

# Communicator

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## From The Supervisor

**T**his year, the Ramsdell/Belding Road intersection will undergo significant improvement. For years, the intersection has been extremely hazardous. The improvements will include lowering the hill to the west of the intersection, and raising Ramsdell to the south. We have spoken to a large number of residents who would also like a traffic control light at the intersection, replacing the flashing light currently in place. This would seem to make perfect sense, since the intersection is both dangerous and heavily traveled. People driving through there also seem to travel at high rates of speed, which seems especially dangerous, given the high population density of Bostwick and Silver Lakes on Belding Road. In addition, anyone driving to the East Rockford Middle School in the mornings knows how much a light would help.

**W**e approached MDOT, which has jurisdiction over the intersection, and requested the light. We were told that the light did not meet the warrants, which means that it was not dangerous enough to warrant putting

a light at the intersection. We then enlisted the help of Senator MacGregor and Representative Afendoulis, who were kind enough to attend a meeting with MDOT representatives. We implored them to help persuade MDOT to put the light in, even if the warrants were not formally met. This approach was successful about twelve years ago when then-Senator Ken Sikkema persuaded MDOT to put a light at the Blakely/Belding Road intersection.

**T**his time around, we were not so successful. We left the meeting, which was very civil, with MDOT agreeing to consider the matter if we provide more information regarding how traffic patterns will change if the intersection receives a traffic light. The Township is in the process of crafting a survey which will be available on our website. Anyone reading this is encouraged to provide us your thoughts on the matter, so we can share them with MDOT. Stay tuned.

*Steve Grimm, Supervisor*



# Cannon Township

Spring 2015

## A Historic Rural Community



## Kent County Government

*Diane Jones, Kent County Commissioner*

**W**hat does a Kent County Commissioner do? "The chief legislative body of Kent County Government is the 19-member Board of Commissioners," (quoted from the Kent County website [accesskent.com](http://accesskent.com)). The County Administrator develops an annual budget for the Board to review. A few interesting points (quoted from the 2015 Kent County budget):

*"The...budget includes operating expenditures of \$360.3 million, and capital expenditures of \$3.6 million....the budget...plans for expenditures that can be supported by current revenues and existing reserves; provides funding to ensure that County facilities and equipment are properly maintained; maintains services and programs to support the quality of life enjoyed by County residents; and maintains a competitive comprehensive compensation and benefits package for our workforce."*

*The general fund is \$160 million - \$56 million supports the Kent County Sheriff Department, \$14.5 million supports facilities management, \$2.4 million supports John Ball Zoo and \$4.5 million supports Kent County Parks."*

### The Budget Is A Direct Reflection Of The Board Goals:

*- Conduct County affairs in an open and accessible manner by communicating with the public and local units of government*

*- Actively pursue legislative changes needed to... advance the County's priorities and initiatives to improve services*

*- Be an effective steward of public funds, measured by the County's favorable credit ratings, maintaining adequate reserves, maximizing revenues internally and recruit, train and develop a diverse and qualified work force.*

In 2014 Kent County Parks improved the entrance and parking for Luton Park. This project is an example of local government partnership because it included financial contributions from Cannon Township, Courtland Township and Kent County to complete the project. In addition, in 2014 a new boardwalk was completed at Pickerel Lake Park. Interested in what is coming to the area in 2015? Look for new playground equipment at Townsend Park.

A few items being discussed by the Kent County elected officials are: a proposed solid waste ordinance, investigation of creating an airport authority and discussion about how to fund fire dispatch.



## Hydraulic Fracturing or "Fracking"

**H**ydraulic fracturing, or "fracking", is the process of drilling and injecting fluid into the ground at a high pressure in order to fracture shale rocks to release the natural gas inside. There are more than 500,000 active natural gas wells in the U.S.

Recently, Cannon Township residents have been approached by landmen offering mineral leases for their property. The current area targeted is northeast of Townsend Park.

