

Blair Township

Township Twitter

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ARRESTED!!!

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010 Township Supervisor Patrick Pahl, Township Clerk Betty Tharp and Deputy Clerk Iva Lewis were taken into custody by personnel from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The jailbirds spent the afternoon locked up in a cell at the Hagerty Conference Center making phone calls to raise bail money. The three were charged with raising \$2,022.50 that will help people in our community who have Muscular Dystrophy. The Traverse City Lock-Up raised a total of \$46,666.00 that will be used to send kids to MDA Summer Camp, repairs to durable medical equipment, clinic visits, therapy sessions and research. **GREAT JOB BLAIR OFFICIALS!!!!!!**

Important Dates

* JULY 4, 2010 INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUMMER 2010

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Patrick Pahl.....Supervisor

Betty TharpClerk

Brenda DeKuiper.....Treasurer

Stacey ClousTrustee

Joe Lowe.....Trustee

Mike RademakerTrustee

Roger ZeitsTrustee

TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETS THE SECOND
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 6:00 PM

JULY MEETING AT 2:00PM

PUBLIC WELCOME

- * JULY 4, 2010 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- *AUGUST 3, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION
- *AUGUST 7-14, 2010 NW MICHIGAN FAIR
- *SEPTEMBER 6, 2010 LABOR DAY
- *SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY AND BOOK SALE
- *NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION



From the Blair Township Fire Department

HELP US, HELP YOU!!!

When responding to an emergency, Fire and EMS personnel are often dispatched to a specific address. Occasionally, it can be difficult to read address numbers on homes and/or mailboxes. Please take a moment to insure that house numbers are clearly marked and free of obstacles. Also, take note how easily visible the address on your mailbox is at night, using only your headlights. Having clearly marked addresses helps us find you, or even your neighbor, **FASTER!** Have a safe and enjoyable summer!!

Lieutenant Matt Tallman

JULY MEETING AT 6:30 PM

PUBLIC WELCOME
TOWNSHIP STAFF

Iva Lewis.....	Deputy Clerk
Lynette Ferman.....	Deputy Treasurer
Aaron Plowman.....	Assessor
Marvel Mallory.....	Assessing Assistant
Sara Kopriva.....	Zoning Administrator
Lisa Guerrieri.....	Water Coordinator
Carl Bearinger....	Maintenance
Daryl Case...	Medical Director
Jim Carroll	Fire Chief

Matching Game

How Much Water?

Draw a line matching the items on the left
to the amount of water on the right.



1. Taking a shower
2. Watering the lawn

- A. 30 gallons
- B. 180 gallons

2. Watering the lawn
3. Washing the dishes
4. Washing clothes
5. Flushing the toilet
6. Brushing teeth
7. Drinking
8. Needed to produce one ton of steel
9. Needed to process one can of fruit or vegetables
10. Needed to manufacture a new car and its four tires

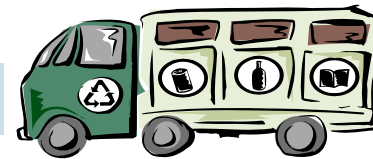
- D. 100 gallons
- C. 4-7 gallons
- D. 1/2 gallon
- E. 39,090 gallons
- F. 62,600 gallons
- G. 15-30 gallons
- H. 9.3 gallons
- I. 1 gallon
- J. 9-20 gallons



Lisa, Marty & Patrick
Water Department

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SOLID WASTE COLLECTION INFORMATION



As you may have heard, Blair Township has been researching the feasibility of reducing the cost of solid waste pickup for the residents of Blair Township, which can be achieved by entering into a contract with a **SINGLE WASTE HAULER** for all residences in Blair Township. Based on proposals that Blair Township received, the anticipated costs for Blair Township residents for weekly trash and recycling for a five-year period with a single waste hauler and the services and items that are included as follows:

96 Gallon Tote,
weekly recycling and
one bulky pick up per month

OR

32 Gallon Budget Bags,
weekly recycling and
one bulky pick up per month

	<u>Monthly Cost</u>
<u>Year One</u>	<u>\$10.65</u>
<u>Year Two</u>	<u>\$10.97</u>
<u>Year Three</u>	<u>\$11.30</u>
<u>Year Four</u>	<u>\$11.64</u>
<u>Year Five</u>	<u>\$11.98</u>

	<u>Monthly Cost</u>	+	<u>Bag</u>
<u>Year One</u>	<u>\$2.90</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>\$1.50 each</u>
<u>Year Two</u>	<u>\$2.99</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>\$1.55 each</u>
<u>Year Three</u>	<u>\$3.08</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>\$1.59 each</u>
<u>Year Four</u>	<u>\$3.17</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>\$1.64 each</u>
<u>Year Five</u>	<u>\$3.26</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>\$1.69 each</u>

If it costs a Blair Township resident \$21.15 per month for the weekly collection of the resident's trash and recycling, during the first year of the proposed Single Hauler program, that resident could save over 50% on trash and recycling costs if that resident chose to place trash in a 96 gallon tote.

