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**SOUTH END BROADBAND.**



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The Township Board and Sonicnet. Us <<http://www.sonicnet.us/>>are surveying to see if there is enough interest in wireless internet service on the south end of the Township to warrant the installation of a system. With the north end already being serviced by Pasty.net from the Township's tower, the Board has been searching for a method to provide service south and west of the Cut-a-cross road. The topographical ridge in that area blocks any southerly and westerly wireless signal from getting to our tower.

Sonicnet, based in Eagle River ,Wisconsin, and Iron River, Michigan, provides service to the north end of Dickinson County and has already made contact with several Witch Lake residents for possible placement of a tower. Part of the working agreement for this tower is the Township will put a repeater radio for the fire and ambulance systems on the tower, giving us internal emergency services communication down into the north end of Dickinson County, westerly into Iron County. We provide emergency services to those areas as needed.

Service is presently available in Witch Lake through Verizon, however Verizon has a limit of 2 GB each individual can use without extra charge. Sonicnet provides unlimited volume.

Modeling has been done, and shows that a second tower would be needed on the northwest corner of Squaw Lake to provide services to the low shores of Squaw Lake and Chief Lake.

A survey with an informational brochure will be sent to all residents that are within the modeled areas, to see if there is enough interest to make the financial investment worthwhile.



**WE ARE GOING GREEN, AND GETTING PAID FOR IT. See pages 3 & 4.**

**SCHOOL LAKE GRANT**

For the first time in our known history, the Township had to return a grant to the DNR.

The grant was written to allow for the entire north shore of School Lake to be completed, including a handicapped access fishing pier/dock, completion of the Heritage Trail and all of the necessary landscaping in that area. Funding was not available from the Heritage Trail Association until next year, for the actual trail surface. The grant required that all work be completed by July 31, 2013.

In addition, the pier/dock had to be increased in size, to allow the use of an aluminum system, to save on future maintenance.

With the costly legal issues facing the taxpayers of the Township, the Board could not come up with the money needed to handle all of the expenses, and voted to return the grant, rather than default.

The Sportsman's Club had negotiated a very good price on the aluminum dock, and the Board did purchase it. To be delivered early in April, it will be in the water as soon as possible.

The Heritage Trail Association has assured the Board that the funding will be in their next budget for the trail surface in our area.

The continued development of that property is part of the Munson Park development outlined on page 5.

Treasurer's corner

Hello Republic Township Residents,

Since the Christmas edition of our newsletter I attended an MTA conference in Detroit where I learned a great deal and got to network with other Treasurers of Michigan townships. It was a rewarding experience. Michigan Townships Association is a very beneficial organization for Republic Township and keeps us educated and up to speed on many issues.

I have been busy collecting winter and summer tax payments. This officially came to an end on February 28th. After that date, all tax payments are to be made at the Marquette County Treasurer's office at 234 W. Baraga Ave. in Marquette. I will not be collecting taxes again until the new summer 2013 tax session.

Due dates for the next water, sewage and garbage billing months are Feb. 28th, March 28th April 25th and May 30th. I will accept payments in my office until 2:00 p.m. on these days. Any payments received via mail, in office, or drop box after this time will be consider late. I do not honor postmarks on these bills.

Please have a wonderful lent, and Easter holiday season. Remember to get involved in Republic in any way you can, and please attend a Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Kristina Koski


Republic Township Treasurer.

**SPRING RABBIT FEED**  
SATURDAY APRIL 6TH , VFW  
HALL  
MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE  
\$10.00

**REPUBLIC SPORTSMEN CLUB**  
Membership drive will be starting April/May. A \$10 membership fee entitles you to membership from June 1, 2013 thru June 1, 2014. All memberships need to be purchased and/or renewed to be a member in good standing, and participate in working for the Annual Fishing Derby. THANK YOU! Please contact Kristina Koski to purchase your membership. Work phone / 376-8827  
Cell/869-5900, Home 376-2373.

**REPUBLIC RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
The Republic Recreation Committee is looking for an individual interested in fulfilling our one open position. We are a sub-committee of the Planning Commission. Our long term goal is to improve different areas of the community. Our first project is Munson Park. We also will be involved in the School Lake Project, "Bum's" baseball field project, and eventually the beach.  
Current members include Jim Brennan, Tom & Mary Fitzpatrick, Aileen "Ikey" Todd, Wulf McNeill and Kristina Koski.  
Please feel free to contact any member to express your interest in helping.  
Thank you.

**Republic Nonprofit Housing Corporation Board** will review the annual audit report at the next meeting. Confirm the meeting date at the Housing Office as it will be set when the auditor is available.

**COMPOSTING**  **recycle**  
The Township has a composting site at the transfer station. For those community members who wish to compost, the site is available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Compostable materials only, please.