There has been much discussion about this at the township level. It is important to realize and understand the Township has limitations related to Oil and Gas Drilling. Oil and Gas Drilling permitting is controlled at the State level. Permits are requested and issued by the Michigan DEQ. Townships, however, have the authority to create or adjust ordinances that may impact the Health, Welfare or Safety of its citizens.

In the case of Cannon Township, the Township Board recently amended its ordinances to prevent fallout related to spills, noise, structures and lighting. The townships can also insure any costs related to enforcing or rectifying such issues fall back on the responsible party, and Cannon Township has done this.

The biggest concern with "Fracking" or Hydraulic Mineral Extraction is awareness and education. Whether you are for it or against it, you need to be aware of what is happening around you. You need to be aware of lease agreements you and/or your neighbors are being presented with, and what they mean to you both short term and long term.

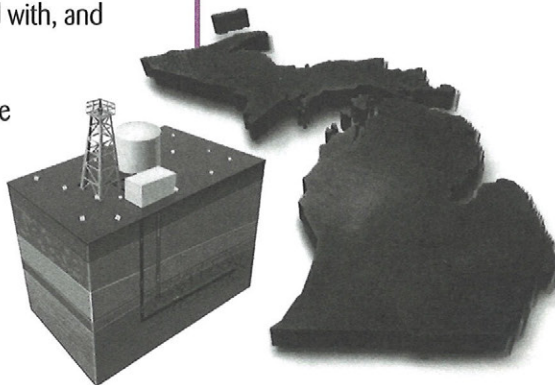
With all the recent activity throughout the state, the DEQ, the House, and the Senate are continuing to review current rules related to Oil and Gas Drilling. The Cannon Township Board continues to review our options with our Township attorneys; to date, we are told by many we are ahead of the curve and well prepared. We have also formed a sub-committee that was created to make sure we are on top of any new activity or news.

**I**n the event you are approached, we encourage you to learn as much as you possibly can before making any decision. Although the Township is not the authority, we can provide you with resources to help you educate yourself. Please don't hesitate to call or email.

The Township is working on an informative meeting with legal counsel present that will probably be held sometime in April. Watch "Breaking News" on our website to discover when this meeting will be held. You may also sign up for Email alerts on our Homepage. Check to receive "Announcements" to receive notification of this meeting.

**Another great resource is:** [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/oil\\_and\\_gas](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/oil_and_gas). There are some very informative presentations linked on that page.

**Mike Warmbier, Trustee**







# Cannon Township

## Clerk's Corner

Bonnie Blackledge



**T**he snow is still on the ground and freezing temperatures continue to chill our bones. It's hard to imagine in two months we'll be casting our votes at a May Election.

**A**s you probably know, the State Legislature voted to place a proposal on the ballot with the intention of creating funding for road repair. Although the proposal may seem a bit confusing, I felt the article on Ballotpedia (see link) gives a balanced, informative explanation. I'm sure there are many more articles out there in "Google" land that attempt to explain the issue. [http://ballotpedia.org/Michigan\\_Sales\\_Tax\\_Increase\\_for\\_Transportation\\_Amendment\\_Proposal\\_1\\_%28May\\_2015%29](http://ballotpedia.org/Michigan_Sales_Tax_Increase_for_Transportation_Amendment_Proposal_1_%28May_2015%29)

### ELECTION PREPARATION

**A**t this time the Clerk's Office has sent out Absent Voter applications to the voters on our permanent list. If you would like an Absentee Ballot for the May 5 Election, please contact Nancy Popma ([nancyp@cannontwp.org](mailto:nancyp@cannontwp.org) or 874-6966).

**I**am working on assigning Precinct Inspectors and scheduling training. If you are interested in applying to work elections, please complete an application. They are found on our website in the Clerk's Department on the Election page or stop by the office to fill one out.

