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NO METER, NO WATER

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As part of the water project all water services in the area serviced by the Township water system must get a water meter. It was a condition of the funding agency providing the money for the project. In order to install the meter in your home a plumber will have to come in and install a meter where your water comes into your house; usually in the basement. Some persons may have a pit installed near the road in some special cases. All the meters will have a remote reader installed on the outside of the building so the Township can read the meter quickly and regardless of anyone being home. The plumbers are under contract to put the meters in and everyone will be called upon, if they have not been already.

The meter installation will also be inspected by Marquette County who will contact you separately to schedule an inspection.

The Township will not be reading meters until the majority are installed and the billing system is set up at the Township office; which will not be until sometime in 2013. So for now the flat water rate will continue. After the system is up and running; and when the Township has a history of water readings to build on; they will be adjusting water rates from a flat rate system (everybody pays the same amount regardless of how much is used) to a base fee plus use system (you pay a lower flat rate and then are charged by how much water you use).

If your house is one of those that has to let the water run over the winter to prevent freezing, the new metering system, when in place, will take that into account so you won't be billed for the extra water over the winter.

When the meter gets installed, there may be some discoloration of your water due to the upset in the pipes because of the work. This can be cleared up after letting the water run for a time. The plumber who installs the meter will show you how to flush it out.

The plumber installing the meter will be there only to put in the meter where the water enters the house. They are not permitted to make any changes or repairs to your household plumbing system.

The Township does not have a choice in putting in meters or not, USDA requires it as a condition of the grant funding. Everyone with Township water service will have one. If a homeowner denies access to put in the meter, the Township will be forced to shut off their water, when the metering system goes on line full time.

Water line construction will end for this year, at the west end of Koeber. This is to allow time for paving, prior to snowfall. The Construction company will continue clean up work on the areas already constructed, until approx November 1st. The water meter installation will continue through the winter.

**Library news.**

Greetings from your new and improved library. If you have not been in to see the new lighting, you are in for a bright experience. It is beautiful. Though I am not personally looking forward to winter, I do look forward to the new heating system when it begins heating the school. I even had some Middle School students in there recently and they didn't remember seeing the painting on the back wall. Maybe the lighting made a difference.

Thanks to so many that have donated caps for the coke rewards and many that have transferred their points to the school account. I am still buying. We have currently spent approximately 20,000 points. That is incredible. You all are amazing. Keep them coming. We have until December 31st.

I have received my Scholastic Book Fair Box and will start making phone calls for volunteers. Make plans to attend the Fair October 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2012, from 4pm to 7pm. If you are interested in volunteering and or donating snacks, please call me at the library at 376-2277 ex. 191.

We have also had many books donated to the library. We do accept donations. The books need to be in good condition. We still have our book sale cart and have purchased items for the library with that money. That will be an ongoing sale. These books are in decent condition, are duplicates and or have not been checked out in a long time. When they have been on the cart for at least 3 months, they are boxed and donated to a organization such as Riverview, Jacobetti or one of the nursing homes. If you have someplace you would like to take a box of books, come by and I will be glad to accommodate you.

We are in full swing at the library with the Fall hours being 3:15 - 7pm Tues. - Fri. I look forward to seeing you soon. Nancy



**“ I am the Vine You are the Branches! “**

Please help the Giving Vine for Christmas.  
 We are looking for families, individuals,  
 or groups of people to be one of those branches.  
 In doing so you would purchase some Christmas presents  
 for a needy family. We will provide a "want List" of gifts.  
 If you have any questions please contact  
 Carol Kellow at St. Vincent de Paul. Phone 906-376-2400

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**Now accepting applications  
 for families wishing to  
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 Picture ID or Driver's License  
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**Apply in Person at:**  
 St. Vincent de Paul In Republic  
 Call 906-376-2400  
 ask for Carol Kellow  
 to set up appointment.



## SCHOOL LAKE GRANT

The grant project, a working partnership between the Republic Sportsman's Club and Republic Township, has been expanded from the original intentions.

Thanks to Lindberg Construction, and Niemi Excavating, the base for the first part of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, which is multi-use in our area, is now being constructed. We are still working to get easements and access to the private portions, which will allow direct access to the Wetlands.

Lindberg is allowing the excavated materials from the water line construction project to be dumped in the places needed along the trail, with Craig Niemi doing the fussy placement, and after the Township crew gets the material close to grade, Charley Niemi is leveling the surface with his tractor. This will give a good sub grade for the final trail surface, and gives the snowmobilers a smooth trail for this winter. This portion of the work has to be completed by November 1st, by agreement with the DNR.

The Heritage Trail Authority has been approached to install the crushed gravel base and the limestone covering from the Bank Building to Fourth St. along the lake shore. This is scheduled for early next summer.

