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The Republic Arts Council is a Non Profit Community Initiative that will focus on improving and growing the Community through Education, Job opportunities and community beautification projects that will lead to Families moving back and attracting businesses to our community.

The Republic Arts Council is a Newly formed Non Profit Organization with 501c3 status pending created specifically to aid and educate the community of Republic Michigan.

RAC will aid in the regrowth and revitalization of both Residential and Business growth through Arts based educational opportunities, business after hours, community based beautification projects, and educating those of the community struggling financially by sharing with them and educating them in marketing, producing and exhibiting their crafts and arts for sale, thus providing them a new opportunity to gain financial relief.

We are dedicated solely to the overall improvement of life in Republic through a Community & Business initiatives.

We will bring back families and new businesses to our small hometown.

Having said that our very first endeavor to bring a new way of thinking is the Republic Arts Council 1st Annual "Mining the Arts" Festival 2014.

This will be an Annual Event that will focus on showcasing local artisans, craft persons and musicians along with homemade food producers and any small business endeavor.

It will be a chance for the community to showcase our hometown of Republic through our hospitality and the opportunities that are available to people who may want to enjoy raising a family in a safe wonderful environment and wonderful neighbors and school district.

It will also showcase to possible businesses a opportunity to become a part of a community where there is a definite need of their services or products.

"Mining the Arts" will be just one avenue among many that R.A.C. will begin providing the community of Republic, Michigan.

Treasurers Corner

Happy spring everyone! I would also like to wish you all a wonderful Easter,

2013 Real Property Tax collections are now over. Anyone still having to pay their taxes will pay with the Marquette County Treasurer at 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855. Their Toll Free number is 1-800-562-9788 to find out what balance is due; the county assesses a different interest on your taxes. I continue to collect all delinquent personal property taxes.

I also am instituting the summer deferment program for taxes this upcoming tax year. I have the form in my office. There are certain eligibility requirements. The primary requirement is being 62 and over with a household income of \$40,000 or less. Please contact me if you are interested in submitting a form. This will extend your summer tax season without interest until Feb. 14th of the following calendar year.

I am also working on being able to accept debit and credit cards for tax payments and utility bills. I am also putting a link on the republicmichigan.com website to pay online. I will let the community know as soon as I have these new options available.

Thank You,

Kristina Koski

GAD & Marquette County Road Commission have reached an agreement on garbage collection. GAD must make their collections earlier in the morning, and be off the roads by late morning. During the road restriction season, GAD will be picking up garbage starting at 3 A.M. Please put out your garbage the evening before normal scheduling. It must be in an enclosed container. If bags are left out unprotected, and predators tear the bags, the home owner is responsible for the mess.

REPUBLIC PHONE BOOK(376) UPDATE

The Republic Area Historical Society is in the process of updating the Republic (Area Code 906) Phone Book at this time with the goal of having it ready for publication as soon as possible.

As many individuals no longer maintain a land line but instead make use of a cell phone, the option is being made available to have this listed in the directory if you so desire. A sign-up box is available in the vestibule of the Republic Twp. Hall or you may call 906/376-2345(M. Rankinen) to be listed. All information will be verified with you before printing.



Thank you,
Marcy



If you want your wife to listen & pay undivided attention to every word you say,
Talk in your sleep.

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk
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Residents and Property Owners
Of Republic Township
Republic, MI 49879

Greetings from the Republic Township Board,

Over the past months, we as a community have had many problems to deal with, frozen water lines, broken water mains, and delayed garbage pickups among other issues. One of the things we have been hearing from all of you is that it would have made these problems easier to handle if everyone could have been made aware. **“There has to be a way to notify everyone about important issues that affect all of us”**. We want you to know that we heard you and have found a way to do just that.

We take great pleasure in announcing a new system that has just been implemented. With a generous grant from the Smith Mountain Foundation we have been provided with a new service called **“Leader Alert”**. With this system, we can; in seconds; notify all participants of important official information you need to know. However, in order to do that, we need information from you. **Please know that the information provided will be maintained on a secure offsite server and will in no way be used for any other reason and will not be shared with any other party.**

We can send messages in several formats such as phone call, e-mail or even text messages. If you wish to participate please provide the information requested below. And mail it back or drop it off at the Township Office as soon as possible. **If you wish to receive text messages, additional steps need to be taken and you may contact the Township Office in order to receive instructions for text messaging.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

We are excited about this new service and look forward to all of you helping us to make it a success! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Township Office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

The Republic Township Board

HERITAGE GARDEN

Who isn't ready for spring showers and flowers! We hope this harsh winter will not have done serious damage to our trees, shrubs or perennials. The Maxine of cartoons makes us laugh no matter how cold we are, but we gardeners must disagree with one of her opinions about snow: *Whoever invented the phrase 'blanket of snow' doesn't know much about snow.* Of course the sketch of her with snow blowing about her face makes the phrase funny, but in the world of real winter, the fate of all our gardens is probably dependent on that cold "blanket."