### VOTING YOUR BALLOT

**I** hope to see a good turnout on Election Day. It should be quite easy to come in and vote since there is only one item on the ballot. This is the official ballot language:

### PROPOSAL 15-1

*A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.*

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## THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WOULD:

- Eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and
- Prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
  - Increase sales/use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
  - Increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation,
  - Increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
  - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
  - Increase earned income tax credit.

## Should This Proposal Be Adopted?

YES ☐ NO ☐

## The Cannon Communicator

If you found this newsletter at one of our drop off locations, did you know you can receive an electronic copy as soon as it's available by signing up on our homepage under Email Alerts? Sign up on our website [www.cannontwp.org](http://www.cannontwp.org). Use the Email Alerts button on the left side of the home page to subscribe to the newsletter and other publications.



**Cheers** Cannon Township would like to thank residents who donated to the Rockford High School Honor Society at the Christmas tree recycling event. We would also like to thank these members of the **Rockford High School Honor Society** for their hard work:

- Alyssa Benaske
- Riley Ouellette
- Maddy Irwin
- Abby Haaksma
- Mackenzie Vallad
- Samantha Cuneo
- Elizabeth Bush
- Julia Barker
- Makayla Iekes
- Shelby Aman



**Jeers** Cannon Township would like to remind residents that a tree recycling program means that the trees are actually recycled. Trees wrapped in plastic bags and wire and trees that are still in a plastic tree stand cannot be recycled without taking the extra time to remove this waste. This causes extra work for our volunteers, who work not only for community service hours, but with the hope that residents will donate money to the Honor Society. Many residents dumped their tree off early without coming into the Township office to donate. If you would like the opportunity, donations can be accepted any time at the **Cannon Township Office**.

Also, Cannon Township pays for the trees to be hauled off site and recycled. After the dumpsters are removed, there is no easy way for us to dispose of these trees. Please do not leave your Christmas tree after the recycling event is finished. Believe it or not, we had people drive around our "no dumping" signs and drop off a tree.





# Cannon Township

## FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

By Jim Morris

### ***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to Todd Pell for successfully completing Emergency Medical Technician Basic training and passing the national accredited testing.



Take A Look At Us At...

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CannonTwpFireDept> and at our Website <http://cannonfire.org/>

### **It's A Perfect Time to Replace Batteries**

**D**aylight Savings began on March 8th and if you haven't done so, this is a perfect time to take a minute to test and replace the batteries in all of your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

### **Burning Ordinance Reminder**

**I**t's hard to believe that we are just around the corner from spring clean-up projects. As a reminder, the Cannon Township Open Burning Ordinance was developed as a necessary means to ensure the safety of our residents.

We on the department, feel strongly that this ordinance will also help reduce the amount of nuisance calls and allow the Township to recover the expense of providing fire suppression efforts to those individuals and businesses that do not adhere to the same rules as the rest of our residents.

A copy of this ordinance may be reached by clicking on the hyper link: [http://www.cannontwp.org/egov/docs/1236703320\\_725616.pdf](http://www.cannontwp.org/egov/docs/1236703320_725616.pdf)

To obtain a permit, call **874-9725** during normal business hours.

***Until Next Time, Stay Safe***

## **CANNON TOWNSHIP ELIMINATES ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**C**ustomarily, Cannon Township runs an electronics recycling event using Comprenew and the Community Cleanup concurrently. This Spring we have decided to eliminate the electronics recycling due to two factors.

**1)** Comprenew recently opened a store at 5157 Northland Drive, on the corner of Northland Drive and Plainfield Avenue. This store is just outside the boundaries of Cannon Township and is open Monday – Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. All three of Comprenew's retail stores



## Electronics Recycling continued from page 6

serve as electronic donation drop off sites for recycling. With this store so close, we felt that hosting a recycling event would not be necessary.

**2)** Comprenew now charges for the recycling of CRT devices. We believe our residents would not be happy to have to pay to drop off these devices. (See excerpt from their letter below for their explanation of why they now have to charge.)

