

Republic Township News

STORIES NOT TO MISS!

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New Township Board Members Elected

As everyone knows, an Election was held on November 8, 2016. what everyone may not know is who actually won the various races that were being run.

Our new Township Supervisor is John Ulrich. He comes with experience as he has held this position before. We welcome him to our Board and look forward to his contributions to our town.

Terry Knapp has graciously stepped down from the Township Board as Trustee in order to become our new Zoning Administrator. Terry has a great deal of experience and we are happy to have him on board..

Tom Stankus has been elected as Trustee to replace Terry. He is a long time community mem-

ber and brings a fresh perspective to our Board and we look forward to seeing what Tom will



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accomplish.

Tina Koski is continuing as our Township Treasurer. We are very pleased to be able to keep Tina as she has accomplished a great deal in her last four years and we think she has much more

she can do.

Marilyn Brancheau continues as our Township Clerk. Marilyn brings her thorough knowledge of the Clerk's position which is a steadying force for the Board.

And of course, last but certainly not least is Tom Feldhusen. Re-elected as Township Trustee, Tom has a wealth of knowledge that he shares with the Board when he is frequently called upon for input in Township decisions.

Please join us in welcoming our new Board for the 2016—2020 term. Remember the Township Board meetings are typically the 4th Thursday of every month @ 7:00pm in the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Northern Lights Campground News.

The new Northern Lights Campground is now more or less finished. There are still a few small things to be done, but the Campground will be officially open this coming Spring.

Folks are already making reservations for spots for summer and

we will be working on creating a reservations record in order to keep track of dates and spaces already reserved.

It is important for everyone to remember that the campground now has specific numbered spaces with restrictions on what can

be placed on each space. So, if there is some specific spot you want to be, be sure to check with us in the office for making that reservation. The office phone number is 376-8827, and is generally open from 9—5.

Happy camping everyone!

THE SUPERVISOR'S CORNER



John Ulrich, Republic Township Supervisor

As the recently elected Township Supervisor, I want to thank all who gave me the vote of confidence to work for you as your Supervisor. To those who did not vote for me, I want to share with you that I will work along with the other Board Members to try and improve the Township and I ask that you give me a chance to prove myself.

My goals for the next four years are as follows:

1. to encourage community members to work together to make Republic known as a place where a common goal is the most important thing.
2. To encourage Republic citizen's input to the Board, which will help make the community grow toward that common goal.
3. To see the Township prosper and thrive with new businesses coming into the Township.
4. To educate the community concerning the democratic-republic principles on which this nation was formed. The Oxford Dictionary defines a democratic-republic as "When the complete authority and power is derived by the citizens and the government is run by elected officials, then the form of government is called as a democratic republic government."

"No man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent."

Abraham Lincoln

The Treasurer's Corner

December 1st, 2016 Winter Tax season begins. They are now payable until February 28th, 2017 with **NO penalty**. Summer tax bills still incur a 1% interest fee on the 1st of every month.

Northern Lights Campground is near completion. Decisions on rates etc. will be forthcoming, and we are looking for

ways to promote it. The township office has already begun taking reservations for the 2017 camping season. The next project is constructing ADA picnic tables. Any individual or organization interested in volunteering to help in their construction please contact the township office. A date hasn't been set yet but the

materials are on order.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year. May we all continue to work together to make our community a great place to live.

Kristina Koski

Republic Community Services Annual Christmas Party

Republic Community Services will be holding their Annual Christmas Party this year on December 10, 2016. It will take place @ Republic Michigamme School from 1—3 pm. The children can enjoy a visit from Santa, games, door

prizes, a cake walk, a Chinese Raffle and a 50/50 raffle and lots more. There will be snacks and drinks. So bring your children and come out to have a fun time.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



2nd Annual Christmas Tree Contest



The time has come for the 2nd Annual Christmas tree contest benefitting Republic Community Services.

Various groups and businesses are

2nd Annual Christmas Tree Contest

putting up Christmas trees in Pocket Park, right next to the Township Hall. Each tree will have a bucket for everyone to place tickets to vote for their favorite tree. More than

one tree can be voted for if you like more than one.

You may purchase tickets from True Value, The Summer Place, Maki's or St. Vincent's. The voting begins December 5th and ends

December 28th. There will be 1st through 4th place and the winners will be posted on January 4th at the places where the tickets were purchased.

All proceeds will go to Republic Community Services which assists many folks in our community with a variety of needs.

Some spots are already spoken for but if you are interested in sponsoring a tree, please contact Carol Kellow at St. Vincent De Paul @ 376-2276.

The contest is only open to children age 12 and under so get the littles ones registered!

Christmas Stocking Contest

There is a Christmas Stocking Contest going on now for children ages 12 and under.

Northern Specialty Company in South Republic which is located right next to the True Value Hardware is having a contest to give away a 6 Foot Christmas Stocking to some lucky boy or girl here in Republic.

To register, stop by Northern Specialty company and fill out a form. They will hold a drawing on December 19th to determine the lucky winner..

Again, this is only open to children age 12 and under. So get the little ones registered for the their chance to win.



Republic United Methodist Church Welcomes new Pastor

The United Methodist Church has welcomed a new Pastor to their flock. Pastor Pete LeMoine was born and raised right here in the U.P.. He is from Ontonagon and has been very busy serving in the White Pine Church and surrounding area.

He is also President of the King-

dom Riders Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, an international organization. Join us for worship on Sundays @ 9:00am and help us Welcome Pastor Pete to our community.



Pastor Pete with his motorcycle



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Secure your animals, it's the law

We all love our animals and there are many animals here in Republic, particularly dogs.

The number of complaints for unsecured dogs has been steadily rising.

There is in fact an Ordinance in place regarding the leashing, tying up or fencing of dogs. This Ordinance does provide for civil penalties for those who will not comply.

The Ordinance states that "No person shall cause or permit any animal kept by him or her to run at large within the Township". The Ordinance goes on to state that the penalty for not complying can be as much as a \$500.00 fine and 90 days in jail. Since the Township would rather not have to resort to this we simply ask that everyone please comply.

Loose dogs cause many problems; people get injured, property gets destroyed and a whole lot of feelings get hurt. Also, people who like to take walks whether they own a dog or not are feeling unsafe on their own sidewalks and this cannot continue.

Everyone, PLEASE, secure your pets either behind a fence, or on a tether. When you are walking them, they must be on a leash. This is not an option, it is a must!

One other note, please don't leave your animal outside during frigid temperatures either. Bring them in when it gets too cold!



Leash your dog!