# Colfax Township "News"



Colfax Township Hall Office Hours: by appointment

**First Fridays:** join the fun every month at the Village Community Center, 14714 Lincoln Avenue. Bingo, music, fellowship and a wonderful meal for \$3 for those 60+, slightly more for younger attendees. Everyone is welcome! Sept. 14: summer taxes due. Email questions to treasurer Laurie Draeger at colfaxbenzie@gmail.com. Fall Festival: October in the Thompsonville Community Memorial Park on Lincoln Avenue. Look for the banner at the pavilion in early October. **Dec. 2:** Holiday Open House 6-7PM at the Betsie Valley District Library on Thompson Avenue. Christmas tree lighting at 7PM. Cookies, hot cocoa and caroling! **<u>Dec. 3:</u>** Community Christmas

party at Village Community Center, Lincoln Avenue 2-4PM Dec. 24: Santa makes his final visit on Christmas Eve at 7PM with goody bags of treats at the Village Christmas tree.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Board of Review, elections, Joint Planning Commission and library board. NO experience necessary! Call 378-2334 for info. Some positions are compensated.

## **New Drop Box**

Plans are underway to install a drop box in the south wall of the township hall for your convenience with township-related business.

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 Township Board Meetings:

The Board meets at 7:00 P.M. the second Wednesday of each. The public is welcome!

# Joint Planning Commission Meetings:

The JPC meets at 7:00 P.M. the first Thursday of the month at the Weldon Township hall on Thompson Avenue. The JPC is a partnership between Colfax Township, Weldon Township and the Village of Thompsonville.

Email address: cwtplanning@hotmail.com

**Officers:** Supervisor – Ron Evitts

231-378-2334/cell 213-383-1749

Clerk – DeAnn Mosher

231-631-9221

Treasurer - Laura Draeger

231-378-2144

Trustee – Tom Besey

231-631-9227

Trustee – Shelley Greene

231-378-2334

Assessor: Gunnar Brow

Michigan Assessing Service, Inc.

10655 Riverside Drive

Honor, MI 49640

231-227-1095 (fax: 227-1109)

Email: gpbrow@michiganassessing.com

### Zoning Administrator:

Craig Meredith P.O. Box 115 Thompsonville, MI 49683 231-970-9361 or 231-378-2377

Land use permits and zoning questions

# 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

- Benzie Senior Resources: 231-525-0600

- Thompsonville post office: 231-378-2411

- Betsie Valley District Library: 231-378-2716

## **Benzie Senior Resources**

This new agency is a merger of Benzie County Council on Aging and Benzie Home Health Care. on Departments then Solid Waste/Recycling. Their mission is to provide exceptional services, resources and care to support Benzie seniors. Twenty percent of Colfax residents are age 60+ and Benzie Senior Resources serves 40% of them. The dedicated staff, volunteers and Board help keep seniors living in their own homes in addition to operating The Gathering Place in Honor and much more. A newsletter is available. Visit www.BenzieSeniorResources.org or call 231-525-0600. Supported by millage, grants and donations.

#### **Tire Collection Days**

Good news! The Benzie County Solid Waste/ Recycling Dept. received a grant to collect scrap cal and truck tires. No tractor tires. Michigan law allows a person to legally transport up to 10 of their OWN tires. Sorry, no scrap haulers or dealers.

- Saturday, July 22 9:00AM 1:00PM
- Lincoln Ave. (Lindy Rd.) west of stop signal Approach from Thompson Ave. at the old railroad grade in the Village.
  - Saturday, August 5 8:00AM 1:00PM
  - Almira Township Hall, 7276 Ole White Dr., Lake Ann

# **Recycling Info**

- · If you missed the annual cleanup day, residents may arrange for pickup of metal items such as washers and dryers and also vehicle batteries and items containing Freon such as air conditioners. dehumidifiers and refrigerators. Call Mike at 231-383-5801 to make arrangements. There may be a fee for service. This is a business and is not affiliated with the township.
- · The next Residential Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Day is
- Saturday, August 5 8:00AM-12:00PM Almira Township Hall, 7276 Ole White Dr. Call 231-882-0554 to make an appointment with David Schaffer, Benzie County Recycling/Solid Waste Dept. Appointments are required for an orderly drop-off process. .
- · A county transfer station is still being explored. Bay Area Disposal (231-640-2600) is a private transfer station located on US31 west of Reynolds Road. Other disposal options:
  - -Padnos Recycling, 3770 Blair Town Hall Rd., Traverse City, 231-947-3747 (call for TV fee)
  - -American Waste, Inc., 280 Hughes Dr., Traverse City, 231-943-8088
  - -Republic Services, 3890 Camp Rd., Manistee, 231-723-4850
  - -Glen's Landfill, 518 E. Traverse Hwy (M72), Maple City, 231-228-5196
  - -Wexford County Landfill, 990 N. (old) US Hwy 131, Manton, 231-943-8088
- · Residents may use any recycling bins in the county. Items accepted include #1-7 plastics, tin/ aluminum, any color glass and jars (no light bulbs). paper/junk mail, flattened cardboard, juice boxes, milk cartons and Styrofoam. NO illegal dumping! For more info, check www.benzieco.net and click

# **Board of Review**

The 2017 Board of Review will meet, if needed, to correct mutual mistakes and clerical errors on

Tuesday, July 18 – 6:00 PM and Tuesday, December 12 – 6:00 PM November 1 is the deadline for submitting Principa Residence Exemption (homestead) forms. The Board of Review next meets in March 2018 to receive property owner petitions on assessed or taxable values. See website for BOR info.