**Information for fiber materials trailer  
BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES, FLAT**

**Fiber Recyclable Weeks Materials**

Office

- Ledger
- Sticky notes
- Manila envelopes
- Envelopes
- White and colored paper
- Non-wax paper cups
- File folders
- Business cards

Household

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Paperback & hardcover books
- Paper board (cereal, shoe, and food boxes)
- Pizza boxes
- Toilet paper and paper towel rolls
- Junk mail
- Brown paper bags
- Receipts
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Phone books



Non-Acceptable Materials for  
Fiber Recyclable Weeks

Photo paper, photographs, any wax-coated item, Styrofoam, bubble wrapped envelopes, grease soaked material

Place fiber items in a tote, garbage can, paper bag, or other fiber container. **Do not put items in garbage or plastic bags.**

mcswwma **BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES, FLAT** recycling.com

The Township has contracted with Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority to join their recycling program. It will require some changes in the way we separate the materials, and which trailer we will put those materials into, but, can save the taxpayers money.

The trailers are replacing the dumpster in the alley behind the Summer Place Restaurant. One trailer is for Fiber materials (this page) the other is for Rigid materials. (see page 4). Our collection place will be open 24/7. We take the full trailer to the landfill, and bring back and empty.

The guidelines for what can go into each trailer are strict.

Please read the enclosed flyers and follow them. We would ask anyone who sees improper materials in the trailers to let us know so we can review the video tape and identify who did it.

The Township receives 60% of the profit from the recycled materials.

One note, please flatten cardboard boxes. All of them.

Do NOT put garbage or any plastic bags in the trailers. It will contaminate the load.

This is the best way to control our solid waste disposal costs. The less weight we dispose of at the landfill, the less we pay.

PLEASE SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR PRE-PUBLISHING NOTIFICATION TO [republicsupervisor@northpines.net](mailto:republicsupervisor@northpines.net).

## Information for rigid materials trailer

# Rigid Recyclable Weeks Materials

### ANY METAL

**Non returnable cans:** soup cans, tuna cans, ice tea cans, fruit cans, cat and dog food cans, coffee cans, etc.

### ANY GLASS

**Food Jars:** pickle jars, jelly and jam jars, relish jars, mayo jars, applesauce jars, baby food jars, etc.



### ANY SOLID PLASTIC

**Condiment bottles:** ketchup bottles, mustard bottles, mayo bottles, sour cream tubs, butter tubs, relish bottles, BBQ sauce bottles, salad dressing bottles, cake frosting tubs, maple syrup bottles, chocolate syrup bottles, etc.

#### **Non-returnable plastic containers:**

sports drink bottles, juice bottles, milk jugs, water bottles, cottage cheese tubs, yogurt cups, fruit cups, cat litter plastic jugs, saline solution bottles, baby wipe plastic containers, baby oil bottles, baby powder, etc.

**Bathroom accessory bottles:** shampoo bottles, hand soap bottles, body wash bottles, lotion bottles, conditioner bottles, hair product plastic bottles (non-aerosol), etc.

**Cleaning supplies:** Windex bottles, 409 bottles, bleach bottles, Pine Sol bottles, dish soap bottles, laundry soap bottles, fabric softener bottles, windshield washer jugs, etc.

## Non-Acceptable Materials for Rigid Recyclable Weeks

Plastic bags (Walmart, Super One, Econo etc.), baggies, any wrapper with foil, chip bags (Doritos, Lays, Old Dutch etc.), bread, hamburger or hot dog bun bags, styro-foam, plastic wrap

Please rinse out all rigid items. Caps, lids, and labels may be kept on.

Place rigid items in tote or garbage can. **Do not put items in garbage or plastic bags.**

[mcswwa.com](http://mcswwa.com)

[mqtcycling.com](http://mqtcycling.com)

**There will be two trailers, one for fiber, one for "rigid". Please separate your materials as explained on page 3 and page 4 and deposit them in the right trailer.**



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

### Thanks, Republic!

The members of the Republic Lions Club thank the Republic and neighboring communities for your kind donations to our pie socials and other community fundraising efforts. Your past and continuing support allows us to provide vision and other services to children and adults in our community. You help us to serve.



### 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

To donate a pie contact  
Ann Carne at 376-2580

### Free Vision Screening

On Thursday, March 7, 2013, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the Republic Lions Club will be offering a free vision screening at Republic-Michigamme School to any child, aged 1 to 6. However, any adult with possible undiagnosed vision difficulties is eligible for the screening. Early detection of vision problems can often lead to their treatment and cure.

Please contact Karen Stroobants, 376-2141, if you have any questions.

**Republic St. Vincent DePaul** would like to say a BIG "THANK YOU" for our Mardi Gras. What a wonderful out pouring of support from our community to make this such a success. Thanks to all who donated prizes, food, decorations, money, time and prayers.

When donating items to the **St. Vincent DePaul** store, please check that they are in working order. Please make sure that clothes are clean, with no holes, tears, buttons missing, or whatever.



