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Dear Burt Township Taxpayer;

Winter will be arriving soon in Northern Michigan and your Board is getting ready for a busy new year ahead!

SPRING CLEAN UP

Spring Clean Up Day—better known as “Big Dump Day” will be **Saturday, June 15** (Father’s Day weekend 2024) at the East Side Transfer Station on Crump Rd.

TRANSFER STATIONS

2024/2025 Transfer Station permits will be available early next year. Just enclose a separate check for **\$60** made payable to Burt Township along with your payment for your winter taxes. For those residents whose taxes are paid through their mortgage companies, mail your **\$60** check directly to Shirley Reimann. The 2024 Transfer Station permits are valid from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

Recycling – Please, do not put garbage in recycling bins! 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.**

ELECTION UPDATE

The location of the early voting site for all federal and statewide election dates will be at the Cheboygan County Building in the Commissioner’s Room 135, located at 870 S. Main Street in Cheboygan, MI 49721. All qualified electors in Burt Township have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in a tabulator beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election, and any additional days prior to the second Saturday before an election that the Burt Township Board designates. Early voting will be available at the early voting site for the following hours:

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8-4pm	12-8pm	9-5pm	9-5pm	9-5pm	11 - 7pm	9-5pm	8-4pm	12-8pm

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Township Clerk at 734-730-1746 or burttownshipclerk@yahoo.com

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BURT LAKE TRAIL PROGRESS

The completion of Phase III in October 2021 provided 11.4 continuous miles of trail and there has been an increase in use by bikers, joggers, walkers this summer on the east side and the northern trail through the UM Biological Station property. Our goal is to connect with the two state trails in Topinabee (east) and Brutus (west) to complete a 62-mile loop for bikers. Unfortunately, the resurfacing of Topinabee Mail Route this summer did not include extended paved shoulders. However, an MDOT Grant for \$450K with a \$95K match from Burt and Mullet Townships would pay for 5 ft. paved shoulders. Grant winners will be announced in December. A DNR Passport Grant for \$150K, for paving more of Phase I, will also be announced in December. Approximately .4 miles of Phase I trail was paved this summer. Planning is proceeding to develop a trail head on the east side. A special thank you to the volunteer teams that maintain the trail, especially Phase I with its crushed limestone path. Volunteers are always needed to help maintain the trail and become a member of the Trail Committee. Contact Gene Hodulik (Trail Chairman) at 231-238-8824 if interested.

ROADS

The county road commission, using the 1 mill Cheboygan County road tax, did pave the 2 miles of Topinabee Mail Route in our township although paved shoulders were not constructed. The township focused on maintenance this year for township roads that have deteriorated to PASER grades 1,2 and 3 (with 10 being a new road). Several roads were tar, chip and sealed this summer which should provide about 7 years before additional maintenance needs to be done. They are Crump and Indian Roads, leading to the transfer stations, Cedar Drive and Deerfield Lane. In addition, East Burt Lake Road from Birchwood to Riggsville was also tar, chip and sealed and was paid for by the county. 2024 cost estimates for upgrades to several roads will be available by year end to be discussed during the 2024 budget process. The ½ mill township funds for roads is approximately \$72,000 yearly so it must accumulate for about 3 years to pay for approximately a mile of road construction. The gravel roads are in good condition, were brined at the end of June, and gravel added as needed on a yearly basis.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REMINDER

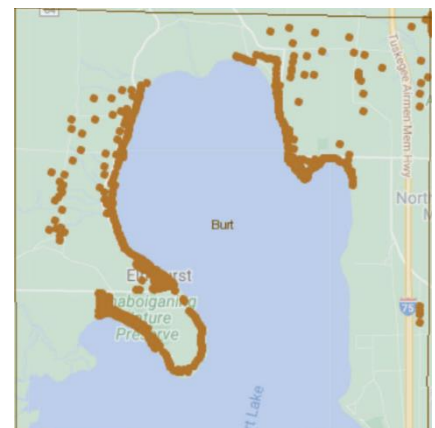
Please remember that prior to site preparation (clearing of trees, excavating or filling) with the intent of developing a driveway, parking area or future structure, residents must submit a completed zoning permit application along with a site plan to the zoning administrator. Per ordinance 9.02, a zoning permit must be issued prior to proceeding.

INTERNET UPDATE

We are another step closer to high-speed internet! Spectrum's ROBIN Grant application for its Cheboygan County projects has been officially APPROVED for funding. The MIHI Broadband Map to the right shows the areas slated for broadband construction within Burt Township.

While we should know more about the installation timeline in the coming months, what is known is that Spectrum has until Dec 2026 to complete the ROBIN funded projects. The good news is that Spectrum has completed and activated services well ahead of deadlines in the past, so hopefully that continues to hold true.

We will continue to monitor progress and keep you informed as we learn more. This is extremely good news for our residents and the future of our cyber infrastructure.



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, internet updates, elections, meeting schedules and minutes. The website has been updated with a new look and feel and a more secure URL. The new website URL is <http://www.burtcheboyganmi.gov>.