

## SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Livingston Township Board is working very hard to meet your needs. We are always grateful for your comments and input during our meetings. We encourage you to participate as often as you can. Thanks again, for your support. Norm Brecheisen

## TOWNSHIP HALL UPDATE

The Township Hall is now fully air conditioned. The kitchen has just recently been remodeled with new equipment, new cupboards, new appliances and flooring. We still offer table and chair rentals. Alcohol consumption is allowed and full use of the kitchen is available to anyone renting the hall. If you're interested in renting the Hall for showers, weddings, anniversaries, or any other function, please contact our hall managers. Vic & Connie Ouellette - 732-1906. Prices are as follows:

### HALL RENTAL

Large Party - Seating Capacity 150 persons  
Rental Fee \$325.00 - Deposit \$200.00

Small Party - Seating Cap. 75 or less persons  
Rental Fee - \$150.00 - Deposit - \$100.00

Shower Party - Seating Cap. 50 or less persons  
Rental Fee \$75.00 - Deposit \$100.00

## TREASURER'S NOTES

Winter tax bills will be mailed out December 1st and have a due date of no later than February 15th, 2010 to avoid penalty. Payment by mail preferred. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment with the Treasurer. Always remember to check your tax bills carefully when you receive them. You may pay your taxes to the Treasurer at Fifth Third Bank, 123 West Main Street on February 28th, 2010 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Summer taxes are due by September 16, 2009 with no penalty.

## ASSESSOR'S CORNER

The Assessor holds office hours at the Township Hall from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month. You are welcome to stop by during these hours or you can call him at his

home office anytime at 989-786-5518. Assessment Rolls and Record Cards are available for inspection during these hours, or any other questions that taxpayers may have. The Board of Review meets in March to hear tax appeals and is also open for any questions from taxpayers. The Board of Review meets again in July and December for the purpose of making any clerical corrections only (i.e. homesteads exemptions corrections, late filing on personal property, corrections to uncapping of taxable values). - Matt Nowak 989-786-5518.

## MSU EXTENSION

The MSU Extension office in Otsego County helps people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities. We offer programs for all ages.

Debby O'Neill is our breastfeeding consultant and provides breastfeeding support for WIC eligible clients in the county. Debby also coordinates a Playgroup with the Otsego County Parks and Recreation. Playgroup is free for children 0-3 and their parents and meets each Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00am at the Community Center in Gaylord.

Bethany Prykucki is our 4-H educator and oversees the activities of 14 clubs with almost 200 members. In addition, we offer many Spring Break activities for county residents who stay in the county during Spring Break. This year the dates of our Spring Break Extravaganza are April 6-9. Register your children (6-12) for our summer day camp! It is being held this year in partnership with the Otsego County Parks and Recreation and will begin and end each day at the Community Center. The dates are July 6-9 and July 13-16, 2009. We typically have 80 participants.

Rebecca Fields offers ongoing programs in nutrition for Food Stamp Eligible participants including home visits. Call Rebecca if you would like information on Project Fresh or Senior Project Fresh which gives eligible clients coupons to use at farmer's markets for fresh fruits and vegetables.

MSU along with the Otsego County Commission on Aging has been working hard with Michigan Communities for a Lifetime. This committee conducts assessments and initiates improvements to make communities more elder-friendly and livable for all ages.

As always, we are your resource for agricultural

information including testing your lawn or garden soil. The cost for each sample is \$14.00 and the results take 2-3 weeks. We have a very active Master Gardener Volunteer Program in Otsego County. We also offer well water testing once each year (in July) free of charge. Visit our website and new home maintenance database at [www.msue.msu.edu/otsego](http://www.msue.msu.edu/otsego) or call us at 989-731-0272.

## ROADS

Livingston Township continues to work with the Otsego County Road Commission to maintain and improve roads within the township. Recent improvements to Parameter and Old 27 North have been completed. The next major road slated for resurfacing is Poquette Road. Due to prior road commission commitments, financial constraints, and grant money availability, the project is scheduled for 2012. Part of the project will include improvements to the intersection of Nowak as it intersects Poquette Road.

## TRAILS

The North Central State Trail begins in Livingston Township! As many of you may know, the North Central State Trail formerly known as the Gaylord to Mackinac Trail begins right here in Livingston Township at Fairview Road. The Alpine Youth Soccer Association has graciously allowed us to utilize the soccer field parking lot for parking.

However exciting plans are underway to build a permanent trail-head on the extreme Northwest corner of the Otsego County Fair property. Township Supervisor Norm Brecheisen and County Commissioner Paul Beachnau met with a group of officials to work out the final details of the proposed plan. When approved, a grant will be submitted to fund the entire project. This trail-head will include paved parking and restroom facilities open year round!!

