwood and East Burt Lake Road. The majority of this section was created by easements from the UM Biological Station and a few private property owners. Two grants were received to pay for the construction of Phase III from MDOT/TAP (\$355,000), and Recreational Trails Grant (\$152,000). Donations were received from BLPA (\$10,000), MEDC (\$30,000), DALMAC (\$5,000), and many individuals which paid the engineering costs.

The committee is grateful for the support of Karie Slavik, UM Assistant Director at the Biological Station, for all her work with UM Real Estate division to obtain the easements for the 3.3 miles of trail of Phase II and III. Following the plan developed back in September 2008, there are still two sections remaining to “complete the loop.” They are Topinabee Mail Route going east to the North Central State Trail at Topinabee and Brutus Road west to the Northwest State Trail at Brutus. In addition, each year identified segments of Phase I have been “blacktopped” and this will continue this year.

We have been fortunate to receive great support from organizations, individuals, the Cheboygan County Road Commission, as well as large grants from MDOT (3), Trust Fund (2), and Recreational Trails (1) to complete these five phases of the Burt Lake Trail.

You are all invited to please use the trail this summer and fall, whether it be walking, jogging, or biking. Besides the lake, it is another valuable asset to enjoy in Burt Township.

Trail Maintenance Committee – Volunteers are always needed for the trail on the west side. Contact Gary Street, 231-529-6557, to join these dedicated, hardworking men and women. A new group of volunteers will be needed for the trail through the U of M Biological Station.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REMINDER

Paving a driveway, a sidewalk or patio requires a zoning permit prior to starting. A zoning permit is also required before starting site preparation for construction or driveways. A timber harvest plan must be approved before commercial logging of any parcel.

BURT TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Township website is an essential resource for those who want to learn about our Zoning Ordinance and permits, township officials' contact information, elections, meeting schedules and minutes. We are in the process of updating the website and the URL address will be changing as well but you can continue to visit www.burttownship.org as the current site is still available. The current URL address will be linked to the new site once it is online for a period of time to allow for transition.