



COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

6515 COUNTY ROAD 571 NE, MANCELONA MI 49659

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://COLDSRINGSTOWNSHIP.COM/](https://coldspringstownship.com/)

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Central Dispatch 231-250-3350

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231-258-0045

Township Office Hours:

Treasurer:
Mondays & Thursdays
9:00 AM – Noon

Clerk:
Mondays & Thursdays
1:00PM – 4:00 PM

Assessor & Supervisor: By Appointment Only

From the Desk of the Supervisor

We are including a supplemental newsletter with the winter Tax Bill. The Township Board has been busy making many improvements in the township. We have improved roads, the township hall, the township parking lot, Sands Park, and technology. We continue to find ways to improve the life of our residents and guest to the township. The monthly Township Board Meetings are held the second (2nd) Monday of every month at 5:00 PM at the Township Hall, 6515 County Road 571 NE, Mancelona, MI 49659. You can also participate via Zoom Conference, a link to the meeting can be found on our township website: <https://coldspringstownship.com/>.

From the Desk of the Clerk

Elections

We will have up to four (4) elections in 2024 with the Presidential Primary on Feb. 27, the May Special Election on May 7, the Primary on August 6, and the November Presidential Election on November 5. If you are interested in being added to the Permanent Absent Voter List, contact the Clerk, Gayenell Gentelia, via email (clerk@coldspringstwp.com) or via phone 231-587-8633 x112.

Refuse

Weekly garbage pick-up day is every Monday, except if it is a holiday, then it will be the Tuesday after the holiday, this includes Memorial Day and Labor Day. Each residence is allowed one (1) Large Item pick-up a month. Large Item Pick-up is the first (1st) Monday of every month. It is appreciated if you contact GFL to inform them of your Large Item. If you have any issues with your refuse pick-up, you can contact GFL at 231-258-9030. If they ask for your account number, inform them that it is Coldsprings Township.

Coldsprings Township Branch Library

Thanks to a significant grant award by the great folks at the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, we are very happy to announce that library services will begin soon at the Coldsprings Township Hall. Proposed regular hours of operation will be Mondays 1:00pm to 5:00pm and Thursdays 9:00am to 1:00pm. We are aiming at mid-December for at least basic services.



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When we are up and running residents can expect virtually everything that is available at the downtown Kalkaska main library—books, magazines, DVDs, audio wi-fi hotspots, and more to borrow, printing and fax services, technology and reference services, community events and programs, and significantly improved, 24/7 free wi-fi connectivity.

Library staff are so excited to make accessing services much more convenient in outlying areas of our county. Questions or comments, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at info@kalkaskalibrary.org or phone (231) 258-9411.

Blight

The Township is addressing "Blight" within the township. The Kalkaska County Sheriff has sent out letters to owners and visited the blighted property. For properties that have not shown improvement, the township will address the continued blight with our Township Attorneys.

From The Desk of the Treasurer

Greetings, I started as your new treasurer this October along with your new Deputy Treasurer, Danielle Stein-Seabolt. It has been a new learning experience for us both. We have enjoyed getting to see many new faces and some that we have known previously. If you have any questions, please call our office at (231) 587-8633 x114 or email - treasurer@coldspringstwp.com.

Winter Property Tax Info:

Winter Property Taxes are due on February 14th, 2024 with a 3% penalty that begins 2/15/2024 through 2/29/2024. Please note that we do not accept postmarks. I will be in my office from 2/29/24 from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accept payments. We are also available Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Please enclose a contact number with your check or bill so we can contact you with any issues. Any foreign check/ draft/money order will have a \$25.00 fee with it, if it comes from a foreign financial institution or property owner/resident. Please make checks out to:

Coldsprings Township and mail to P.O. Box 380, Mancelona, MI 49659.

As of March 1st, 2024 all or part of the prior year taxes that were delinquent will be transferred to the County who can be reached at (231) 258-3310.

From the desk of Carol Phillips, Trustee, Planning & Maintenance

Sands Park

Restroom facilities are closed for the winter, and will reopen in early May 2024. The dock and swim buoys will be placed in the spring as soon as the lake ice goes out and weather allows.

We are sad to report that an additional 15 Oak trees will be removed in the coming weeks as Oak Wilt Disease continues to devastate the park forest. Replacement tree donations are always greatly appreciated.

