



# Communicator

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## Cannon Township, A "Quiet" Community

Steve Grimm,  
Cannon Township Supervisor

**A**t the Cannon Township Board meeting held on Monday, December 10, 2012, the Board received a report from Marc Burns of the Kent County Sheriff's office. Lieutenant Burns told the Board that Cannon Township is...really quiet. So quiet in fact, that Deputy Steve Moon, who has been our Deputy since 2010 asked for a reassignment because he was not seeing any action. From July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, we had no robberies. The vast majority of calls concerned medical emergencies, traffic matters and citizen assists.

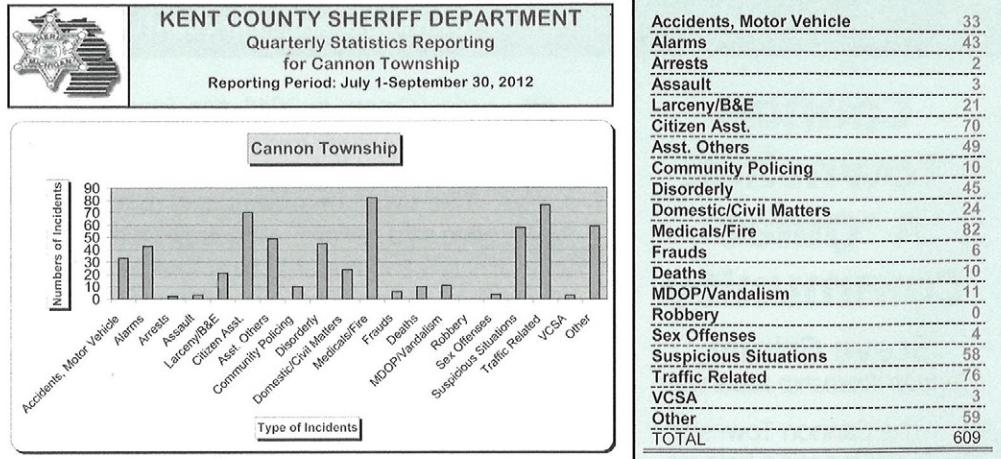
**A**s many know, in 2011, the Township, on the advice of the Sheriff's department, reduced the number of hours we pay for a dedicated officer from sixteen hours per day to twelve. This saved taxpayers approximately \$75,000.00 per year. As we have said before, we supplement those hours with over-time officers and are able to schedule them exactly when and where they are needed. For example, we received a call from a resident who alerted us that in morning hours, before the regular deputy shift begins, some drivers ignore the stop signs when entering Cannonsburg Road. We platooned an over-time officer to patrol that area. He made several stops and issued numerous citations. We will periodically continue that effort. This also happened in the Fall, when school began. We had an over-time officer patrol the busier areas to control traffic.

**E**ven though our dedicated car is here on a set twelve hour schedule seven days a week (which will not be disclosed for obvious reasons) we do have twenty-four hour coverage by a district car which covers multiple townships. This car is always available to Cannon residents and can be reached through dispatch at (616) 632-6100. That number should be utilized at any time for non-emergencies. The quarterly statics for Cannon Township are available on the Township website, [www.cannontwp.org](http://www.cannontwp.org) and on page 2 of this newsletter.

  
**Cannon Township**  
Winter 2012  
A Historic Rural Community



# Cannon Township



## Recreation Committee Update

*By Bonnie Blackledge*

Last Spring, I submitted three grant requests to the MDNR. One was a request for approximately \$300,000 from the Trust Fund to extend the Cannon Trail into Cannonsburg from where it now ends in Townsend Park. Unfortunately, our demographics hurt us. We aren't urban, we've had a previous grant, and our median household income is too high. Those three items really hurt us in our scoring, so we won't be getting that funding. However, I believe we intend to pursue that project anyway, using the millage funds.

Another grant request was to the Passport fund. This is money that comes to the State through the extra you pay when renewing your license plates. I asked for \$45,000 to purchase playground equipment that would be geared to preschoolers and would be universally accessible. Funding began at 165 points, but we only scored 160. I intend to resubmit that proposal in 2013, hoping to gain more points this time around.

