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Dear Burt Township Taxpayer;

Summer is in full swing in Northern Michigan and the Board has been busy at work!

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

On the ballot: Pellston School Bond Proposal

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.

TRANSFER STATIONS

2023 Transfer Station permits are still available for a fee of \$60. You can pick one up at either Transfer Station, just bring cash or check. You can also mail your payment to Christy Kozlowski (clerk) at 2028 Evergreen Ln, Brutus, 49716. Checks should be made payable to Burt Township and the permits are valid from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

Recycling – Just a reminder that plastic bags go in with paper/cardboard. Glass/plastic/metal should be put in the second recycle bin. We know this is different than “down state” where materials do not need to be separated. Plastic tools and plastic car parts should not be recycled. Garbage does not belong in the metal/plastic/glass bin.

ROADS UPDATE

The Township will be putting down tar and chip on Indian Road, Crump Road, and half of Cedar Drive and Cedar Point Drive area (remainder to be completed in 2024). Cheboygan County will be paving Topinabee Mail Route and tar and chipping E. Burt Lake Rd from Riggsville Rd to the Birchwood intersection this summer.

Eugene Hodulik, Trustee
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INTERNET UPDATE – May 2023

The Brutus Rd./W. Burt Lake Rd. Spectrum fiber project is “still a go” but now delayed as Spectrum is adding an additional project to the build. This means the build path and plan will need to be redone by Spectrum. In short, the project has been moved to 2024 as the additional scoping and permitting will not allow for enough time before winter. We understand the delay is disappointing news, but the good news is that broadband is coming. Since RACC went out of business in December, residents have had to scurry for service, mostly with HughesNet and lately with Starlink. PIEG has been installing high speed fiber for their customers on the east side of the township. The township board is working with TAG Tower/Verizon to erect a tower on the west side of the township with 5G service.

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

Now that 11.4 miles of continuous trail has been completed, attention has turned to connection to the North Central State Trail in Topinabee and the Northwest State Trail in Brutus, as well as blacktopping Phase I on the west side. This summer over two thousand linear feet ten feet wide, approximate cost \$43,000, from the trail maintenance fund, will be paved from Mundt Road/West Burt Lake Road intersection heading north. Grants for the SPARK Grant and a DNR Passport Grant have been submitted, which would provide money to pave Phase I. The Cheboygan County Road Commission has sponsored an MDOT Intergovernmental Grant (Burt and Mullett Townships), which has been submitted to pay for 5-foot paved shoulders on Topinabee Mail Route in both townships. If awarded the grant money would be available in 2025. A recent meeting with Emmet County personnel provided an update to the reconstruction of Brutus Road in Emmet County in 2025.

Trail Maintenance Committee – Volunteers are always needed for the bike trail on the west side. Please join these dedicated, hardworking men and women. Additional volunteers are needed for the paved trail from Hogsback Rd. north and east through the U of M Biological Station. Contact Gene Hodulik, Trail Chairman, at 231-238-8824 if you have some “spare time” to help out.

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 have updated the website and the URL address has changed to **www.burtcheboyganmi.gov**. The current URL address (www.burttownship.org) will be linked to the new site for a period of time to allow for transition.