

**HAYES TOWNSHIP – OTSEGO COUNTY  
NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2005-2006**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To be responsive to the needs of our township citizens, To be knowledgeable & informed leaders, to make the best decisions to preserve the desired quality of life.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD:**

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Our **meetings** are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the township hall at M-32W and Hayes Tower Road. The public is welcome to share their concerns and comments. There is **no telephone or mail delivery** at the hall. We **do not** have office hours at the Hall.

**WEBSITE:** We participate with the Library and the Township site is at [www.otsego.org](http://www.otsego.org). Information is updated as needed. See above for Township Board email addresses.

**ROAD WORK IN 2005:** With careful planning and prudent savings of tax dollars, Hayes Township in cooperation with the Otsego County Road Commission, was able to improve Hayes Tower Rd. from M 32 W to Old Alba Rd. The Township's portion of cost was \$100,000. Also in cooperation with the City of Gaylord and Bagley Twp., we combined our resources to improve South Townline Rd. to Class A category and build the road south from Van Tyle Rd. to Milbocker Rd. The cost to Hayes Township was \$70,000. The Kolke Creek/Coyote Trail area was completed for another nearly \$30,000. Thus, Hayes Township's budget allocated \$200,000 for road improvements in 2005. Normally, our entire budget is just over this amount! Our future planning is to improve Mancelona Rd. in 2006 and another 3 mile portion of Hayes Tower Rd. in 2007.

**RIGHT TO VOTE:** It is a privilege to vote for elected officials and issues that affect our lives. We encourage those who are residents and not previously registered to vote to do so at the Secretary of State's office or with the Hayes Twp. Clerk. The State of Michigan has determined that elections will only be held in Feb, May, Aug, & Nov. In **2006** there will be a primary election **August 8th** and a general election on **November 7th**. If you are 60 years of age or older, you may apply for an absentee ballot and vote at home!

**SUPPORT PEOPLE:** Hayes Township Board greatly appreciates the efforts of those persons who serve as election inspectors, as board of review members and liaison to the County Planning and Zoning Boards. They perform their roles with dedication, knowledge, and style! The Township board has had a working relationship with the Boy Scout Troop #1 for many years. The scouts and their parents maintain the lawns of the Township Hall and the Cemetery. Their efforts are valuable and we are proud to support scouting! Terry Tobias has been a great asset with snow removal in the winter months.

**GROWTH:** Otsego County and Hayes Township continue to grow. Members of your Township Board participate in the One County, One Vision growth management process. A new master plan is being completed and zoning and planning have a very important part as we continue to expand. As the future growth continues, the Hayes Township Board pledges to be pro-active and work together with various units of government to enhance our advantages in the Township.

**HOUSE NUMBERING:** This message is repeated each year. Please display your house numbers in visible manner. It is the way your home is located in the event of fire or medical emergency. The Assessor still notices homes without numbering. This is for your protection!

**PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION: (formerly known as Homestead):** May 1 of each year is the deadline for exemption for the current year and the years forward. It is the owner's responsibility to file the exemption in a timely fashion. When you become full time residents, please notify the Assessor. When you move away from the Township, you must also inform the Assessor and file a rescind notice. Having a homestead status means that you do not pay the operating taxes for Gaylord Community Schools.

**PROPERTY PURCHASES:** When you purchase property in the Township, you must file a property transfer affidavit within 45 days of the transfer. This is important because of the requirements of Proposal A and the capping and uncapping of property. Financial penalties of up to \$200 may be charged for failure to file this affidavit.

**TAX COLLECTION:** (As of 12/15/05) The Treasurer will collect the 2006 taxes as follows:

**Summer:**

All of the State Education Tax (SET)  
1/2 of the Gaylord School Tax  
2/3 of the County Allocated Tax

**Winter:**

All of the ISD Tax  
1/2 of the Gaylord School Tax  
1/3 of the County Allocated Tax  
All of the Township Tax  
All the rest of Voted Taxes (eg. Library etc)

**CLEAN UP DAY:** In 2005 the trash collection was moved to Arrow Sanitation and it was a huge success. There was much less waiting time as it was much easier to unload. The 2006 clean up day is planned for JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>. This is not a hazardous waste collection. Please **check the coupon below for items not accepted**. Newspaper may be recycled at the Lion's Club sponsored semi trailer parked to the side of Carter's parking lot. The Recycling Center located on US 27 South just north of Schlang's Restaurant accepts tin, aluminum, some plastics and other materials on Saturdays 10am to 2pm. The annual cleanup service is provided by the Township and made available through your tax dollars. Please bring only trash from Hayes Township. Last year's cost was over \$5000 and it increases each year. We are not sending cleanup postcards this spring. Please clip and use the coupon printed below.

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**CLEAN UP DAY COUPON**

**June 10, 2006**

**Hours: 7:00am – 11:00 am**

**This entitles the Resident/Taxpayer of Hayes Township to bring their Cleanup Day trash to Arrow Sanitation Transfer Station located on Little League Drive (across from the Otsego Club) off of M32 East of Gaylord**

Items **NOT** accepted:

Refrigerators/freezers/air conditioners  
Batteries/tires/concrete blocks  
Oils/paints/solvents/flammable materials

Building materials to be either cut into manageable pieces, bagged or tied