The development plan has been expanded to use the concrete pad from the original Laabs garage as a handicapped parking place with additional handicapped facilities there, including a table and grill. This will be supported by a limestone area around the concrete, allowing for easier movement. The limestone surface will also let wheelchairs get to the dock system arranged for by the Sportsman's Club, which will be sited where the present boat launch is, just east of the concrete pad.

Because of the mix-up on this application, UPEA has volunteered to do the engineering, and additional grant submittal work, as a donation to the community. Bill Olson is the project manager.

The entire project, dock, trail, and the handicapped access needs must be completed by August 1st, 2013.

The Planning Commission is scheduling public input hearings, to get an idea of how the public wants the rest of the area developed from the Munson Park/old Lutheran Church area to Fourth St, along the lake. Maybe a band-shell for the weekly music in the park series?

## EXPANDING THE LIONS CLUB PAVILION AT THE PARK

When the Ethnic Days Committee ceased activities, they donated their savings to Republic Township, to help build a large pavilion for public use. Originally planned to be put in the Town Square, the Committee has agreed to change that to a covered deck expansion which will double the size of the existing Lions Club Pavilion, in Munson Park.

The concept also includes a potential second "step-down" expansion toward the river, when money comes available.

The contractor will be providing a sketch to the committee for approval, and materials are expected to be bid out in March or April of 2013. Construction is expected to be completed for the 2013 Fishing Derby.

## PLANNING COMMISSION TO HOLD TOWN MEETING

The Republic Township Planning Commission will be holding a Town Meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information from interested individuals and groups for creating a master plan for the development of the Munson Park/School Lake area.

The Planning Commission is interested in all ideas concerning this area and will take comments and ideas into consideration when finalizing a plan to submit to the Township Board for final approval.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute to the effort, you may submit a letter to the Commission at the Township Hall or call Dan Mitchell at (906) 376-2408.

**Thank you to the Republic Sportsman's Club for the new tables at Munson Park.**

The 32nd Annual Fishing Derby was a safe & huge success thanks again to the many volunteers, supporters and donators.

A "special thankyou" to Dana Maze, who for numerous years, has donated a hand-made fishing rod for the successful youth first place walleye winner, what a keepake.

To everyone who generously gave to the fireworks fund and supported all of the fundraisers we "thankyou" and hope everyone enjoyed the fireworks and festivities that became possible with those donations.

Hope to see you next year and please, "Take a kid fishing!"

Charlie Hendrickson, Pres.  
and members of The  
Republic Sportsmen Club

Bethany Lutheran Church

worship Sunday at 10:30 am

Sunday School/Confirmation Classes at 9:00 am

with coffee/fellowship at 10:00 am

Monday evening worship at 7:00 pm

Upcoming events, Senior Friendly starts every 2nd Thursday of each month, September-May. This is an ecumenical service and meal beginning at Noon for 60 and older.

ST VINNIE'S

A very big thank you to all those who donated funds to help us replace our roof.

No more leaks.

We were overwhelmed by the support we received.

ST Vincent DePaul Society.

### Potato Fest

A fundraiser co-hosted by the **Republic Historical Society**  
and the **Republic Lions Club**

**Saturday, October 6, 2012, 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM**

**EMS Building, M-95, Republic, MI**

**Adults: \$7.00, Children: \$3.00**

There will also be **music, vendors, crafts, and demonstrations**

**Questions? contact Karen Stroobants, 376-2141**

#### St Augustine's Soup supper

Wednesday September 26th

4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

Cost is still \$3.50, try as many as you wish.

Watch for Pasty signs in November.

#### Please Save for Republic-Michigamme School

All Year Long

- \*Box Tops
- \*Campbell's labels
- \*Ink Cartridges
- \*Cell Phones
- \*Laptops
- \*Digital Cameras
- \*MP3 Players
- \*iPods
- \*GPS units

#### VINNIE'S VIEW (St. Vincent DePaul)

\$1.00 a bag blowout sale CONTINUES for the rest of September.

Shop at the Republic Mall, customers are always welcome

Reminder: When you shop at GFS (Gordon's Food Service) use your RMS card.

#### CEMETERY CLOSES NOV 1ST.

Please remove all flowers and ornaments by the end of the day, October 31st.

The Cemetery will open May 1st, 2013.

Drop off places & GFS forms:

- \*RM School
- \*Republic Branch of the Ishpeming Community Federal Credit Union
- \*Republic St. Vincent DePaul
- \*Corner Cafe
- \*Peter's True Value Hardware Store

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***The Starfish Story***

***Original Story by: Loren Easley***

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"

The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean.

The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die.

***Son, the man said, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish?***

***You can't make a difference!***

***After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said***

***"I made a difference for that one."***