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**Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.**  
**Mark Twain**

Eleven years after going out of business, the Republic Ethnic Days Committee came back to give one more present to the community. The remaining funds left in their account was used to build a 24 ft. by 24 ft. extension on the park pavilion originally constructed by the Lions Club. Wixtrom Construction provided the conceptual drawings, and the Committee authorized the work. Wixtrom Construction had the addition completed for the annual Sportsman's Club Fishing Derby.

**WATER LINE WRAP UP**

Started in 2007, grant/loan priced and approved in 2008, delayed for bids because of water main right-of-way issues until 2010, finding an amenable to the DEQ water tank site, cleaning up unknown and unexpected water main right of way issues and finally bid out in 2012, the two steps forward, one step backwards water main project in North Republic is finally completed. Well, almost.

The project is expected to be wrapped up by August 30th.

The job was pictured in 2007 as an easy, replace the water main through the mine, and all of the water mains in North Republic project. It turned into a where is it, what is it and what will happen next headache that found the Township being forced to abandon the water main through the mine. We then had to find a piece of property to buy to put up a new

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### Treasurers Corner

September 16<sup>th</sup> I will be holding office hours of 9 - 5 to collect summer taxes. Beginning the 17<sup>th</sup> a 1% penalty is added monthly to the summer tax bill. I do accept installment payments on taxes.

I would like to extend a kind reminder to all township residents to attend a township board meeting with their questions and/or concerns. This is one way to reduce rumor, speculation, and assumptions throughout the township.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I wish everyone a beautiful fall and back to school season.

Kristina Koski

### Republic Recreation Committee

We will be meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> with Bill Sanders on "tweaking" the Munson Park layout. A time has yet to be set. The official time will be announced on the Township Hall when decided. We welcome all residents with ideas on the area from Paul's Park to the Pavilion to please attend.

A small mil for recreation projects within Republic Township will be voted on in November. These funds will only be used towards recreation projects. Some examples are: the beach, Moose Rapids, and the Witch Lake park area. There are approximately 10 rec sites that can be improved on in our community.

The recreation committee strongly asks you to vote yes! Approximately \$11,200.00 will be collected per year for only 3 years for these recreations projects that will greatly improve OUR community.

Thank You!

I just read an article in the Michigan Township News on how communities can MOVE FORWARD. I would like to share some of the information with you.

Studies of citizen engagement efforts across the country show that certain factors in a community predispose it for successfully approaching its problems in this way:

1. A political authority that supports public deliberation and is willing to consider results and share decision-making power
2. Resources and expertise to mobilize people and convene structured deliberations
3. A constituency that demands citizen engagement, even when it proves uncomfortable or inconvenient for the powers that be
4. A deliberative entrepreneur who catalyzes engagement by introducing the community to the ideas and techniques of public dialogue

Public engagement can represent a departure from a business-as-usual approach to conducting local government business.

I am encouraging the people of Republic to attend meetings to find out what is going on in your community.

If you are unable to attend write or call your elected officials with your concerns. Remember we were elected to work for YOU.

Carol Kellow-Trustee

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North Republic water tank. We then found that the Township did not have deeded right of way for some of it's installed water mains. All of these issues, and so many more, kept delaying and delaying, so the cost of the project eventually exceeded the amount of grant/loan that had been approved back in 2008.

As a result of the deductions/reductions and changes to the originally planned project, the engineering firm had to prioritize which street we still had enough money for, which ones didn't we? The last needs in the center of North Republic were Kloman Ave., from Fourth St, to 7th. 5th St. North of Kloman, and 6th St. North of Kloman.

Water line installed including blacktop is bid at \$55. per foot. Kloman Ave from 4th St to 7th is 1,060 ft. \$58,300 to do that. 6th St. is 290'. \$16,000 to do that. 5th St. is 270'. \$14,850 for that one.

Not having near enough money left to do Kloman, 6th St was chosen as next to do, if the money came available.

