



It is easier to pull down than to build up. - Latin Proverb

SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Emmet County, P.O. Box 188 Alanson, Michigan 49706

Townships...local government working to make your town a better place to live.

Township governments are funded in a large part through revenue sharing of the State of Michigan. Revenue sharing is giving each township a portion of the sales tax collected from the State for the year based upon a formula so that it is evenly distributed to each community to use as they think best.

If you improve an area there are future economic and social impacts for good. Taxes provide, collectively, services and improvements that could not be provided individually. It is easy for us to use such services as roads, cemeteries, halls, and street lights or call an ambulance without noticing and knowing how it got there and was maintained.

GRANT AWARDED FOR PROPOSED HAY LAKE MARINA/PARK

by Damien Henning, Littlefield Township Supervisor

Littlefield Township has received a \$200,000.00 acquisition grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MDNRTF) for the purchase of the Admiral's Point Marina on Crooked River. The Littlefield Township Board of Trustees submitted their grant application to the MDNRTF on April 1, 2015 and was notified in December 7, 2015 that their grant application was recommended for approval. Once finalized, the acquisition will give the public access to almost 24 acres on the Inland Waterway.

The acquisition of Admiral's Point Marina is an important step in achieving the Littlefield Township Board of Trustee's vision of gaining public access to the Inland Waterway. In order to receive grant funds from the MDNRTF, the township first had to create and adopt a recreation plan that conformed to the guidelines established by the MDNR. Since 2006, Littlefield Township has twice partnered with the Village of Alanson in developing joint recreation plans. When these recreation plans are accepted by the MDNR they have grant eligibility for 5 years. The current recreation plan will expire in 2017.

With the recreation plan in place, the board of trustees was in a position to begin looking at properties that would meet their needs. When Admiral's Point became available the township pursued the acquisition in earnest.

There are 2 other development grants being pursued at this time and there will be an update in the Winter 2016 Newsletter



Township Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911
Fire Department: 231-548-5646
Supervisor: Damien Henning 231-548-5443
Clerk: Sondra Festerling 231-348-8464
Treasurer: Kim Shomin 231-548-2142
Assessor: Jim LaPeer: 231-238-9606
Cemetery Sexton & Sewer Clerk: Kim Morgan 231-529-5542
Trustee: Dean Morford 231-347-0653
Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937

STATE MANDATED OFFICE HOURS

The Treasurer or Deputy will be on-site for tax collection on September 14, 2016. Times and places will be posted at the Township Hall.

SUMMER TAX DUE DATE:

September 14, 2016

Taxes paid by this date accrue no interest or penalties

ELECTION DATE 2016

<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Type of Election</u>	<u>Last Day to Register</u>	<u>Clerk On-Site *</u>
August 2	Primary	July 5	July 30, Aug. 1
November 8	General	October 11	Nov. 5, Nov. 7

* To receive applications for absentee ballots from qualified voters. Times and place to be posted or contact township clerk. Absentee ballot applications can be found anytime at the Alanson Public Library.

TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

It's a good idea to include contact information along with your tax payment. In the event of an error the treasurer is able to save you money by contacting you immediately.

Fire Department Receives Grant

The Fire department has received a \$4000 grant from the Emmet County Revenue Sharing Board. The request was for \$7600 to replace one hose and 2 heat sensing cameras. These are up to date cameras which are much smaller and lighter and more advanced in their ability to locate hot spots in areas that cannot be seen by the eye, such as inside walls. According to our Fire Chief Art Drayton, the hoses receive yearly inspections and one hose this year did not pass part of that inspection.

