

Winter 2010

# TOWNSHIP TWITTER

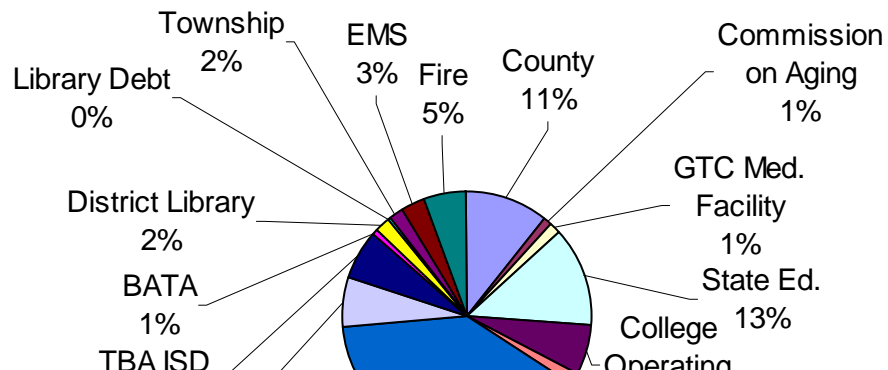
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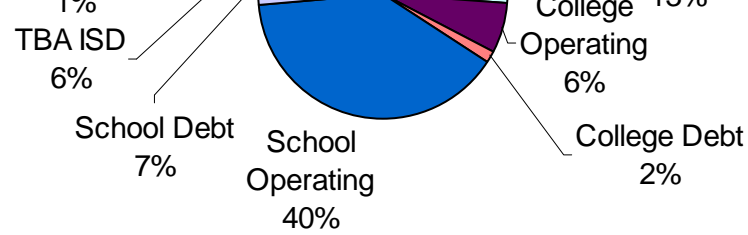
## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Brenda DeKuiper—Treasurer Lynette Ferman—Deputy Treasurer  
Extensions 102 & 103

### TREASURER'S TRIVIA

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
THERE ARE 293  
WAYS TO MAKE  
CHANGE FOR A  
DOLLAR





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**SUPERVISOR** Patrick Pahl, extension 104

As 2010 comes to a close I would like to bring you up to date on some of the projects I have been working on. I would like to introduce our new Zoning Administrator Ron Akers. Ron started working for the township in July and brings many new ideas to the position. Ron was an intern at Whitewater Township in 2009-2010. One of the projects Ron is working on is a business website. This was started earlier this year and he is working to put the finishing touches on it. I have received many calls and inquiries about the construction along East Silver Lake Road. There was sewer pipe installed along East Silver Lake Road that is part of the commercial sewer district. It was installed to service the commercial property along Rennie School Road and East Silver Lake Road. The township board is currently working to add a 500,000 gallon underground water storage tank on Hilltop Road by the cell towers on property owned by the township. The addition of the storage tank will bring the township into compliance for fire flows and once the financing is approved it should get started next year. I am working to improve the township through our new Dangerous Building ordinance. I have had many complaints about the dilapidated houses and mobile homes in the township and the Dangerous Building ordinance allows me to clean up these areas. If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call and I will try to address them.

**A S S E S S I N G**

The Assessing Department has the responsibility of maintaining a current record card for each parcel of property in the township. We have visited every property in the township in the last 4 years. The State of Michigan requires a visit

every 5 years, so those properties will be looked at again in 2011 to start the process all over again for the 2012 assessment roll. Happy Holidays everyone. Aaron Plowman—Assessor  
Marvel Mallory—Assistant  
Extensions 107 & 108

Blair Township announces the opening of these new businesses:

**Dollar General** - in the old Tile Mart building on US 31.

**Tips to Toes Nail Salon** - Beitner Square

**Betsie Bay Natural Remedies** - Farm Bureau Building

**Advanced Motors** - W. Commerce Drive

**Secret Attic** - 1/2 mile north of Chum's Corners on US 31

**Z O N I N G M A T T E R S**

*The trouble with land is that they're*

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ron Akers and I have recently been hired to be the Zoning

The Zoning Department has been actively working on permits and assistance to the public with zoning related

Best Regards,  
Ron Akers  
Zoning Administrator

*that they're  
not making it  
anymore.*

*- Will  
Rogers*

Akers and I have recently been hired to be the Zoning Administrator of Blair Township. I am a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and my background has included work in Whitewater Township as well as with the Michigan Suburbs Alliance. I am very excited to be a part of the team here in Blair.

permits and assistance to the public with zoning related issues. Please remember that if you are going to build a shed or any structure on your property you must come visit us to fill out a land use permit application. I look forward to meeting everyone and please do not be afraid to stop in and say hello or call with any questions or concerns.