**St. Vincent de Paul** is looking forward to our upcoming events:

**Earth day celebration** on April 20th--held at the r/m school gymnasium come and join in the fun--and learn about 'lasagna gardening' and other conservation items. If you are interested in renting a table for the day to showcase your 'green' wares, contact St. Vincent de Paul. Tables are \$15.00.

Spring is being 'sprung' at our store!!!

*Winter sale ongoing -- 50% off all 'red tagged' items*

Keep in mind, we are always looking for volunteers and last, but not least, thank you to all who have volunteered and donated to St. Vincent de Paul. It is because of you that we are successful.

Liz, Kathy and Virgie

### 5TH ANNUAL

### COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH, 9 TO 4

We are getting the information out early so people have time to get ready. There is a \$2.00 fee to pay for advertising and flyers to be placed in neighboring towns. To get your name on our map you have to respond by Friday, June 7th.

For more information call Marilyn Helmila at 906-376-8830

### FOOT CLINIC

Arcadia Health Care holds a foot clinic every other third Thursday at the Senior Center in South Republic. Cost for toenail cutting is \$20.

For information call Dorothy at

906-376-8133

The editor is looking for pictures and stories about the **kids fishing derby**, to post on the Township web site.

If you have anything to submit, please give it to Tina or Ikey. They will pass it on to the editor.

The Predator Hunt results are on now line.



## Do an activity each day of Lent.

☀ Try to understand another's point of view ☀ Make someone laugh ☀ Praise someone honestly ☀ Say, "I'm sorry" Mean it ☀ Act like Jesus ☀ Clean up an eyesore in your neighborhood ☀ Respond the first time someone calls you

☀ Send a crocus to someone from whom you are estranged ☀ Ask God to do what is best for the public person you dislike most ☀ Help someone realize his or her self-worth ☀ Cement a friendship ☀ Try not to waste anything for one whole day ☀ Call someone who is lonely ☀ Drive patiently today ☀ Resist trying to be the center of attention ☀ Be a shoulder to cry on ☀ Expand your horizons—go to a lecture, read a book, see a play ☀ Be patient with others ☀ Refuse to gossip ☀ Refuse to whine ☀ Readily forgive anyone who hurts you ☀ Surprise yourself ☀ Make someone else the center of attention. ☀ If you love someone, say so ☀ Advocate on behalf of social issues such as affordable housing ☀ Thank God for the gift of life ☀ Pray for a friend ☀ Pray for an enemy ☀ Start something good. ☀ Visit a shut-in ☀ Give away all your "extras"

☀ Resist judging coworkers ☀ Examine your conscience ☀ Stop a label or stereotype in your workplace ☀ Refuse to judge or categorize others ☀ Be a sign of hope for someone who is depressed ☀ Spend some silent time alone ☀ Be a peacemaker at work or school ☀ Recognize the truth about yourself—no matter how good it is ☀ Participate actively in Holy Week worship. ☀ Sing an alleluia

St. Augustine schedule for Holy Week/Easter:

Holy Thursday - March 28 - Mass at 5 P.M.

Easter Sunday - March 31 - Mass at 10:30 A.M.

### REPUBLIC METHODIST CHURCH

Maundy Thursday -- Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Woodlands Methodist Church in Michigamme with a supper served before the service

#### BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Pastor Kevin Kaiser

110 POPLAR ST, REPUBLIC, MI 49879, 906-376-8826

#### LENT WORSHIP

Every Wednesday Evening, beginning with a soup/sandwich supper at 6:00 pm and Worship at 7:00 pm.

#### HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00 pm

Good Friday Worship 6:00 pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM

With a Easter breakfast served by Bethany Youth between services.

Hope to see you there!

Good Friday -- at Republic Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Palm Sunday -- MARCH 24th Picture taking service at Republic United Methodist Church 9 a.m.

Easter Sunday -- Church service at Republic United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. followed by a congregational breakfast.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Office Service hours change on Friday:**

The work load on the office being caused by the legal issues pending against the taxpayers of the Township, both FOIA and lawsuit, has caused considerable disruption of the normal operations of the Township office. Neither official can get their daily work done, and prepare for court or respond to FOIA's, all at the same time. Lori Burton has been promoted from Deputy Treasurer & FOIA officer, to office assistant, to handle more of the work load. Lori will be working Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday 10:00 to 4:00.

She is bonded, and will be the initial customer service contact in the office, helping both the treasurer and the clerk, when she is not handling FOIA's or trial preparations.

The Township Board has been asked, will we have to raise taxes? The Township Board can not. The Township has no tax creation authority, and can only levy the taxes the voters have approved. We live within our budget that the taxpayers allow. Reducing services/service levels is our only option. For further information on what is going on in the office, please feel free to talk to the Clerk and/or Treasurer.

**Forrest Gump:** My mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.