Thank you, Township, for the water faucet. The backs of these ever-aging gardeners thank you, as does our pocketbook; we'll no longer have to replace hoses damaged by traffic. We'll continue to explore the possibility of drawing water from the lake. Not only would it lessen the amount of city water required by the Garden, lake water would also be more beneficial for the plants.

Although our funds continue to dwindle, we intend to do some spring landscaping around the gazebo and recently laid patio. Thanks to all who supported the gazebo project, which is paid in full. We are grateful for the support of all who have supported Heritage Garden all these years. We continue to accept gratefully all contributions toward continued normal maintenance. Eventually, as funds allow, we will invest in more planting and other development of the lower (east) garden area.

For the 2014 season, we are designating Thursday mornings (when weather permits) as workdays at the Garden with the community invited to come and join us. Further information about beginning date and the many ways you can help will be forthcoming. If the Garden could have power available by then, we would even provide coffee! Wouldn't that be nice?

I can't resist adding another of Maxine's quips: *It's so cold my teeth are chattering, and they're still on the bed stand.*

Olga Williams for Heritage Gardeners



FROZEN LINE TRIVIA

53 FROZEN LINES & MULTIPLE RE-FREEZES IN SPITE OF KEEP RUNS, OR PEOPLE TURNING THEIR FAUCETS OFF.

20 ON THE NEW CONSTRUCTION, 9 HAD HISTORY OF FREEZING IN PAST YEARS

33 ON OLD LINES—INCLUDING 16 IN SOUTH REPUBLIC, AND 2 ON THE HIGHWAY

8 FROZEN MAINS: Pine St. (repaired); Willow Drive at Evergreen St. (repaired); Walstrom's Rd (broken, still frozen); 601 from Magnetic, northerly (Frozen, unknown if damaged); Second St, at Magnetic, (repaired); Fifth St northerly off Kloman (broken, still frozen); Front St. (frozen, unknown if damaged) and Republic Ave northerly from Main St. (frozen, unknown if damaged).

The Board has purchased a new welder, and is in the process of having it mounted on the second generator trailer. This unit will be set up to thaw lines, and be switchable to run the sewer lift stations during power interruptions. Kleiman Well Drilling has recommended we hook up the old welder and the new one, in parallel, on the bigger mains, to get enough thawing current without burning out our old machine.

The Township has also ordered a new water-jet thawing machine for the pit water service lines, which is on back order. That purchase was done because the engineering firm is very concerned about trying to thaw service lines in the pits using welders, because of the electronics in the meters.

A "business after business" get together is happening on Thursday, April 17th, 7pm at the Summer Place. Guest speaker will be Paul Arseneault, a Marquette County Commissioner for the past 20 some years. We can pick his brain regarding ideas on how to improve, expand and revitalize our business community. Please plan to attend.

REPUBLIC AREA

TOWN-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

The date for this year's sale will be Saturday
June 14th, 9 to 4.

There will be a \$2.00 advertising fee to register and get
your name on the map.

We place a five day ad in the Mining Journal and distribute
flyers in the area towns.

For more information call :

Marilyn Helmila at 376-8830 or

April Radcliff at 376-2413.

LITTLE LEAGUE COACHES NEEDED

Youth Little League is in search of 2 or 3 coaches for the
2014 season/

2-3 practices per week beginning May 1, and game nights
(Tuesdays & Thursdays) at 6 pm.

This is a volunteer position and is not paid

Call 906-360-3354, Shelly Koski, league mom.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

A great big THANK YOU to all who helped make a lot of people
very happy

this past Christmas! The Sweet Dreams Pillowcase/Pillow Pro-
ject was a great success.

It truly blossomed into much more than we ever expected. Our
goal was to give

every child from St. Vincent de Paul a new pillow and new
handmade pillowcase

but with the amount of donations received we were able to give
the same to all the adults.

We were blessed to receive 171+ pillowcases and 180+ pillows.