Zoning Administrator



**G O O D B Y E , W E L C O M E A N D G O O D L U C K ! !**

This past summer, our Wade Trim Water Operator, Marty Hisem left to pursue other opportunities. We welcome Josh Hall, who along with Patrick Gallagher, keeps the water flowing in Blair Township. Ron Akers is the Township's new Zoning Administrator . We wish them all good luck in their new positions!

**Clyde Johnson, Engineer with  
Gosling Czubak, waiting to be dunked.**



**SAFE ASSURED ID**



**Rick, Amber and Savannah Buist of  
"SUMMERSON".**

**T H A N K Y O U ! !**

Blair Township would like to send a big heartfelt thank you to the following for donating and giving of their time and/or resources to make the Fifth Annual Blair Community Family Fun Day and Connecting People with Resources and Information Day possible. They were troopers even through the rain!

**AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

American Red Cross of Northern Michigan Coast Guard Auxiliary Commission on Aging Dave Cook Elmer's Grand Traverse

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American Red Cross of Northern Michigan, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Commission on Aging, Dave Cook, Elmer's, Grand Traverse Senior Center, Honor Bank, Hoopin for the Health of It, Macaroni Kid, MSU Extension U.S. Ground Water Stewardship Program, Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency, O.N.E. Ultimate Health, Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan, Rural Development, SafeAssured ID, Shelf Reliance, Sheriff's Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Veterans Affairs, Women's Resource Center

**DUNK TANK PARTICIPANTS:**

Daryl Case, Clyde Johnson, Shawn Worden, Dave Bieganowski, Tom Bensley, Brian McGillivary, Larry Inman, Larry Fleis, Christine Maxbauer, Glen Lile, Rob Manigold, Paul Biondo, Chuck Korn, Chris Bzdok, Patrick Pahl

**VOLUNTEERS:**

Aaron Plowman, Angie Schleifer, Beth and Gene Forbes, Betty Ann Parsons, Carl Bearinger, Cory and Melissa Dean Jr., Duane Boroughf, Duane Sanford, Kim Lueck, Lisa Guerrieri, Lois Pahl, Lynette Ferman, Marvel Mallory, Mary Ellen Bristol, Mike and Katie Pahl, Pat and Sue Pahl, Patricia Glauch, Ron Akers, Tracey Zywicki

**SPONSORS:**

Forbes Party Rentals, Rico's Café and Pizzeria, Art Schmuckal, Cherryland Electric, GTR & GTR Equipment, Cherry Growers, Traverse Bay Recycling, D&W Auto, Save-A-Lot, Comfort Center, Van Dries, Truck and Trailer Supply, Family Video, Curries Furniture, Carpet Barn, Reid Safety Supply, Traverse Bay Marine, Gauthiers Archery, Econo Lodge, Pantry Shelf, Tips to Toes, TC Paintball, Tractor Supply, Gordon's Food Service, Gander Mountain, Action Water Sports, Ronda Tharp, Summerson ( Rick, Amber and Savannah Buist), Belanger Septic Service



**LIBRARY COMMITTEE BOOK SALE**

Our sincerest apology if we missed someone in error.



**AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

WE'RE ON THE WEB  
WWW.BLAIRTOWNSHIP.ORG



\* The Treasurer's office would like to remind you that we no longer automatically send out tax receipts. If you would like a receipt, please note that when making a payment and we will mail it out.

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**Blair Township is currently seeking to fill positions on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are interested, please send your letter of interest to:  
Pat Pahl, Supervisor. Blair Township  
2121 County Road 633  
Grawn, MI 49637**

**BOARD MEETINGS**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD**

6:00 pm  
2nd Tuesday of the month

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

6:00 pm  
2nd Wednesday of the month

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

6:00 pm  
3rd Wednesday of the month

**E M S****F I R E D E P T .**

The Blair Township Fire Dept. would like to remind you, that when the white stuff starts to fly, please remember not to pile snow in front of fire hydrants. Access to hydrants can be critical to quick and effective firefighting. Fall/winter is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors. Have a warm and safe winter season!



Lt. Matt Tallman

Hello to everyone. With the cold weather upon us please remember to consider your physical abilities and the symptoms of potential problems. Winter snow removal can cause some people to over do it, chest heaviness, shortness of breath, excessive sweating, nausea and pale skin can be signs of possible cardiac problems.

Safety, Safety, Safety.... and let's not forget to drive for the appropriate road conditions, leave a little earlier, to make appointments and slow down. When you're approached by an emergency vehicle, pull over to the right and move out of center turn lanes and intersections

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents as well as children to practice water safety techniques at all times when around lakes and rivers. Ice thickness can vary greatly in inland waters due to changing water currents and springs.

Please feel free to stop in and have your blood pressure checked, meet the staff or look at our equipment.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter.

Daryl L Case

Medical Director