The questions have come in, why can't we do more? The answer is a simple, how much more money do you want to pay? Our funding comes through Rural Development. 25% loan, 75% grant is the best that's available. (we got 32%/68% on this one). Using generic numbers on the best case funding scenario, if we need \$1,000,000. that is \$750,000 grant, and the water dept. customers pay \$250,000 over a 40 year period. \$250,000 (with interest added) divided by 40 years comes out to around \$10,000 per year. Divided by 12 months is rounded to \$833 per month, divided by 300 customers, which equates out to around \$2.80 per month extra being paid for by every user in the system, not just the ones with the fresh blacktop in front of their house.

It all comes down to money. **How much can we do, within the amount people can afford to pay?**



### THE DREAM CAME TRUE.

The handicapped-access dock was installed on School Lake thanks to the Republic Sportsman's Club, Superior Extrusion, and assistance by employees of that company. The \$26,000 dock was able to be purchased for \$14,000 because of a very gracious donation by the Feighner Dock company. Installation was overseen by their Frei Chevrolet representative in the area.

Ikey Todd and George Madison from the DNR spent years netting pan fish from Perch Lake, to stock School Lake, and that work is the foundation for the fish stock available. All part of the School Lake/Munson Park development, the Township Recreation Committee & the Sportsman's Club can now continue with their further plans for development.

Space constraints prevented the inclusion of the Basin Authority Minutes. They are available on line on the web site, and will be published in the November newsletter. Editor.

**Bethany Lutheran Church, South Republic**

Beginning September 1st our winter Worship hours are:

Sunday-Coffee/Fellowship at 10:00 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday School/Confirmation Classes begin September 8th at 9:00 am

Monday-Worship 7:00 PM

Quilting begins September 9th at 9:30 am, this is an ecumenical group that meets every Monday morning, anyone is invited to come and share in this fellowship. The quilters are always looking for old blankets, sheets or material for these quilts.

**Riverview Heights Apartments:**

Community leaders are urged to apply for General Membership in the Republic Nonprofit Housing Corporation. Annual dues, \$5, sanction voting rights and is required of Directors.

Membership and Board of Directors' Applications are posted in the Township Window Case and at the Housing.

The Annual Meeting is Mon. Sept. 9th at 3:00pm.

The Regular Meeting immediately follows

Karen Richards, President.

JOIN US AT THE CHICKEN COOP ON THURSDAYS AND TRY OUT A NEW CRAFT

STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

2:00pm - 4:00pm

call the Chicken Coop of Republic for more information

906-376-8005

**RECYCLING TRAILER IS TOO HIGH**

We've been trying to get the bigger, lower trailers for recycling, but every time we haul ours in, the larger trailers are loaded and haven't been cleaned out. Oh, there was one, but had a raccoon in it. He was very unfriendly, and we took a smaller one, rather than argue. We ARE trying. 😊

: Greetings from **Republic Michigamme Library**. As we get ready for another school year. We also anticipate the Scholastic Book Fair. The week of October 14th will be the fair. Watch for flyers or notes coming home from school for the specific dates.

: We are still doing the Coke Rewards. They have extended it again. So, keep those Coke rewards coming in. Please remember that if they have been entered once, they cannot be used again. Thanks to everyone that has been so generous by collecting them from their places of work, homes and friends. So, DRINK MORE COKE PRODUCTS

: We will soon have a new Book Return Drop Box at the West side of the building. It will be by the library door entrance. No more frozen key or snow drifts.

: Please check around your homes for books that are over due. Our library has quite a list of over due books. If you are uncertain of what book you or your child might have, please, feel free to call and ask.

: I want to also thank Snowbound Books in Marquette for their generous supply of ARC books. ARC books are Advanced Reading Copies. They have not been edited. We have a local resident that makes trips there and Snowbound gives him a bag of ARC books and he reads them and donates them to the library.

: We were sad to see one of the Library Advisory Board Members resign. She served many years and as a Director. I need them so we can make decisions to make your library the best possible to serve all in our community. We are happy to welcome Peg Lahtela as our new Board Member and know she will be a valuable asset. Thanks to her and all the Library Board for their donated time to serve our library and community.

: Hope you all enjoy the rest of Summer (?)