- * Prices are based on a full 12 month period per residential unit.
- * Guaranteed pricing for five years—Contract will be re-bid every five years.
- * Fewer trucks on our roads.
- * Grand Traverse County is considering eliminating all recycle drop off sites. The State of Michigan is considering banning burn barrels. Included in the Single Hauler contract is recycling pickup services that allow Blair Township residents to recycle plastics #1-7, metal, clear, glass, cardboard, newspaper, and other paper goods.

Blair Township residents to recycle plastics #1-7, metal, clear, glass, cardboard, newspaper, and other paper goods.

- * Fuel surcharge applicable only if diesel fuel reaches \$4.00 per gallon.
- * All fees are included in the above pricing with the exception of county, state or federally mandated fees.
- * Blair Township residents who currently pay \$21.15 per month for the weekly collection of their trash and recycling could see a savings of approximately \$630.00 over a five year period if no fees or fuel charges become applicable and they chose to place their trash in a 96 gallon tote.
- * Blair Township would bill residents for this service once a year on their winter tax bills in order to implement the cost savings proposed by the single hauler.

If you have questions regarding this issue, please call Township Supervisor Pat Pahl at 276-9263 ext. 104 or Township Treasurer Brenda DeKuiper ext. 102.

The following proposal regarding Solid Waste Collection will be on the ballot for the Blair Township Primary Election August 3, 2010.

Sample

**Blair Township Proposal
Regarding Solid Waste Collection and Disposal**

Should the Township of Blair, County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, enter into a five year contract with one waste hauler to service all Township residents for waste, recycling and bulky item pickup, with fees for the services billed by the Township on property owners' winter property tax bills?

YES

NO

Assessing News

Aaron Plowman ext. 107

Marvel Mallory ext. 108

Hello Everyone, The assessing department will be out doing fieldwork in the township. We have to visit each property in the township at least once in a five year period. The visits include taking new pictures and verifying data on the record card. This data is not only for our records but in case of a fire, the insurance company may request a copy of said records to verify what was on the property before the fire. Hope everyone has a great summer!!

Clerk's Office

Betty Tharp ext. 100

Iva Lewis ext. 106

The Clerk's Office is busy preparing for the upcoming elections. We have two scheduled elections this year. The Primary Election will be on August 3rd, last day to register to vote for that election is July 6th. The General Election will be on November 2nd, last day to register to vote for that election is October 4th. Absentee Voter Ballots are available for all elections. Information for absentee voting can be found on the Secretary of State website. The Township has two cemeteries with burial plots available in both. A burial plot for township residents costs \$ 300.00 or \$ 500.00 for non-residents. Information on the cemeteries can be obtained from the Clerk's office. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Blair EMS

Daryl Case Medical Director ext. 109

I am happy to let all Blair Township residents know that the EMS department recently received a FEMA grant to replace our older cardiac monitor/defibrillators with new ones. By receiving the grant we will have all of the same monitor/defibrillators in every advanced life support vehicle, we will also be able to complete 12 lead monitoring and evaluate end tidal Co2 and carbon monoxide levels. The grant has allowed us to purchase three Lifepak 15 monitor/ defibrillators. Have a fun and safe summer. Make sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

Always wear your protective safety gear when biking, rollerblading or skate boarding. Wear your life jacket when boating and don't leave children unattended near the water. As always, feel free to stop in and meet our staff, look at our equipment or have your blood pressure checked.



5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY

When?

Saturday—September 11, 2010

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where?

Blair Township Park

2121 County Rd. 633, Grawn

What's on the menu?

Chicken, Corn Dogs, Macaroni and Cheese, Watermelon, Lemonade and many other goodies!

Activities will include:

Water Slide, Games, Music, Library Book Sale, and a 50-50 Raffle!!!