



Bringing our Community into the 22nd Century



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Tuscarora Township Sanitary Sewer Online

Properties that are assessed two or more REUs may install a water meter that can be acquired free of charge from the township until November 1, 2015. If a meter is installed you will be billed a flat rate plus a water usage rate.

The sanitary sewer system was ready for hook-ups on July 27, 2015. A Cheboygan County Plumbing permit Application is required prior to hooking up to the system. The application may be obtained at the Cheboygan County Department of Building Safety located on the first floor of the Cheboygan County Building, 870 S. Main Street, Cheboygan. Or, you may download the application from the Cheboygan County website: www.cheboygancounty.net. The enclosed Tuscarora Township Sewer Connection application is also required. The local application fee will be waived through November 1, 2015.

Beginning August 1, 2015, you will have one year to hook up to the system. Billing for Operations and Maintenance will begin ninety (90) days after August 1, 2015, on improved properties, or when your property is connected to the system, whichever comes first.

Once the property lead is ready for connection to the sanitary sewer system the owner (or the owner's plumber) must contact the Township for an inspection of the final connection. Please provide 48 hours notification to the Township to schedule the inspection. Do not backfill the lead connection prior to inspection by the Township. Use of the sanitary sewer system can commence once all final inspections are approved.

In compliance with the Cheboygan County Health Department you are required to have your septic tank pumped and then you may choose one of the following options:

1. Crush and fill the septic tank
2. Fill the tank with sand
3. Completely remove the septic tank



State Park Signs Sewer Contract

After a number of years of planning and discussions the paperwork has been completed and signed, officially bringing the Burt Lake State Park into the Tuscarora Township Sanitary Sewer System. The agreement calls for the Park to pay 600,000 dollars (75 REUs x 8000 dollars) for its hook up and also details how o and m will be billed. The State Park has also budgeted additional funds for decommissioning its existing sewage lagoons and other work required to hook up to the system.



"While it has taken some time to work out the details of this agreement, protecting the interests of the Sewer District, the State of Michigan, and the Township, I can't stress enough the cooperation that we have received from everyone involved with the Park", says Township Trustee Craig Waldron. From our local contact Keith Cheli to the State Park administration in Lansing to the Attorney General's office, everyone has worked hard to make this happen.

The exact time frame has not been determined yet but hookup is expected to be completed by spring 2017.

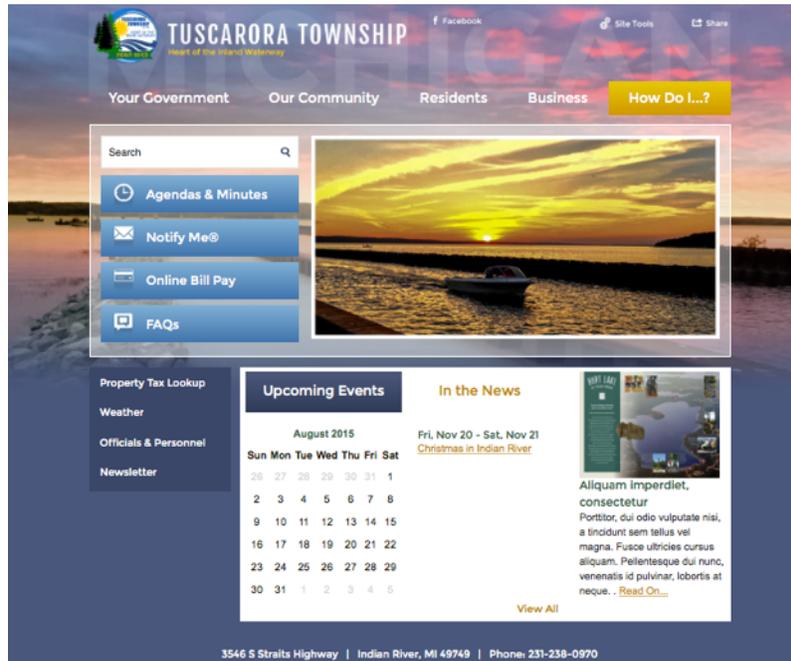
Veterans Pier

Veterans Pier at DeVoe Beach on Burt Lake has become a favorite location for many residents and guests of Indian River. A well attended dedication event May 23, 2015 began the summer for this fully ADA compliant facility. Sunrise and sunset viewing has been enjoyed as well as many fishing success stories in the memories of young and older folks too. The informational Outdoor Exhibits tell of the history of the area and capture the attention of all whom stroll the walkway. The engraved brick tribute area is a wonderful spot to remember a loved Veteran, family member or friend. It is also nice to see names of children and grandchildren there too as they are the future caretakers of this wonderful facility. Please consider adding your family to this mosaic of recognition by ordering bricks with suitable wording to do just that. Forms are available at the Township Office building and Mike & Dave's Barbershop in Indian River. The invitation is open for all to visit Veterans Pier!