The third grant submission was to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for \$100,000 towards the development of a park on the Township Center property. Although we don't have definite approval yet, this project is being recommended for funding. The LWCF is a federal program and additional information and clearance is required for submittal to the National Park Services. I was sent a multi-page packet of forms to complete, but the time will be well worth the effort if it brings \$100,000 into Cannon Township. I am hoping to have confirmation and be able to start construction in 2013.

## Facilities

Submitted by Diane Jones, Trustee and Chair of the Facilities Committee

**M**embers of the Facilities Committee are Tim Nelson, Trustee; Jim Morris, Fire Chief; and Sue Clarin, Administrative Assistant.

The Facilities Committee is in the process of requesting quotes for Cannon Township Center improvements such as the lobby restrooms, the kitchen used for hall rentals (flooring only) and the staff restrooms by the conference room (flooring only). The Committee recommended these projects to the board with five local companies to receive the bid specifications (located in Rockford and Comstock Park). On December 10th the board agreed to consider the projects as shown on the quoting sheet. After the quotes are received, the Committee will review them and then give a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

The Facilities Committee is also reviewing quotes for new carpet in the board room. The cost to rent the board room is \$75,

and some of those funds assist in the funding of these improvements. The room is rented for bridal showers, birthday parties, wedding showers, holiday parties, graduation parties and additional events when family and friends need additional space to gather. To help make the current carpet look nice for hall rentals, it was cleaned in early December. The carpet replacement project will be on the board agenda in the near future. The Committee asked local companies to quote on the project.



## The Cannon Communicator

Cannon Township now publishes the Communicator electronically. To sign up, go to [www.cannontwp.org](http://www.cannontwp.org). Click the Email Alerts button on the left side of the home page to subscribe to the newsletter and other publications. If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter, they are available at the following locations: Choice One Bank on Belding Road, Huntington Bank on Myers Lake Ave and Belding Road, Ric's Market, Pizzeria Grande, Bostwick Lake Bakery, Cannonsburg Gristmill, Honey Creek Inn, and the Cannon Township Center lobby.

The Historical Museum is closed for the winter. If you'd like to visit the museum or if you have any questions, please call Margaret Janose at 874-6865.

## Roads Update

Dick Davies, Treasurer and Road Committee Chairman

**A**s we begin our budget process for next year we are looking at submitting a program to re-surface the roads near the south end of Bostwick Lake, both north and south of Belding Rd. The estimated cost for this would be approximately \$125,000 to the Township and \$125,000 for the County Road Commission. In addition to this we are also looking at improving the visibility at the intersection of Kies and Blakely. The preliminary costs are estimated at \$190,000 with the Township paying \$100,000.

**A big thank you to our Citizens Road Committee for their help on these projects listed above.**

# Cannon Township



## Changes To Board's Committee Assignments...

### Clerk's Corner...

By Bonnie Blackledge

**It's** with a sigh of relief that the 2012 election cycle ends.



It has been an extremely busy year for the Clerk's Department with one election following another all year long. We started in December of 2011 preparing for the Presidential Primary in February. We hadn't even wrapped that one up when we had to start preparing for the May school election. That election was held the week before the filing deadline for the August Primary, and August flowed right into November.

There are still some loose ends to tie up from the presidential election, and I recently found out that there will be a special election in February for a Lowell Schools millage proposal. This will involve approximately 237 voters in Precinct 1. However, we are still required to staff the precinct for the entire day and go through the same motions as a larger election.

There have been several changes on our committee assignments since the start of the Board's four-year term of office on November 20th. I have given the reins of the Facility Committee to Diane Jones who will certainly do a wonderful job there. Instead, I have been appointed the Planning Commission representative from the Board.

I am excited to finally be able to serve on Cannon's Planning Commission since this is the reason I first got involved in the Township over

20 years ago. At that time, Cannon Highlands and Bear Creek Estates were going through the planning process, and as a resident nearby, I was extremely concerned about the impact of those two developments on the Bear Creek Watershed. I began to attend meetings and got involved with a regional Grand River storm water group. I joined with several Township residents to form an environmental group called PACE (Protecting the Atmosphere of Cannon's Environment) and became part of the original Adopt-a-Stream group with WMEAC (West Michigan Environmental Action Council).