*Comprenew, a best-practice non-profit organization and the only E-Stewards and R2 certified electronic recycler headquartered in Michigan, has provided free recycling of all electronic devices for over seven years.*

*Before flat-screen technology was developed we used large and heavy Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) TVs and computer displays. The older style CRT devices are a significant environmental concern because each unit contains approximately 5 - 10 pounds of lead. Although generally safe when intact and in the home or office, broken CRTs release lead into the environment. Improper handling of lead contributes to cancer, kidney failure, learning disabilities, intellectual disability and behavioral problems. Lead is highly portable and can be transferred from person to person on clothing as well as through water and air. CRTs remain a significant percentage of the electronic*

*waste stream. Comprenew estimates that nationwide, CRTs will continue to represent the majority of the overall electronic waste stream for the next three years or more. Within the United States, the response to the CRT problem varies by state. Currently, 20 U.S. states have made it illegal to dump CRTs in landfills. 25 states have required that manufacturers financially support certified and approved electronic recyclers by mandating that specific recycling targets (generally tied to the manufacturer's sales within the state) are met. This system has come to be known as the "Take-back" program. The Take-back program has made it possible for citizens to recycle their used electronics, like CRT devices, for little to no cost.*

*Up until recently the manufacturers have responded to Michigan's Take-back law by working with approved and certified recyclers operating within the state and paying them for the residential poundage they collect. This practice allowed Comprenew (and other recyclers across the state) to collect and process Michigan CRTs without charging the customer. Now, due to the lack of specificity in the Michigan law relative to other states, the manufacturers seem to have uniformly decided, through their associations, to reduce the amount of recycling dollars spent in Michigan relating to the products they sell within Michigan. This change in the manufacturers' attitude relating to Michigan means that the citizens, conservation districts, and municipalities of Michigan will have to pay a fee to ensure that their used CRT devices do not harm the environment.*

*The lack of specificity in current Michigan Take-back law becomes an environmental disaster because Michigan does not ban electronics from landfills. Comprenew is being told by customers and municipalities that many citizens will simply chose to dump their old CRTs in the garbage or elsewhere, instead of ensuring that they are recycled properly. Unfortunately, we agree with this assessment. Instead of paying \$8 - \$50 to properly recycle a CRT device, many will simply dump it somewhere. Once dumped, some of these devices will be cracked open by scavengers for the small amount of metal inside. The easiest way (not the right way) to remove the metal from a CRT device is to break the leaded tube, exposing lead to the environment. Once lead and other harmful chemicals are present in a landfill or water supply, the damage is done and the damage lasts forever. Every single living thing, human, animal, and plant will be affected sooner or later.*

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**We encourage our residents to do the responsible thing and take your CRT devices as well as all other electronics to the nearby Comprenew store or other electronics recycler and dispose of them responsibly. The fee that you incur is a small price to pay for protecting the land you love.**





# Cannon Township

## RECREATION UPDATE

*by Bonnie Blackledge*

### CANNON TOWNSHIP CENTER PARK

The park is completed and we're looking forward to melting snow so the area children can start enjoying the new playground equipment. It's geared to preschoolers, but any age is welcome to use it. We think the fire truck theme is appropriate! Thanks to Diane Jones and Mary Hefferan for their design ideas.

In addition to the "Tot Lot," there is a small picnic pavilion available for your use. This overlooks a large grassy play area that can be used for just about any activity. You're welcome to bring portable bases or soccer nets and use this area for family games or practices. First come, first served.

A short trail leads to a wetland area with a boardwalk crossing it near our southern border. Springtime, in early evening, is a good time to

hear the frogs. Listen carefully as there are several different species, each with their own distinct voice. The finishing touch to this area will be the directional signs. We'll be getting these installed this spring.

### BOSTWICK LAKE PARK

The renovation project for the Bostwick Lake Park is planned for 2015. We will add some lookout decks to the new stairway, improve parking, add an accessible portable toilet, new landscaping, and shoreline improvements. Unfortunately, we were not awarded the grant we applied for, but the cost will be covered by an equal amount of general and recreation funds.

### RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

The Recreation Committee is currently working with our consultant, Pat Cornelisse, on an update to the Recreation Plan. Although we intend to keep it similar to the 2010 plan, there will be slight modifications based on input since that one was created.

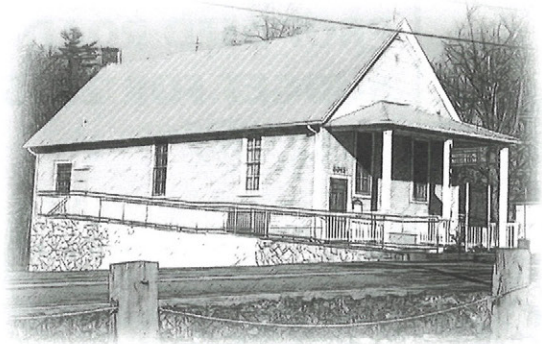


## Recreation Update continued from page 8

Now is the best time to share your thoughts with the Committee on which recreational opportunities you would like to have in Cannon Township. The public is always welcome at our meetings – the third Mondays of the month at 4:00 pm in the Office Conference Room. Also, there will be a survey on our website in the near future and you can always leave comments through my email – [bonnies@cannontwp.org](mailto:bonnies@cannontwp.org).

## CANNONSBURG TRAIL EXTENSION

This project, a paved pathway from the trailhead in the parking lot at Townsend Park on Ramsdell Drive into the Village of Cannonsburg, is planned for 2015. The bid came in very high again and the Board will have some decisions to make going forward. We do see this as a crucial component of our eventual connection to Ada Township's trail system, so it is still on our radar, but there might have to be some changes made to make it more affordable. Stay tuned! Updates will be posted on our website.



## CANNONSBURG MUSEUM NEWS

The **Annual Bake Sale** held at the cabin in Townsend Park in conjunction with Waterfest will be April 25 this year. Goodies sell out fast, so plan to get there early! Sale starts at 8 am and lasts until everything is sold. If you're a member, consider this a reminder to bring your baked goods by 8 am. Stay, have breakfast, and enjoy the activities!

*The Museum Will Be Open On Sundays  
From 2 pm – 4 pm Beginning May 1.*

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## SEWER RATES

**will increase effective**

**April 1, 2015.**

**The new rate per REU is \$131.00.**





# Cannon Township

## PROPOSED ROAD BUDGET FOR 2015 IS \$232,100

**D**uring February and March we will be preparing the Township budget and one of the largest line items each year is the maintenance of our Township roads. The budget for the year ending March 31, 2015 included a large amount, \$457,000. This included manhole repairs in Bella Vista, spreading limestone a half mile of Tiffany Ave, resurfacing parts of Egypt Valley Ave from 5 Mile Rd to 4 Mile Rd, resurfacing Honey Creek Ave from Cannonsburg Rd to 5 Mile Rd, resurfacing part of Hunters Ridge, donating \$75,000 to help pave the new 10 Mile Rd parking lot at Luton Park, donating \$25,000 to increase shoulder width on 10 Mile Rd, and annual dust layers.

**T**his budget for the coming year includes repairing parts of Egypt Valley, remove and replace existing asphalt on Sturgis, Elm and Ladner streets, chip seal and micro-surface remaining section of Hunters Ridge, and completing manhole and catch basin repair in Lake Bella Vista. The total amount proposed is \$232,100. One area that is in need of major repair is Wilkinson Dr, but that will be done later, after the sewer repairs are completed by 2017.

**S**everal other items include programs by MDOT on "busy" Belding Rd. This includes improving the visibility by cutting the hill 5 feet near the intersection of Belding Rd and Ramsdell Dr in 2015, and the construction of a third lane from Blakely Dr to Myers Lake Ave. We will also be urging MDOT to install a stop light at the Ramsdell & Belding Rd intersection.

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**Bostwick Lake Church** is holding their Annual Spring Fertilizer Sale on Saturdays in April and May from 9 am until noon.

