



**Colfax Township Hall**  
Office Hours: by appointment

**Dec. 6:** tree lighting, cookies, hot cocoa, caroling next to library, Thompson Avenue 7PM

**Dec. 7:** Community Christmas party at Village Community Center, Lincoln Avenue 2PM

**Dec. 24:** Santa Claus makes his annual stop at the Village Christmas tree 7PM

**Dec. 29:** tax collection at township hall 9AM-5PM

**Feb. 14:** winter taxes due date

**Feb. 17:** tax collection at township hall 9AM-5PM (Feb. 14 is a Saturday; Feb. 16 is a federal holiday)

**June 13:** township cleanup day

**June 15:** Summerfest at Community Center 6PM

#### Colfax "By the Numbers"

- **657:** population (2010 census)
- **40%:** percentage of state land
- **11.7:** miles of the Betsie River in the township
- **7:** miles of the Little Betsie River in the township
- **6:** bridges over the Betsie River, including the trestles of the old railroad bridge in Wallin
- **5:** Betsie River access points



Old Railroad Bridge

**Township Hall:** 7607 Michigan Ave.  
231-378-2144  
231-378-4665 (fax)  
Hours by appointment

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 68  
Thompsonville, MI  
49683

**Website:** [www.colfaxtownship.org](http://www.colfaxtownship.org)

#### **Township Board Meetings:**

The Board meets at 7:00 P.M. the second Wednesday of each month at the Colfax Township hall. The public is welcome.

**Officers:** **Supervisor** – Ron Evitts

231-378-2334

**Clerk** – DeAnn Mosher

231-631-9221

**Treasurer** – Laura Draeger

231-378-2144

**Trustee** – Shelley Greene

231-378-2334

**Trustee** – Tom Besey

231-631-9227

**Assessor:** Marvin Blackford

9445 Lake Ann Road

Traverse City, MI 49684

231-275-7528

231-275-5045 (fax)

#### **Helpful Phone Numbers**

- Emergency/ambulance/fire: 911
- Benzie County Sheriff's Dept.: 231-882-4484
- Michigan State Police: 1-800-525-5555
- Benzie County Treasurer: 231-882-0011
- Road Commission: 231-325-3051
- Council on Aging: 231-325-3720
- Thompsonville post office: 231-378-2411
- Betsie Valley District Library: 231-378-2716

#### **Joint Planning Commission**

A public hearing is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 1:00PM at the Village of Thompsonville Community Center on Lincoln Avenue. The purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to comment on the draft Joint Zoning Ordinance for Colfax and Weldon Townships and the Village. The JPC will then consider comments at a future meeting and make a recommendation to the three legislative bodies for ordinance adoption. Copies of the draft will be available for review during posted hours/days in the near future at the Weldon Township hall, 14731 Thompson Avenue. The draft will also be posted on the Colfax and Weldon Township websites. The JPC meets at 7:00PM the first Thursday of the month at the Weldon Township hall. Meetings are open to the public, and the JPC welcomes everyone. This is a great way to become involved in *your* community. Questions? Call Shelley Greene at 378-2334.

#### **Important Recycling News**

- The 24/7 recycling bins have been moved to a new location! To better serve residential households, the bins are now located at the DPW Maintenance Building on Michigan Avenue, just north of Lincoln (Lindy Road). Better lighting and security camera are planned.
- Details on recycling, Household Hazardous Waste collection days for 2015 and the County Recycling Coordinator contact info can be found on the reverse side of this Newsletter.
- As a reminder, never put trash or construction material in a recycling bin. That is illegal dumping; the county will prosecute violators.
- "Be More Green in 2015!"

#### **2015 Township Cleanup Day**

- Saturday, June 13 has been set for next year's cleanup day. Hours: 8:00AM-1:00PM. Location: Gallagher Road at the American Waste site (formerly Northern Disposal).
- Cards will be mailed about a week in advance and must be presented to drop off household items. Landlords: please forward cards to your tenants.
- Many participants told us they preferred having cleanup day in June. It also gives seasonal residents an opportunity to participate. May weather can be unpredictable. Remember how long it took that record snowfall (230 inches) to melt last spring???

#### **Grass Lake State Forest Campground**

Did you know Colfax Township manages a state-owned rustic campground on the Betsie River? It's 10 miles northeast of the Village, east of Reynolds Road at the Grass Lake Dam. There are 15 sites for tents and small trailers on 10 acres nestled in more than 20,000 acres of contiguous state land. The campground has basic restrooms and water available by pump (no electric hookup). Fee: \$13/night; day use is free. Sorry, ORV/ATV operation is prohibited by Benzie County's ORV Ordinance. Visit Colfax's website for photos and more info.

#### **Betsie Valley District Library**

Have you visited the new library yet? It is a wonderful community asset located at 14744 Thompson Avenue. Computers with internet service are available. Michelle and Betsey are extremely helpful to library patrons and plan terrific programs for adults and children. They welcome volunteers to occasionally help out, and it is fun! Stop in to learn more or to check out a book, browse the internet or read a newspaper.

## Thompsonville Recycling Site Has **MOVED** From Gallagher Road to The Village Maintenance DPW Garage on 669

Benzie County's 24/7 residential recycling program offers Single Stream Recycling to help households save money by throwing away less and recycling more!

Here's a list of the simple rules we all must follow in the recycling program:

- All recyclables must be clean and empty (no food or liquids)
- All cardboard boxes must be flattened
- All plastic must have a recycling logo with a # inside it (All numbers of plastic may be recycled from #1 - #7). This includes plastic bags – look for the number
- Recyclable plastics and tin & aluminum containers may be placed together in one bin with paper & flat cardboard
- Juice boxes, milk cartons, etc. may go in the bin with tin, plastic & paper. This is called Aseptic packaging and is now acceptable in the program.
- Polystyrene packaging with a #6 on it may go in the bin with tin, plastic & paper (clean, take-out packaging, produce trays, cups, etc.)
- Shredded paper and mixed paper can be placed in the bin inside a paper bag.
- Other than shredded paper, all other recyclables must be loose
- Plastic bags must be emptied of its contents and placed loosely in the bin. Tear open your bag and let items drop into the window of the bin.
- Glass is not acceptable in the single stream bin. Glass is processed at a different location than other recyclables. Plus, it is a safety hazard to you and workers sorting at the processing facility. Don't put glass in with tin, plastic & paper.
- Glass bottles and jars must be placed in the GLASS ONLY dumpster. No window glass or ceramics allowed, only bottles and jars are accepted.
- Try to fill one bin up first. This is very important because we always want to have a full bin when we transport it to the processing facility. Do not open an empty bin until the other one is full.
- Never leave anything on the ground at a recycling site. That is illegal dumping. Violators will be prosecuted.
- Never put trash or construction material in a recycling bin. That is also illegal dumping. Violators will be prosecuted.
- Recycling sites are for Benzie County residential use. Businesses and events must obtain a permit before using a residential recycling site.
- Use a school cardboard recycling trailer whenever you have a quantity of cardboard to deliver. Schools benefit from all cardboard recycled at these trailers.

If we follow the simple rules listed above we will continue to have an efficient and cost effective program. Call the **Recycling Coordinator** with any questions at **882-0554** or visit the website at [www.benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net), click on Departments, then on Solid Waste/Recycling.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections are planned for May 2 @ Almira Twp., July 11 @ Frankfort and August 8 @ Honor. Appointments are required. No charge to residents for HHW. Electronics will be collected at these events, but there may be a charge per item. More information will be available soon.