I applied for an opening on the Planning Commission and was actually recommended for appointment by then supervisor Gerald Kitson, but the political atmosphere at that time was not in my favor. Instead, I ran for Clerk in the next election and the rest is history. Now I feel as though I'll be fulfilling an earlier dream to be a part of the commission that sets the tone for the future of our community.

### Cemetery Update

If you haven't already noticed, stop by the Cannonsburg Cemetery on Sunfish Lake Avenue or the Bostwick Lake Cemetery on Old Belding Road to see how nice the drives look after they were paved. The Cemetery Committee is now chaired by Trustee and Deputy Supervisor, Deb Diepenhorst.

## Annual Izaak Walton League's WINTERFEST!

Saturday, Jan. 26, 10:00 - 3:00

Have some fun this winter & come to the

### FREE WINTERFEST

at 5641 Myers Lake Avenue

Bring the kids for activities such as ice fishing, sledding, cross-country skiing, archery, snow-sculptures, games, nature trails, bird house building and crafts. Some activities will depend upon the weather. The grounds are open to the public for exploring, and there is a lodge for warming up.

Free hot-dogs and cookies for lunch! Donations and volunteer help are more than welcome!

*The IWLA is a non-profit conservation group dedicated to protecting our natural resources, and connecting kids with nature!*

**Contact Georgia Donovan if you'd like more information,**

at 773-2850 or [georgia.art@att.net](mailto:georgia.art@att.net). Car-pooling is recommended.

If necessary there will be a shuttle from Cannonsburg ski area for overflow parking.

**See you there!**

Watch your mail the first week of February for your annual assessment notices. Once you receive this notice you have a short turnaround time to make a decision whether you would like to speak to the Assessor about the notice. If you have any questions about the notice, please call to set up an appointment to see the assessor.

If you are not satisfied after talking to the assessor, your next step would be to make an appointment to see the Board of Review. You can also go directly to the Board of Review without speaking to the assessor first. You must appear at the March Board of Review in order to qualify to further appeal your assessment at the Tax Tribunal.

# Cannon Township



## Thank You

**I**want to thank you once again for the privilege of serving our township as a newly elected Trustee. My first three weeks in my new role have been productive and informative. I am now on 7 committees, have attended 2 board meetings, have participated in 3 committee meetings and attended a one day conference in Okemos hosted by a law firm specializing in township litigation. Since this is my first article in the Cannon Communicator, I thought it would be important to articulate what motivates me and share a few things that I feel are important in our efforts to work toward a more thriving township.

When I learned that I would be serving as a Trustee, three words came to mind: integrity, accountability and independence. I believe a healthy township is guided by these three key principles. On our township board, in all our committees and in our larger township (home, schools and business), it is important to prioritize these three critical values.

First, a healthy township has integrity at its center. It is vital to act with integrity in all things. We realize that without trust, there is no leadership. We earn trust by our lives lived with integrity. From our private one-on-one conversations to our public board meetings, and in all our businesses throughout

our township, it is important that our lives in private are in harmony with our public leadership. We intend Cannon Township to be one of the leading townships in our state. With integrity at the forefront, we are poised to be well on our way.

Second, a strong township is one that is accountable to the people. We are talking about a number of practical ways to improve our accountability. One recent idea is to incorporate video technology to record our meetings so we can post a video of our meetings on our website. That way, you can watch our meetings from the comfort of your home. Another idea is to put more documents on our website, such as those being discussed in our board meetings. While our website is an informative one, we can make some improvements that would provide additional levels of accountability. Utilizing social media with greater frequency is one way. Every board member should regularly take the opportunity to let our people know how we voted and why. One final idea is to improve our audio and visual capabilities in our board room so those attending our meetings can see the same things that our board sees. These ideas would certainly improve accountability. I sit on two committees that can help bring some needed changes in these areas (Facilities and IT). I intend to work toward these ends so as to improve our methods of increasing accountability. If you have other ideas, please let us know.