**All fertilizer is phosphate free!**





### April 2015

- April 1 ..... Quarterly Sewer Bills Mailed to Residents  
**April 3 ..... GOOD FRIDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**  
April 6 ..... Last Day to Register for the May 5, 2015 Election  
April 8 ..... Rogue River Watershed Meeting – 9:30 am – 11:30 am  
April 13 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
April 14 ..... Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 pm  
April 20 ..... Recreation Committee Meeting – 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
April 21 ..... Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – 6:00 pm  
**April 25 ..... BEAR CREEK WATERFEST-TOWNSEND PARK 8:00 am-Noon**  
April 27 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
April 30 ..... Quarterly Sewer Bills Due

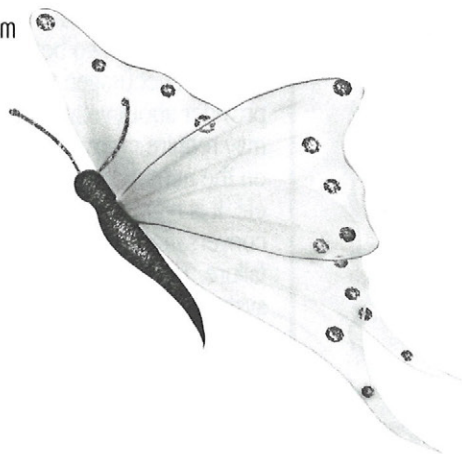
**Remember  
to check for any  
cancellations or  
changes  
on the Website:**

<http://www.cannontwp.org>



### May 2015

- May 2 ..... Office Open for Absentee Voting 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
May 2 ..... MiCorps Stream Study – Rockford Community Cabin - 9 am - 2pm  
May 4 ..... Absentee Voting in Office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
**May 5 ..... SPECIAL Election - Polls Open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm**  
May 11 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
May 12 ..... Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 pm  
May 13 ..... Rogue River Watershed Meeting – 9:30 am – 11:30 am  
**May 14 ..... Community Cleanup – 9:00 am – 3:30 pm**  
**May 15 ..... Community Cleanup – 9:00 am – 3:30 pm**  
**May 16 ..... Community Cleanup – 9:00 am – 3:30 pm**  
May 18 ..... Recreation Committee Meeting – 4:00 – 5:30 pm  
May 19 ..... Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – 6:00 pm  
**May 25 ..... MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**



### June 2015

- June 1 ..... Principal Residence Exemption Due**  
June 8 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
June 9 ..... Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 pm  
June 10 ..... Rogue River Watershed Meeting – 9:30 am – 11:30 am  
June 15 ..... Recreation Committee Meeting – 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
June 16 ..... Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – 6:00 pm  
June 22 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm





## POTTY TALK

**Julie Lovelace, Watershed Coordinator  
and Zoning Administrator**

**A**s many in the Township are aware, all planned unit developments (PUDs) with septic systems in Cannon Township have master deeds that stipulate how often their septic system must be pumped. They are required to send in a receipt to the Township and I track this. In 2013 an ordinance was passed that made pumping frequency every four years for all PUDs.

**W**hile four years is the limit to how long you can go between pumping, you are encouraged to talk with your septic service provider about your home's specific needs. You may require more frequent pumping depending on the number of people in your home, soil type, etc. It is highly recommended that you have that conversation with your provider to prevent septic failure. This is advisable for all homes with septic systems, regardless of whether or not the home is part of a planned unit development.

**P**oorly-maintained septic systems can leak harmful bacteria, viruses, and toxic chemicals into your groundwater (your drinking water). Eventually, these pollutants will also make their way to streams, rivers, and lakes. This is harmful to humans, animals, and all plant life. The EPA has a great link devoted to septic at <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/septicmart.cfm>. It describes how septic tanks function and what is at stake if they are poorly maintained or malfunctioning.