If you have not yet experienced the trail, it is being called the crown jewel of Michigan's rails-to-rails system. The new trail is quite a stretch - 61 miles to be exact through some of the prettiest landscape in the North. Farms, forest and open fields share the scene with scads of sparkling lakes, rivers, and marshes buzzing with wildlife. Despite the away from it all vibe, trekkers are never far from civilization. The former railroad route is dotted with Up North's

quaint hamlets - Vanderbilt, Wolverine, Indian River, Topinabee and Cheboygan.

The trail officially opened in June of 2008 and boasts a compacted crushed limestone surface the entire length of the trail. This is great for walkers, runners, and bikers. We are lucky to have this tremendous recreational resource right here in Livingston Township and Otsego County.

#### BUILDINGS/ZONING

Buildings and zoning permits can be obtained by calling the Zoning Office at 731-7420, or the Building Office at 731-7400 or online at [www.otsegocountymi.gov](http://www.otsegocountymi.gov).

#### VOTING

New voters can register by calling the Township Clerk or the Secretary of State's office. State, Federal, and Township elections are held at the Township Hall. Absentee ballots for these elections may be obtained at the Township Clerk's home. The Clerk would like to encourage everyone to register and exercise his or her right to vote.

#### TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Copies of the Livingston Township Comprehensive Plan are available at the Otsego County Library in Gaylord. The Comprehensive Plan sets forth the short and long term goals for development and growth in the Township. The Plan follows the recommendations compiled from a survey of Township residents. The highlights include: precluding industrial development and severely limiting commercial growth as well. It promotes the preservation of forest lands, agriculture, and open space. The Plan promotes industrial development in the Air Industrial Park and commercial growth in areas properly zoned.

#### WEBSITE

Livingston Township is part of the Otsego County Website. This can be found at [www.otsego.org](http://www.otsego.org) then click on "Government", "Townships", "Livingston". We invite your comments and suggestions.



## Board Members

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~ Clerk ~

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~ Trustee ~

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**Richard Carlson**

~ Trustee ~

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## Planning Commission

**Michael Mang**

~ Chairman ~

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**Kelly Cunningham**

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**Joyce Slivinski**

Secretary • 732-4044

**Richard Carlson**

732-9685

**Steven Dipzinski**

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**Matthew Nowak**

~ Assessor ~

989-786-5518 (Home Office)

732-1499 (Township Hall)

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## Otsego County Commissioners

**District 1**

**Clark Bates**

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**District 2**

**Paul Beachnau**

705-2320

**District 9**

**Bruce Brown**

731-1501

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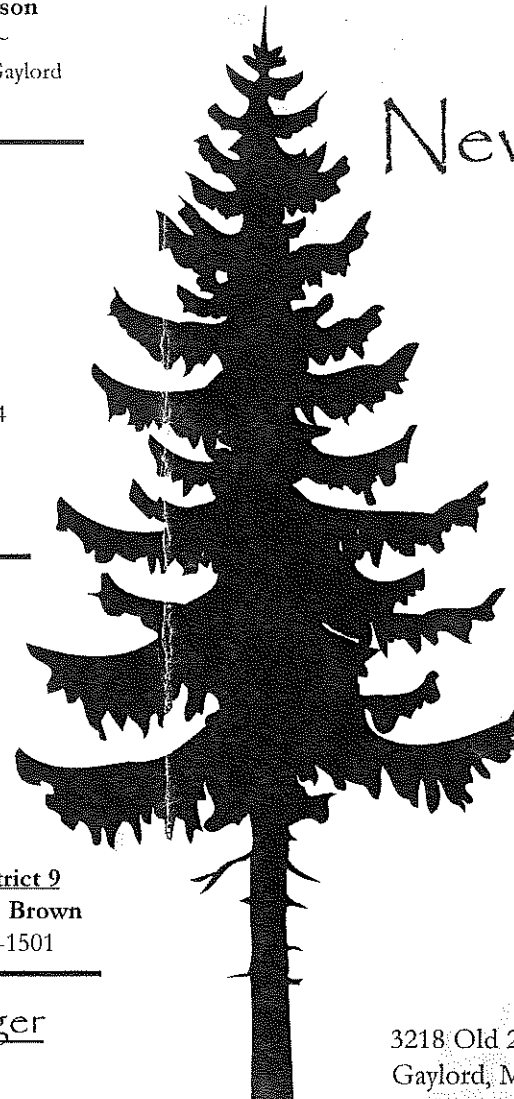
## Custodian / Hall Manager

**Vic and Connie Ouellette**

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## Newsletter 2009



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