Finally, we want to function with a high level of independence as a township board and in all our committees. It is important to look at all matters with an objective eye, consider all opinions, avoid the threat of group think and proceed with our votes in a manner that celebrates principled leadership based on conviction.

*Will you join us in striving to create a culture that is guided by greater levels of integrity, accountability and independence? Recognizing that a healthy state begins with healthy townships, our township board will strive to work toward these high ideals.*

**Tim Nelson, Trustee**

## December 2012

Dec 24 ..... CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED  
Dec 25 ..... CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED  
Dec 26 ..... CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED  
Dec 31 ..... Quarterly Sewer Bills Mailed  
Dec 31 ..... Office Closes at noon (Drop Box available for tax payments)

## January 2013

Jan 1 ..... NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED  
Jan 5 ..... Christmas Tree Recycling 9:00 – 3:00 (Township Hall Parking Lot)  
Jan 8 ..... Planning Commission – 6:00 pm  
Jan 9 ..... Rogue River Watershed Meeting – 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
Jan 14 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Jan 15 ..... Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Jan 21 ..... Recreation Committee Meeting – 4:00 pm–5:30 pm  
Jan 26 ..... Winterfest – 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Jan 28 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Jan 28 ..... Last Day to Register for February 26, 2013 Election  
Jan 31 ..... Quarterly Sewer Bills Due

## February 2013

Feb 11 ..... Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Feb 12 ..... Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Feb 13 ..... Rogue River Watershed Meeting - 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
Feb 14 ..... 2012 TAXES DUE – Penalty begins Feb 15, 2013  
Feb 18 ..... Recreation Committee Meeting – 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
Feb 19 ..... Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Feb 23 ..... Office open for Absentee Voting 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Feb 25 ..... Absentee Voting Available (in office only) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Feb 25 ..... Assessor's Review 1:00 pm–5:00 pm  
Feb 26 ..... Election (Lowell Schools Millage) Polls open 7:00 am–8:00 pm  
Feb 26 ..... Assessor's Review 9:00 am–12:00 pm  
Feb 27 ..... Assessor's Review 9:00 am–12:00 pm  
Feb 28 ..... Deadline for Collection of 2012 Taxes at Township Office

## March 2013

March 1 ..... Last Day to obtain 2013 Dog Licenses at Township Office  
March 11 ..... Board of Review 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
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Remember  
to check for any  
cancellations or  
changes  
on the Township  
web site.  
[www.cannontwp.org](http://www.cannontwp.org)





# Winter

## Watershed News

*By Julie Lovelace*

Watershed Assistant & Zoning Administrator

**A**s many in the Township are aware, all planned unit developments 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.

**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 systems at <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/septicsmart.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, regardless of whether or not you live in a development, will be diligent about protecting our groundwater. If you have not had your septic tanks pumped in over five years please have it done immediately.

**A**ll development master deeds have different specifications as to how often they must pump. Some of you have voiced the opinion that yours requires pumping too frequently. Bonnie Blackledge and I have researched this issue and have met with a professional on the subject. The consensus seems to be that septic tanks should be pumped and inspected every four years. Therefore, Bonnie and I are working to amend the master deeds to make four years the standard across the board for all developments.

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In the meantime, if you are delinquent on having your septic pumped please do it as soon as possible. This is enforceable by Cannon Township because the requirement was written into the ordinance for each development. Noncompliance will result in a Citation of Civil Infraction, which could require a court appearance and possible court costs.

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

[http://www.msue.msu.edu/objects/content\\_revision/download.cfm/revision\\_id.477699/workspace\\_id.30/Managing%20your%20septic%20system.pdf](http://www.msue.msu.edu/objects/content_revision/download.cfm/revision_id.477699/workspace_id.30/Managing%20your%20septic%20system.pdf)

<http://www.clearchoicescleanwater.org/>



## Cannon Township Will Be Providing A Drop Off For Christmas Trees

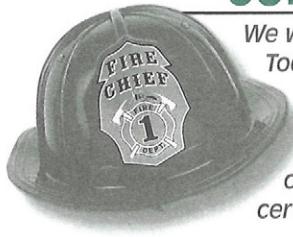
**Saturday, January 5, 2013**  
**from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



The drop-off area will be on the west side of the township building in the parking lot. Members of the RHS Honor Society will be volunteering their time. Donations will be accepted (and appreciated) to benefit the Honor Society. The trees will be recycled so please remove all wire, tinsel, etc (no wreaths). As we are only recycling on one day this year, please do not leave trees after 3:00 p.m. on January 5.