: Nancy Currie, Director

Additional community activities are listed on the township web site.  
www.republicmichigan.com

**Republic Community**



The Republic Lions Club will host a Fall Harvest and Potato Fest fundraiser on Sunday, October 20, 2013, from 12:00-2:00 PM.

Keep an eye on the Township notice board for the location and further details.

Adults: \$7.00                      Children (5-12): \$3.00

Children under 5: free

**Lions Club Pie Social**

Republic Lions Club Pie Social

is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

in the Township Hall, 10:00 AM-2:00PM

CONGRATULATIONS to the People of St. Augustine Catholic Church who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the present church building. Although the parish was founded in 1877, the present church was built and later dedicated on September 15, 1963. It was spearheaded by Father Otto Sartorelli and the many people of the parish who were involved at that time. It is a real testament to them and even more to the present members of the parish community who continue to generously support the church in spite of its smaller numbers. Gratitude is also offered to the many people of the larger community who are involved in the famous Pasty Sales. May God's blessing be upon all.

Thank you so much,

Sister Marge



■ Fall is right around the corner, and as you  
 ■ clean out your closets, St. Vincent's would be  
 ■ the place to bring your clean, unwanted clothing  
 ■ and accessories!! But, PLEASE,  
 ■ DO NOT LEAVE ANY DONATIONS OUTSIDE  
 ■ OF ST. VINCENTS.  
 ■ Please make a note of our hours, and come  
 ■ when the store is open. Most items that are  
 ■ 'dropped off' outside the store, end up in the  
 ■ garbage due to damage from heavy dew or  
 ■ rain--St. Vincent de Paul's store hours are as  
 ■ follows:  
 ■ TUESDAY ~ SATURDAY 10AM TO 2PM  
 ■ EXTENDED HOURS ON WEDNESDAY UNTIL  
 ■ 4PM  
 ■ WE ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY

■ **PLEASE CHECK YOUR DONATIONS BEFORE  
 ■ BRINGING THEM TO SVDP---WE  
 ■ HAVE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF  
 ■ DONATIONS FROM RUMMAGE  
 ■ AND AUCTION SALES WHICH IS  
 ■ WONDERFUL,,,HOWEVER, OVER  
 ■ HALF OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN  
 ■ RECEIVING IS SOILED, TORN OR  
 ■ WITH PARTS MISSING. WE  
 ■ CANNOT SELL THESE ITEMS. OUR VOLUN-  
 ■ TEERS ARE STRETCHED ENOUGH, TIME WISE,  
 ■ AND WE SIMPLE CANNOT AFFORD THE TIME IT  
 ■ TAKES TO SORT THROUGH THESE ITEMS, ONLY  
 ■ TO HAVE TO TOSS OUT OVER 1/2. THAT IS  
 ■ WHY OUR DUMPSTER IS FULL EACH WEEK.**

■ **THANK YOU**  
 ■ **St. Vincent de Paul**



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How do I change electric suppliers? Data provided by Consumer Energy Company

How do I choose an electric supplier?

Visit the Michigan Public Service Commission Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc) for an up-to-date list of suppliers licensed to sell electricity in Michigan. Before making your choice, talk with suppliers. For practical questions you can ask suppliers to help make a decision that's best for you, visit our Web site, [www.consumersenergy.com](http://www.consumersenergy.com). Select "For Home" for helpful information about electric customer choice.

How do I compare prices?

Ask the supplier what price you will pay for electricity. The price you currently pay for electricity can be found on your most recent bill. In addition, the bill will tell you how much electricity you used during the past 12 months, so that you can compare prices for an entire year.

How do I enroll?

Once you've made your decision, the electricity supplier you've selected will enroll you in electric customer choice with Consumers Energy. You also may be required to sign a contract and pay a security deposit.

In the past, the Township has contacted WE Energies. They are not overly helpful, but with the new regulations, may be more open to doing business.

THE LAST FIGHT WAS MY FAULT:

She asked what was on TV.

I said "dust".

If you want your wife to listen & pay undi-  
vided attention to every word you say,

Talk in your sleep.