



COLDSPRINGS TOWNSHIP

6515 COUNTY ROAD 571 NE, MANCELONA MI 49659

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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: By Appointment Only

From the Desk of the Supervisor

We are including a supplemental newsletter with the Summer 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/>.

The **Township Parks & Recreation Committee** has been reactivated. We are looking for volunteers to be on the committee. The committees focus will be to bring additional outdoor activities to the Township. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact the Clerk, Gayenell Gentelia.

From the Desk of the Clerk

Branch Library Coming to Coldsprings Township

In partnership with the Kalkaska County Library, Coldsprings Township and the Kalkaska County Library is very excited to announce a new collaboration to offer regular library services at the Coldsprings Township Hall, beginning in the fall of 2023. Funding to cover start-up costs and labor for at least a year is being sought from area non-profits and donations. The aim of this project is to make it much more convenient for residents in the outlying townships of Kalkaska County to access library services.

We are looking forward to making it easier for Coldsprings Township and nearby residents to be frequent library patrons. Please email library director John Roberts with questions or comments at john@kalkaskalibrary.org or by calling (231) 258-9411.

Elections

It has been a quiet year for elections. We did not have a May or August election and I am still awaiting on the November election. It is the calm before the storm as we will have up to four (4) elections next year with the



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Presidential Primary, the May Special Election, August Primary, and the November Presidential Election. 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.

Blight

The Township is addressing "Blight" within the township. The Kalkaska County Sheriff has sent out letters to owners of blighted property. The Sheriff will visit the blighted property for improvement. If improvement is not made, the township will address the continued blight with our Township Attorneys.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Property taxes are due on September 14th, 2023, for Summer and February 14th, 2024 for Winter.

Please note that we DO NOT accept postmarks. Payments received after the due date will be charged interest. Interest fees will apply at 1% per fiscal month beginning September 15th through February 14th of the current tax year. A 3% penalty will apply starting February 15th through February 29th of the current year. We are researching accepting credit cards in the near future. Make check payments payable to: Coldsprings Township and mail to: P.O. BOX 380, Mancelona, MI 49659.

Please enclose a contact number on your check or bill in case we need to contact you. Please make sure the written amount is filled in and the check is signed. Applications for Deferment of Summer Taxes are available online or in the Treasurer's office. Any foreign check/draft/money order will have a \$25.00 fee

associated with it if it comes from a foreign financial institution or from the property owner/resident.

From the desk of Lowell Schaller, Trustee, Planning & Maintenance

Sands Park

A new dry boat cleaning station has been installed behind the storage shed. Please use the facility before launching your watercraft. This will help keep invasive species from entering our beautiful Manistee Lake.

A new donation box has been installed next to the boat ramp and dock. Proceeds are used to help maintain the boat launch area. Thank you!

Cemetery

An area has been cleared behind the Township Hall for future cemetery expansion. The plan is to have the new grave plots available by 2024.

Township Hall

New LED ceiling lights and tiles have been installed throughout the hall, as well as furniture, file cabinets and many other improvements.

From the Desk of Rick Delaney, Trustee, Roads

To assist with maintaining our township's roads, our township has a road construction millage of 1 mill that was renewed in November 2020. For the current year, the millage will raise approximately \$100,000 in much needed funds. Kalkaska County also has a 1 mill road millage that raises approximately \$850,000 toward county-wide road improvements. Road repairs are expensive, and funding is tough to come by. We appreciate that our residents support these millages. Hopefully, you are seeing the difference that these additional millage funds are making for the condition of our county and township roads.

Coldsprings Township projects completed or in progress in 2023:

- Shore Road (by Sands Park) repaving completed.
- East Shore Drive – Design engineering and survey services.
- Tower Road – Gravel work from Sunset Trail to Rita Drive.



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- Shoulder work – expect to improve shoulders of Twin Lake Road and Sunset Trail.