**Cannon Township Center**  
6878 Belding Rd. NE • Rockford, MI 49341

## Congratulations!



We would like to extend congratulations to one of our firefighters, Todd Pell, on passing the Medical First Responder National Registry exam. Great job! ...and to our newest firefighters, Kevin Mundwiler and Eric Rivette. Kevin comes to us with a Firefighter II certification and EMT Basic license and is currently working towards his Firefighting I and Firefighting II certifications. So from all of us on the department....Welcome!

### Fireplace And Home Fire Safety Fact Sheet From FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration)

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels. Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility... Fire Stops With You!

#### Keep fireplaces & wood stoves clean:

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.

- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces, otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

#### Protect the outside of your home:

- Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.
- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

#### Protect the inside of your home:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long life smoke alarms.
- Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment.
- Extend all vent pipes at least three feet above the roof.

For More Information visit the USFA website: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)

### Safety Basics for Winter time:

Blinding wind-driven snow, extreme cold, icy roads, and downed trees and power lines can all accompany winter storms. Communication lines can be cut off, and access to emergency and medical services may be severely limited once extreme weather hits a region. It's important to know what to do before, during, and after a winter storm:

- Prepare a family emergency supplies kit that contain such items as flashlights, a battery operated radio, candles, etc. Families with children should have each child create their own personal pack that might contain a favorite security item (blanket, stuffed animal, etc.) or activities to keep busy and anything that is age appropriate to help keep the child warm and secure.
- Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or family friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.
- Learn how to disconnect gas, water, and electric power in case you must evacuate your home.

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A winter storm watch means conditions are right for a severe storm to develop within 36 to 48 hours. Avoid going outside or traveling – the safest place to be during a winter storm is indoors.

#### **During a winter storm watch:**

- Listen to the radio or TV for the latest weather information.
- Review your family's disaster plan.
- Watch for changing weather conditions.
- Move any pets or other animals to a sheltered area (make sure they have water).

A winter storm warning means a life-threatening severe winter storm has begun or will begin within 24 hours. A blizzard warning is issued when conditions are likely to produce deep drifts, life-threatening wind chills, and blinding snowfall. During a winter storm or blizzard warning:

- Listen for news and weather updates.
- Dress in many layers.
- Implement your emergency plan regarding food, water and supplies if you are unable to go out for a prolonged period.
- To conserve fuel, lower the thermostat to 65° F during the day and 55° F at night.
- If power goes out, you may be forced to find other means of keeping warm during the storm. Use only safe emergency heat sources, such as a fireplace with a sturdy metal screen and a supply of wood; a well vented wood, coal, or camp stove; a portable space heater. Read NFPA's heating fact sheet for more information on safe home heating.
- Dress warmly in many layers, and always wear a hat. Protect your lungs by covering your mouth. Stretch before shoveling heavy snow and remember to take breaks to avoid overexertion.
- Continue to listen to the news and weather updates.

#### **Ice Safety**

Winter has arrived in West Michigan, and with it, falling temperatures, snow and ice. Here are some safety tips offered by the Department of Natural Resources: Before venturing out on a frozen lake or pond keep in mind, There is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice!

#### **Recommended minimum ice thickness:**

- 4" of new clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot
- 5" is minimum for snowmobiles and ATV
- Remember that these thicknesses are merely guidelines for new, clear, solid ice. Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

#### **If you plan to go ice fishing, test the thickness yourself using an ice chisel, ice auger or even a cordless 1/4 inch drill with a long bit.**

#### **Go out with a buddy and keep a good distance apart as you walk out.**

- If one of you goes in the other can call for help (it's amazing how many people carry cellular phones these days). The companion can also attempt a rescue if one of you is carrying rope or other survival gear.

