

## **Michigamme Township Newsletter 2023**

### **Township Office Hours**

Winter Hours: October 1 to May 31: Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Summer Hours: June 1 to September 30: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Phone: 906-323-6608

### **Township Officials**

Supervisor – Rhonda Boshears [super@michigammetownship.com](mailto:super@michigammetownship.com)

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### **Township Employees**

Receptionist – Tami Hillis [recep@michigammetownship.com](mailto:recep@michigammetownship.com)

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DPW Supervisor – John Howe [DPW@michigammetownship.com](mailto:DPW@michigammetownship.com)

DPW Crew – Nathan Brown

DPW Janitor – Jamie Aponte

### **The Township Office will be closed on the following days**

Monday, May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 – Independence Day

Monday, September 4, 2023 – Labor Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023 – Thanksgiving Day

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Monday January 1, 2024 – New Year’s Day 2024

### **Helpful Information**

#### **Community Building Fitness Room & Gym**

The township gym and fitness room are available for public use Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Please call ahead to arrange for alternate use times.

#### **Lakeview Cemetery**

The cemetery will open May 22, 2023. Please remove all decorations prior to the cemetery closing in October.

#### **Michigamme Community Library**

Summer Hours: Daily between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. beginning May 15, 2023.

Winter Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Please remember to turn off lights before leaving the building.

#### **Michigamme Museum**

Museum will be open from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2023. Hours will be posted on the website and on local bulletin boards. The Museum will sponsor the Annual Antique Car Show and Log Cabin Day: Events held on Main Street. Volunteers are welcome. The Museum Board has created a 501c3 non-profit, “Friends of the Michigamme Community.” Donations should be directed to this non-profit. For more information regarding the museum and the non-profit, see the township website or please contact Museum Board members, Bill Seppanen 906-201-4727 or Nancy Ferro 906-869-1557. Notices for meetings and fundraising events throughout the year will be posted on the website and on bulletin boards. Empty bottles and cans can be dropped off at the recycle bins located outside the Township Hall.

## **Before You Burn**

We ask that before you burn, you notify the Township Office and our local Fire Department. We ask that you also please remember to check the DNR website for area burning bans and permit information. The site also has information regarding your responsibilities, restrictions, and guidelines. <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/> or call **866-922-BURN** (866-922-2876). Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Dumpster Days**

You may be asked to provide proof of property ownership (recent tax statement). Dumpsters will be in the parking lot across from the Fire Hall on Barnum Street.

Wed, June 7: hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Fri, June 9: hours 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Sat, June 10: hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wed, Aug 23: hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Fri, Aug 25: hours 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.	Sat, Aug 26: hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**The following items will not be accepted:** building materials, gas tanks, hazardous materials, shingles, and septic tanks. Appliances containing freon will be accepted with a \$40 payment per item. Please come to the Township Office to make payment before dropping freon containing items. Please do not dispose of brush or yard waste at dumpster site. Yard waste and brush can be taken to the compost site located near the Michigamme Campground area. The gate is locked - please come to the Township Office to get the key.

## **Garbage and Recycle Pick-Up**

2023 Schedules available on the Township Website and in the Township Office. Household trash will be picked up every Wednesday. Recycle will be picked up along with household trash every other Wednesday. If Monday is a holiday, the trash/recycle day will be pushed back to Thursday. Please use the Recycle Bins for recycling items. Please keep bagged trash under 35 lbs. Please have your recycling bin and trash out by 6 a.m.

## **Glass Recycle**

The Glass Recycle Trailer is located on the corner of Lake St. and Barnum St. across from the Fire Hall. Please empty and rinse all glass containers before placing them in the recycle trailer. Please remove all lids, caps, and corks from glass containers and bottles before placing them in the recycle trailer. Lids, caps, and corks can be put in the container located next to the recycle trailer. Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to recycle – we appreciate your cooperation!

## **Hazardous Waste Disposal**

Hazardous waste can be taken to West Ishpeming Transfer Station in West Ishpeming. For more info call 906-486-8191.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates 2023**

Wed, June 7, 2023: hours 3-7 p.m.	Wed, Aug 9, 23: hours 3-7 p.m.	Wed, Oct 4, 2023: hours 3-7 p.m.
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West End Transfer Station Spring/Summer Hours of Operation 2023

Mondays: hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Thursdays: hours 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Fridays: hours 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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West End Transfer Station Tickets will be \$8 per 100 lbs. Tickets are available for purchase in the Township Office.

Tire tickets: 18" & smaller - \$5 each; w/rim \$7 each	Tire tickets: 19" to 22.5" - \$10 each; w/rim \$12
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Authorization forms for disposal of construction materials (shingles, etc.) are available at the Township Office. The Township has a list of acceptable materials that can be disposed of. Materials must be taken to the Marquette County Landfill located at 600 County Road NP, Marquette (accessible via County Road 480 near Lindberg's Gravel Pit). Michigamme Township will bill you directly for the materials you dispose of at the Marquette County Landfill. For more information go to [www.mcswwa.com](http://www.mcswwa.com).

## **2023 Elections**

The State of Michigan schedules 3 election dates per year. If there is a need for an election, notices will be posted on the Website and on the Township bulletin boards. Polling location is 202 West Main Street in the lower level of the Community Building.

### **Property Taxes**

2023 Summer taxes will be mailed on July 1, 2023 – due by September 14, 2023, without interest.

2023 Winter taxes will be mailed on December 1, 2023 – due by February 14, 2024, without interest.

The last day to pay Summer and Winter 2023 taxes at Township Office is February 28, 2024. Fees and interest will be added. After February 28, 2024, late taxes must be paid at the County Treasurer’s office. Taxes can be paid with credit card – additional service fee will be charged.