Watch for Update to Township Website

The Township is in the final stages of updating the website. Clerk, Sue Fisher and Trustee, Jane McGinnis have had over two full days of training on the use and maintenance of the new site. We are now in the process of fine tuning and adding content. We hope to go live with the new site early in September. The new site will enable residents and users to personalize their experience with the web site and it will provide an effective tool for interactive communication throughout the community. Future editions of this newsletter will be on the website.





OMH Medical Group - Indian River - Expansion Update

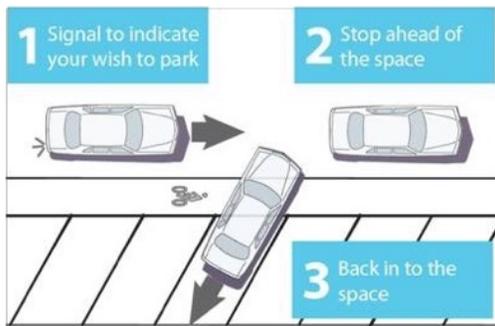
The new location will include a total of 12,000 square feet and 27 exam rooms

According to Christie Perdue, Foundation & Marketing Director for Otsego Memorial Hospital “progress is moving along nicely in Indian River. Currently it is scheduled to be enclosed by September, and fully operational and open the early part of December.

I've spoken with our project manager and with the general contractor, and they both agree that having the sewer in place has been extremely helpful in planning for the design and operation of a 12,000 square foot facility. Not only could the septic system have created additional challenges long term, but would have required additional space on the property.”



As with the current location, the OMH Medical Group-Indian River will offer primary and walk in services, as well as lab, radiology, rotating specialties and occupational medicine. Additionally, in the new location there will be separate space for walk-in, primary care, and rotating specialists as well as onsite digital mammography. All with the end goal of bringing healthcare services closer to home for the patients of Indian River and the surrounding communities.



Easy In: follow the three easy steps above. It's easier than parallel parking.
Safer Out: when you are ready to leave, pull out head-first. It's safe and easy to see.

According to a memo from the Michigan Department of Transportation last **March, reverse angle parking, which requires drivers to back into spaces,** is the only type of angled parking allowed on state trunk lines (though parallel parking is still permissible). Nielsen said the Federal Highway Administration is considering similar restrictions.

Engineering studies show it is safer for drivers to back into an angled space, getting themselves and passengers out of their cars next to other parked cars instead of along a traffic lane with parallel parking spaces. Loading and unloading the trunk from a sidewalk instead of along a traffic lane is safer, too, Nielsen said. The promise of more street-front parking spaces than allowed by parallel parking has an allure for merchants.

We are learning...



Indian River Celebrates Fourth of July 2015



Trailhead Project nears completion



The Hidden COST



A recent survey shows that towns have spent an average of **\$40,500** dealing with unflushable items in sewer systems.



The replacement cost of a typical residential leach field is **\$6,000-15,000**



Just a reminder for everyone whether you are booking up to the new sewer system or you are maintaining a septic system

What's FLUSHABLE?



A toddler will tell you that everything is flushable... but what you think is flushable could be costing you money!

Product labels can be misleading. Some items that claim to be "flushable" can clog sewer and septic systems and can end up costing you a pretty penny.

"Flushable" does NOT mean it is SAFE for your septic system or sewer.

"Disposable" items ARE NOT flushable and should be placed in the trash.

The bottom line: **ONLY**

Human waste and toilet paper **ARE FLUSHABLE**

The DO NOT FLUSH List:



Diapers
Cigarettes
Paper Towels
Cotton Swabs
Tampons

Condoms
Dental Floss
Facial Tissues
Wipes

For more information about how your Township government is working for you, township committee and commission meeting times, minutes of Township Board meetings or how to contact various township groups go to our web site www.tuscaroratwp.com or stop by the Township Hall. Office hours are Monday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

You can also check out our Facebook Page at facebook.com/TuscaroraTownship