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HANDY PHONE NUMBERS!

- Township Hall
376-8827
- Hardware
Store 376-2032
- St Vincent's
376-2400
- Summer place
376-2419
- Beauty Nook
376-2456
- Maki's 376-
8220
- TruNorth 376-
0988

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Republic Ambulance Service Officially Shut Down



As many of you know, the Township has been trying for many years to increase the number of folks we have on our Ambulance Service and Fire Department. This is not an easy task and we have been unsuccessful in our efforts. With only 2 people available who both have full time jobs, the ambulance is not staffed 24 hours per day, and after speaking with State Officials, the Township has agreed to the request from the State of Michigan to close down services for the Ambulance only. We are informing you of this so that everyone understands why they have to wait so long for an ambulance.

At this time Champion Township has extended the offer of a Mutual Aid Agreement, but the details; if this is possible; have yet to be hammered out.

We are not the only Township with this issue, lack of trained personnel is a problem state wide and can only be solved by people who are willing to give of themselves to perform this valuable service.

If anyone wishes to help the EMS or Fire Department, please let us know.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALENDARS

The Republic Township Fire Department wishes to extend a big thank you to all of you who continue to order these calendars every year!

Also, please stay tuned for future information regarding placing orders. Due to changes in how the calendar company processes orders, there will be some changes in our ordering process as well.



THE SUPERVISOR'S CORNER



John Ulrich, Republic Township Supervisor

“ Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Another year is drawing to a close with much accomplished in the township.

The sewer project is partially complete and should be done by June 2019. Four buildings have had roofs replaced with more to come next year. The new NMU Internet is up and running with good reports from residents who use it. Please contact the office for information on that.

The DPW received a new dump truck complete with plow . It is a very nice addition. A new vacuum

trailer has been purchased and is now in use in place of the old one. The old one is now used to clean storm drains. Our 1988 Fire Truck is currently at Pomasl being repaired and updated to continue it’s faithful service. Other projects are in the works and we look forward to your input and suggestions.

The TIFA has finalized the purchase of the Dam and are now working with an engineering firm for grant submissions. Three grant applications have been submitted

with the goal of building a fixed crest dam with a fish ladder to improve the migration of fish on the river and maintain the basin for sporting activities. The TIFA is working with the Republic Sportsman’s Club in this endeavor.

As of October we welcome Frank Haslip to the Board who is replacing Tom Feldhusen after many years of faithful service.

I hope your holidays are filled with joy and peace.

The Treasurer’s Corner

Treasurers Corner

Hello Republic Township Residents! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!!

Winter tax collection officially began December 1st. Payments will be received until February 28th, 2019. Summer taxes still incur 1% per month. Both are payable to the Township until February 28th 2019.

When paying by check, please write separate checks for Utilities, Transfer Station and Taxes as these all go into different accounts.

A reminder that in the event the office is closed you may still pay your utility bill at Tru North Credit Union. There is also a drop box in the foyer and you may also use the Credit Union’s night depository if



the building is locked.

On December 28th I will be holding office hours from 9 – 5 for tax collections.

Sincerely,

Kristina Koski

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Republic Michigamme School Library

Open Tuesday through Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please use the School’s west entrance. The Library has computers with internet access available for public use, or you can connect to our Wi-Fi using your own device. (The Library will be closed if School is cancelled due to inclement weather.)



Editor's Story of the Month

REPUBLIC RESIDENT GRATEFUL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of the cards, phone calls, visits, monetary gifts, flowers and food.

I had 35 radiation treatments and 3 chemo treatments. I was fortunate enough to have had all my treatments in Marquette and was blessed with a wonderful medical staff. Home Health services were also involved even though they got lost coming out to Squaw Lake (imagine that?)

The biggest thank you goes to my husband, George for taking such good care of me.

It is such a blessing to live in a small community where there is always someone willing to reach out and help when it is needed the most. The devil is scared of me and the Good Lord doesn't want me yet, so I will be around for a while.

Thanks again, Gayle Ritola



Republic Area Historical Society

Due to the Holidays, we will not be having a coffee social in January. We will resume our regularly scheduled socials on Wednesday, February 6th 2019. Watch for the posters and of course, thanks so much for your continued support.

One of our next projects will be a Sports Album for the museum. We are looking for clear photos or newspaper articles that can be copied or scanned or even any memorabilia that could be borrowed for photographs to place in the album. These items can be from long ago or up until the present and they can be of any sport. For more info, please call Marilyn Helmila @ 906-376-8830



JUST FOR LAUGHS !!

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl. We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.





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Republic Bethany Lutheran Church Christmas Gathering

The Republic Bethany Lutheran Church will be having a family Christmas Gathering at the Church's Fellowship Hall on Saturday December 16th, beginning at 6:00pm. They will be having music, children's skits, the Nativity, readings, food, and a visit from the Republic Michigamme School's Jazz Band and Chorus. Also performing will be the Bethany Lutheran Choir.

The entrance fee is \$2.00 per person for all ages. So pack up the family and bring them out to the Church Fellowship Hall for fun filled evening!