#### **Refrain from driving on ice whenever possible!**

- Snowmobiles and ATV's need at least 5 inches.

#### **Don't "overdrive" your snowmobile's headlight.**

- At even 30 miles per hour, it can take a much longer distance to stop on ice than your headlight shines. Many fatal snowmobile through-the-ice accidents occur because the machine was traveling too fast for the operator to stop when the headlamp illuminated the hole in the ice.

#### **Wear a life vest under your winter gear.**

- Or wear one of the new flotation snowmobile suits. And it's a good idea to carry a pair of ice picks that may be homemade or purchased from most well stocked sporting goods stores that cater to winter anglers. It's amazing how difficult it can be to pull yourself back onto the surface of unbroken but wet and slippery ice while wearing a snowmobile suit weighted down with 60 lbs of water. The ice picks really help pulling yourself back onto solid ice.

#### **Ice Skating Safety:**

- Wear skates that fit comfortably and provide enough ankle support to keep you on your feet.
- Have the blades professionally sharpened at the beginning of each season.
- Always check for cracks, holes and other debris.

- Wear warm clothing and rest when you become tired or cold.
- Never skate alone.
- Always supervise children near lakes, ponds, and creeks.
- Educate children of the danger of ice by taking them to sites and advising them of places they must avoid.

#### **Family Safety:**

- Remind children that under no circumstances should they go onto a frozen lake to chase a ball or save a pet.
- Always keep your pets on a leash. Many rescues are the result of dog owners trying to rescue their dog that walked out onto the ice.

#### **What if a companion falls through thin ice?**

- REACH, THROW, GO
- Try to reach them with something - rope, ladder, stick, ski pole, etc.
- Throw them something to help they stay afloat - a cooler, plastic milk/soda bottles, spare tire, etc.
- Call 911. It's amazing how many people carry cell phones.
- Wait for emergency responders to bring them to the exact location of the victim

#### **What if YOU fall in?**

Try not to panic. Instead, remain calm and turn toward the direction you came from. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface of the ice [here's where the ice picks come in handy – screwdrivers make great ice picks] Work forward on the ice by kicking your feet. If the ice breaks, maintain your position and slide forward again. Once you are lying on the ice, don't stand. Instead, roll away from the hole. That spreads out your weight until you are on solid ice. This sounds much easier than it really is to do.

**The best advice is not to put yourself into needless danger by venturing out too soon or too late in the season.**

***Until next time,  
stay safe!***

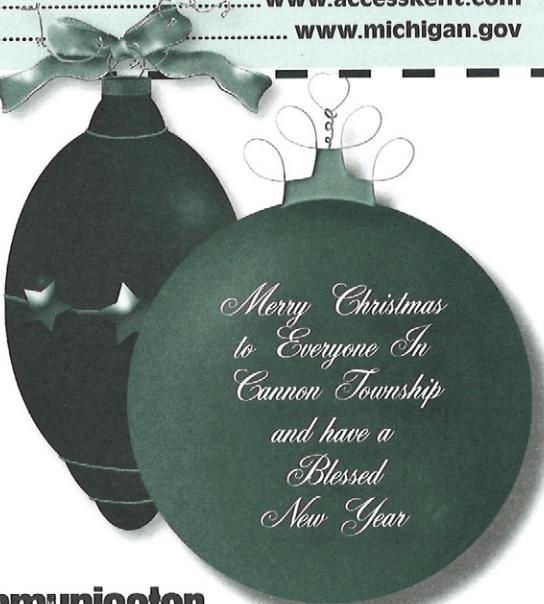
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Fax ..... 874-8940  
Fire Department ..... 874-9725  
Emergency ..... 911

Township Board Meetings • 2nd & 4th Monday,  
Monthly • 7:00 p.m., Township Hall



*Merry Christmas  
to Everyone In  
Cannon Township  
and have a  
Blessed  
New Year*

 **Communicator**  
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Winter 2012

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