Alanson-Littlefield Fire Department Calls in 2016

NUMBER of FIRE CALLS by INCIDENT TYPE

- 8 Building fire
- 3 Passenger vehicle fire
- 1 Camper or recreational vehicle (RV) fire
- 7 Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
- 1 Overpressure rupture from steam, other
- 1 Medical assist, assist EMS crew
- 9 Vehicle accident with injuries
- 5 Vehicle accident with no injuries
- 2 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle
- 2 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)
- 1 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other
- 18 Power line down
- 6 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment
- 2 Service call, other
- 1 Smoke or odor removal
- 1 Assist police or other governmental agency
- 10 Unauthorized burning
- 1 Authorized controlled burning
- 1 Smoke scare, odor of smoke
- 4 False alarm or false call, other
- 1 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment
- 1 Citizen complaint

86 **Total Number of Incidents**
22 **Total Number of Incident Types**

NUMBER of MEDICAL CALLS by INCIDENT TYPE

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5 Allergic Reaction | 1 Not Breathing |
| 2 Assault/Domestic | 1 OB Delivery |
| 5 Cardiac Arrest | 6 Overdose |
| 21 Chest Pain | 5 Passed Out |
| 2 Choking | 8 Possible Attempt Suicide |
| 5 Diabetic Emergency | 9 Possible Stroke |
| 1 DOA 10-77 | 3 Seizure |
| 5 Fall Unknown Injury | 38 Shortness of Breath |
| 14 Fall With Injury | 1 Snowmobile PI |
| 12 Life Assist | 2 Stand By |
| 6 Medical Alarm | 15 Trauma |
| 70 Medical Emergency | 7 Unknown Medical |
| 17 Motor Vehicle Accident | 4 Unresponsive |

Total EMS Calls for 2015 was 265

Information compiled by Brian Drayton



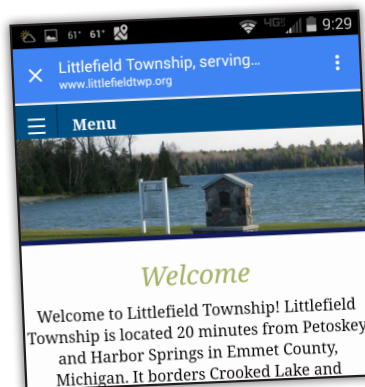
**Littlefield-Alanson
Community Hall Rental**
Call Dan Plasencia 548-5656

**Public Transportation in Areas of Emmet County
STRAITS REGIONAL RIDE BUS 231-597-9262**

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.

~Author Unknown

LITTLEFIELD WEBSITE LAUNCHED



Littlefield Township is now online! The website is still evolving, but currently it offers information about departments, attractions, history, links to other sites, and even the past newsletters are uploaded.

VISIT:

<http://www.littlefieldtwp.org>

Cemetery News

Once again the Alanson Boy Scout Troupe 4 placed flags on the graves of the veterans buried in the cemetery. There are 210 veterans listed in our records. If you know of any that are not recognized please let us know.



Families have been sprucing up their lots and the grounds looked very nice for Memorial Day. The roof of the vault, at the cemetery has been professionally cleaned this spring and looks very nice.

Update on the expansion area- The pine trees have been cut and the brush should be burned as soon as the weather permits.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alanson 4th of July Celebration

Boy Scout Breakfast 7:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Townhall

Independence Day Parade! Starts at 11:00 am

Line up starts at 9:30 on Banwell Road

Contact Person: Art Drayton, 231-548-5646

Alanson Riverfest August 12 - 14, 2016

See schedule at: alansonriverfest.com

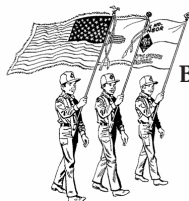
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Crooked River Firefighter's Antique

Truck & Classic Car Show: 2nd Weekend in September 11

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Hillside Garden Annual Plant Sale: September 10



SPRING CLEAN-UP REPORT

As usual the Annual Trash Removal Day was well attended. This service is a joint effort between Littlefield Township and the Village of Alanson and is provided for those residents **only**.

Next spring, please remember this is not for household garbage and small items should be placed in boxes or bags to facilitate quicker removal by all of our wonderful volunteers!