**M**aintaining a septic tank properly averages \$300 every 3-5 years. Not pumping your tank on a regular basis can cause drain field failure. Replacing a malfunctioning or improperly maintained system can cost from \$3,000 - \$7,000. For some homes, replacing the landscaping after putting in a new drain field can cost more than the new system!

**M**ost of our residents are very diligent about pumping their tanks and are excellent guardians of our Bear Creek Watershed. It is my hope that all citizens utilizing a septic system will be diligent about protecting our groundwater. If you have not had your septic tanks pumped in over four years please have it done immediately.

**For more information on  
septic tanks you can visit:**

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/  
managing\\_waste\\_household\\_septic\\_  
systems\\_part\\_one](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/managing_waste_household_septic_systems_part_one)

<http://www.clearchoicescleanwater.org>



**Rogue  
River**  
WATERSHED PARTNERS



**Trout Unlimited, Cannon Township, & Michigan Trout Unlimited Council**  
present

## STREAM INSECT MONITORING



### WHAT:

What will we do? Volunteers will be assigned to a monitoring group with a team leader. Each group will collect and identify insects from different stream sites in the Bear Creek and Rogue River watersheds. You don't need any experience with stream insects to participate and all ages are welcome.

### WHAT WILL I NEED?

Please RSVP to Nichol De Mol if you would like to attend. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Please bring waders if you have them and dress for the weather conditions.

### WHY:

Why monitor stream insects? Stream insects are a good measure of water quality since many are pollutant sensitive and can be rapidly identified.

### WHERE:

Rockford Community Cabin  
220 North Monroe Street, Rockford

### WHEN:

May 2, 2015

### TIME:

9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

### CONTACT PERSON:

Nichol De Mol  
Ndemol@Tu.org  
Or **231-557-6362**

*The Rogue River Home Rivers Initiative Project is funded by the Frey Foundation, Grand Rapids Community Foundation, the Wege Foundation, the Wolverine World Wide Foundation, and the Schrems West Michigan Trout Unlimited.*



# Waterfest to Be Held at Townsend Park...

## 22nd Annual Bear Creek



**Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8 - Noon**

**Townsend Park**

(8280 6 Mile Rd Cannonsburg)

**Children's Activities Include:**  
Michigan Amphibian & Reptile Exhibit by

### Nature Discovery

from 10:00 a.m. - noon

See what animals live in a wetland!



**Nature & Science-Inspired Activities Will Be Presented For  
Children along with the Annual Duck Race in Bear Creek**

#### 8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by the Cannonsburg  
Village Christmas Light  
Committee

#### Baked Goods

Sold by The  
Cannon Township  
Historical Society

#### Music by Hawks & Owls



*"Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man."*

—Stewart Udall

**All activities are FREE except the Pancake Breakfast. Sponsored by Cannon Township**

Cannon Township



## **2015 CANNON SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP**

**Thursday, Friday, & Saturday  
MAY 14th, 15th, & 16th  
9 AM TO 3:30 PM**

**WHERE?** This Event Will Be Held In The Cannon Township Parking Lot. It Is Open To Township Residents/Taxpayers Only. You Are Required To Bring Your Voter Id, Tax Or Sewer Bill To Prove It.

### **WHAT TO BRING?**

General Household Items Including Appliances, Scrap Metal, Large Batteries (Car, Boat, Etc.)

### **Rules:**

- No liquids (paint, oil, etc. Latex is okay if it's hardened.
- No brush or yard waste
- All tires must be cut in half or cut the sidewalls out.
- No shovel-offs (Smaller items should be bagged.)
- Propane and fuel tanks must be cut in half.
- Fencing must be folded or rolled up.
- Barrels must have one end open or be full of holes.
- No hazardous materials

**IMPORTANT-** Residents Will Have To Pay For Mattresses/Box Springs And Whole Tires (\$10 Each).

For A Complete List Of Household Items Not Accepted And Disposal Options For Those Items, Please Visit [www.accessKent.com/hhw](http://www.accessKent.com/hhw)



# Clip and Save E-mail Addresses Township Board & Staff

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