The Sweet Dreams Pillow/Pillowcase will take place again this
year. As you work on

other sewing projects during the year keep this project in mind
and with the extra fabric

make a pillowcase or two. If you are out shopping and see
some pillows on sale buy

them early. St. Vincent de Paul, Tammy Mattson, & Kim Isaac-
son

will accept donations throughout the year for this worthy project!

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Tammy Mattson

WHERE DID THE RECYCLING TRAILERS GO?

BACK

In the last publication, we noted that the cost of recycling appeared to be far more than the financial benefit. The Board is waiting on the end of fiscal year numbers from the landfill. How many tons have we recycled? That equals \$40 per ton of tipping fees saved. How much have we received for the recyclables sold?

The known on our end is that it takes 7 hours to make the two trips. (one employee @ \$30 (benefits included in calculation) and one truck @ 35\$ per hour (MDOT standard cost value) = \$455. If projected budget numbers are received, the expected average tonnage savings of 3 tons per week @ \$40 per ton, \$120, doesn't cover either the manpower, or the vehicle cost, much less both. The other option is, to charge everyone more to cover the cost.

We're asking the Landfill to give us bigger trailers, which allows larger loads/fewer trips, making cost more reasonable. .

We wanted to keep the enthusiasm for the program going, even at a loss, but people keep dumping their recyclables on the ground behind the trailers. Common sense says, if the trailer is already full, what are we supposed to do? Those dumped items have to go into the trash. Instead of the individual simply putting into their own trash, we have to use scarce manpower time to haul it ourselves. Thawing frozen water lines doesn't give us time to haul the trailers, much less haul trash.

Because of that issue, the Board has agreed to send the trailers back until we can find a more cost effective method.

The Board is committed to recycling, but only if it's within financial reason, and with common sense in participation by the people.

“People see the world through their own eyes, “

“If someone says “everyone is a thief”, go look in their garage.

If someone keeps complaining about liars

Teddy Jarvi, Black River phi-

ST AUGUSTINE'S

Pasties will be April 5th and May 3rd.
 Order slips for the April sale are now around town. Orders must be in by Tuesday, April 1st. There is no guarantee that there will be extra pasties available.

Holy Week/Easter Services at St. Augustine
 Good Friday, April 18, 2014 - Service at 1 P.M.
 Holy Saturday, April 19, 2014 - Mass at 8 P.M.

Mark your calendars. . .

St. Augustine will sponsor its famous Soup Supper on Wednesday, April 23rd. As always, there will be a wonderful variety of soups, breads and desserts - all still priced for \$3.50.

Sister Margey

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

110 POPLAR ST, SOUTH REPUBLIC 906-376-8826
REV. KEVIN KASIER

LENT SCHEDULE

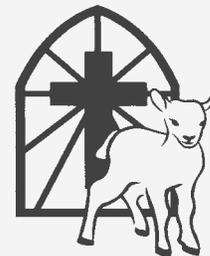
Lent services are every Wednesday beginning March 12th, with soup supper at 6:00 pm and Worship at 7:00 pm. The theme this year is "What Forgiveness Does"

HOLY WEEK – MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP,
APRIL 17TH AT 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP,
APRIL 18TH AT 7:00 PM

EASTER SERVICES - APRIL 20TH - 8:00 AM
 with breakfast served between 9:00 -10:15 AM
 WORSHIP again at 10:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



REPUBLIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Terry Branstrom

April 06-2014	Sunday 9:00 a.m services	Guest Lay speaker, Vicky Crystal
April 09-2014	Wed. 6:00 p.m.,	Soup & Bread supper, followed by devotions
April 16-2014	“ “	“ “
April 20-2014	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Easter Celebration
April 27-2014	Sunday 9:00 a.m. services	Guest Vocalist Courtney Crish
June 15, 2014	Sunday 9:00 a.m. services	Guest Vocalists: Men Singing Gospel
June 22, 2014	Sunday 9:00 a.m. Services	Native American Sunday Guest Speaker, Jennifer McCloud.

Water department customers.

Republic Township has been offered a \$25,000 grant to install an automatic feed fluoride system in the municipal water. The Marquette County Health Department has asked the Township Board to install the system, because of tooth decay issues in children in the area.

The Township Board wants those affected to tell us if they want the water to be treated.

We are conducting an informal referendum, asking you to give us your opinion.

Please complete the form below, and return it to the township hall at your earliest convenience.

I am in favor of fluoride water treatment

I am against fluoride water treatment

I have no opinion.

I would like more information

Signature _____

(why? Because we want to make sure the voter is on the water system.)

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