A stormwater runoff situation is eroding the beach and other areas. This has likely been exacerbated by removing the significant number of diseased, large Oak Trees during recent years — trees that no longer exist to take up excessive stormwater. Solutions will be explored in the spring after snowmelt occurs.

Recently, staff discovered a vehicle collided with the storm drain barricades near the boat launch entry/exit point, destroying the drain grating and several posts, and causing costly repairs to the township. Maintenance staff have erected a temporary barrier around the drain and we have sought bids to secure a more robust, permanent barrier to be installed in the spring. Please use extreme caution when driving in this area. Although the launch circle is a one-way street, more signs have been ordered to deter vehicles from turning left at the replacement drain barrier, instead of turning right, when exiting the launch area.

When launching your watercraft in the spring, please consider making a contribution to the donation box near the dock. These donations help pay for a portion of the launch area maintenance. Thank you!

Coldsprings Township has been advised of recent yard waste and brush dumping on our road end properties



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and their shorelines. This is illegal and strictly prohibited by the Township. Additionally, disposal of any yard waste, including grass clippings and leaves, into rivers, lakes, canals or streams is bad for the waters and is illegal in Michigan. If this activity is observed in our Township, please report it immediately to the Kalkaska County Sheriff Department, Central Dispatch, 231-258-3350.

From the Desk of Rick Delaney, Trustee, Roads

We have completed or nearly completed several road projects planned for 2023:

- Shore Road (by Sands Park) repaving completed.
- East Shore Drive – Design engineering and survey services are nearly complete. Once completed, we will know what needs to be done, along with an estimated cost of road construction.
- Tower Road – Gravel work from Sunset Trail to Rita Drive was completed this fall.
- W.C. Cross Drive – gravel work was not completed in 2023.
- Shoulder work – While not completed in 2023, our goal is to improve the shoulders of Twin Lake Road and Sunset Trail. Better shoulders will help maintain the asphalt edges of the roads.

Financing road repairs is a challenge for every small township like ours. We have many roads that need to be repaired but not nearly enough tax money to fix them all. Our township's road millage of 1 mill generates about \$100,000 per year. Kalkaska County also has a 1 mill road millage that generates about \$900,000 towards county-wide road improvements. The county uses these funds to give townships a 20% match on local road projects. In 2023, the county also used these funds to reconstruct about a 1.5-mile stretch of CR-571. In 2024, the county expects to repair the next stretch of CR-571 heading north into our township. Repairs to major county roads like CR-571 or CR-612 do not impact the Township's Road budget. Keep in mind, the township does not own any roads, they are owned by the Kalkaska County Road Commission. Issues related to local roads and repairs are best addressed by the KCRC, which has both the authority and responsibility to handle these matters. The KCRC can be reached at 231-258-2242.

A reminder from the Assessor's Office:

The Michigan State Tax Commission advises local assessors to review 20% of the parcels in their municipality each year. For Coldsprings Township, this represents approximately 500 parcels per year.

The goal is to fully review the township every five years. In this way, records tend to have greater accuracy, changes to properties can be routinely observed, neighborhoods can be reviewed, photographs can be updated, and any specific feature(s) that could influence valuation can be identified. This is also a good opportunity to communicate with the assessor or ask any questions that you may have. I learn so much about a property or a neighborhood when I'm able to talk with the owner(s). I really appreciate their time and cooperation in the process.

Site inspections are exterior ONLY. Properties are typically grouped by section or neighborhood, so you will likely see me walking or driving 'door to door'. If nobody is home, a card will be left identifying the date of the visit. All of my contact information is on the card and I invite you to call/email/text me if you have any questions or concerns.

The inspections usually begin in the early spring and can last throughout the entire year. All of the data collected is used to update the property record card. The record card identifies the pertinent components of each property (property features; valuations; exemption status; property classification; legal description; recent sales; recent permit data; etc.). If you'd like a copy of your record card, contact my office. Much of this information (including maps) is available online at the Kalkaska County Equalization website. Link: <https://colligogis.com/desktop/#hYBhevUUbCBc9Sfv>

NOTE: The annual assessment change notices will be mailed in mid-February. This notice contains a large header that reads, THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL. However, please review it carefully, as the information contained in the notice does influence your tax bill. Contact my office ASAP if you have any questions or concerns about your notice.