### **Roads & Streets**

Marquette County Road Commission will begin dust control efforts in three locations in Michigamme Township, beginning in June. If you have trees, shrubs or vegetation that interfere with the view of oncoming traffic, please trim the greenery back so drivers have an unobstructed view of signs and oncoming traffic. Please call the Township Office to report non-functioning streetlights; and provide the pole number and location of the light. The Township will contact WE Energies to complete the reporting process. Please observe and obey the speed limits while driving in town. Please clean up after your pets and put their waste in the receptacles provided for your convenience.

### **Township Sewer Information**

During high water times of the year, please do not pump excess water into the sewer – this high volume will overload the wastewater system, which could result in license violations and additional pumping costs to taxpayers. Please discharge excess water onto the street so it can run into the storm drains. Please check water softeners for operation efficiency and to reduce excess chloride in the wastewater. Please do not flush hand towels, bath towels, or any towels down the toilet. Please don’t flush feminine hygiene products, greasy rags, toy cars, binkies, or dog toys – these types of objects may get caught in the screens and may damage the grinders. You can now pay your sewer bill with a credit card—there is a fee for this service.

## **Local Organizations**

### **Downtown Development Authority**

The DDA projects include promoting the downtown area with new highway billboards, directional signage, and the information station. DDA goals for this year include completing ongoing projects and a new “Michigamme” entrance sign on the east bluff, a website connection to local businesses, promoting sales of local lots, working on connecting to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, and supporting local zoning that promotes a downtown envisioned through both the Town and Master Plans. In addition, the DDA continues to sponsor the Spring and Holiday Artisan’s Markets, street planters, banners, and gardens. The DDA now has an active Facebook page that lists events and information. Additional information about meetings, reports, minutes, the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan and a link to the DDA Facebook page can be found on the DDA page on the Township website. The DDA is selling banners commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial. For more information or to place an order, please call Virginia at 906-323-6274 or Julia at 906-235-0935. The cost is \$22 per banner. Send payment to Michigamme DDA to P.O. Box 233 Michigamme, Mi 49861.

### **Michigamme-Spurr EMS & Fire Department**

In the event of an emergency, **please call 911** – this is the quickest way to get emergency assistance. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Fire Department, please contact Joe Perry 906-362-9617. If you are interested in becoming a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, please contact Paul Peterson 906-323-6298 or Charlie Gardner 906-464-8115. The Fire Department has a Junior Firefighter’s Program. Call Joe Perry for more information. The Fire Department has a new truck on order. This much needed upgrade will be of great benefit to our communities. The members of the local EMS and Fire Department not only provide emergency services support to our community, but the members are also always willing to lend a hand to help with a variety of local events throughout the year. On June 17, 2023, the Fire Department will host a Fire Department Boating Safety Day Fund Raiser beginning at 11 a.m. at the Township Park. Guest speakers and vendors will be on site. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Council will have refreshments available for purchase. The Fire Department will also host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the Fire Hall beginning at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend these events! The Fire Department is currently fund raising for a rescue boat. All donations are greatly appreciated.

### **Michigamme-Spurr 4<sup>th</sup> of July Council**

The Michigamme-Spurr 4<sup>th</sup> of July Council was previously known as the Michigamme-Spurr 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and is now a 501c3 non-profit. This organization has been responsible for the amazing fireworks display each year at the Township Park. They are also responsible for organizing the 4th of July parade and providing food and beverages during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities at the Township Park. This dedicated group of volunteers holds fundraisers and accepts donations throughout the year so they can continue to provide the fireworks and activities we all enjoy during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Volunteers are always welcome, and donations are greatly appreciated.

### **Michigamme Children's Halloween Party Committee**

The annual Halloween Party is held in the Community Building Gymnasium on the Saturday before Halloween. This event is open to the public and is free. Doors open at 1 p.m. and costume judging begins at 2 p.m. Kiddos can participate in games and win prizes and all children under the age of 15 receive a goodie bag. Refreshments are provided for everyone in attendance. This annual event is put on by volunteers and supported through donations. Volunteers are always welcome, and donations are greatly appreciated!

### **Michigamme Area Seniors**

Michigamme Area Senior meal is available each Tuesday in the lower level of the Michigamme Community Building. Meals are dine-in with the option for take-out. Meal served at Noon. If you would like a meal, please contact Nancy: 906-869-1557 or Bill: 906-201-4727, to be added to the list.

The Alger-Marquette Community Action organization will deliver a hot meal to seniors who are homebound and are unable to prepare nutritious meals for themselves. The suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. In addition to providing healthy and well-balanced meals, the meals deliveries also provide an important service by checking on the homebound seniors when they deliver the meal. For more information on reservations or verification that you or someone you care about qualifies, please call 906-228-6522 ext. 302.

### **Lake Michigamme Property Association**

The LMPO has been taking on projects around Lake Michigamme for many years. Each of their projects is beneficial for everyone who lives in the area and for visitors to the area. The LMPO helps keep our lake safe by providing new buoys and they take on the responsibility of putting them in and removing them before snowfall. The LMPO is involved in water testing and purchased rolling docks for public use at the Township Park. The LMPO has donated funds for the fireworks, and they sponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Boat Parade each year in the Township Park Bay. The LMPO also donated funds for a new sound system for the Community Building and they continue to participate in the annual highway clean-up project along US 41. The LMPO will hold their Annual Meeting July 29, 2023, in the Community Building Gymnasium. Doors open at 9 a.m., the meeting begins at 10 a.m., and lunch will be available following the meeting.

## **Local Township Recreation Areas**

### **Michigamme Campground, Beach, and Boat Launch**

Rustic campground lots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations. Rates are \$15 per lot per night. A \$30 fee will be added if the lot is not cleaned up prior to departure. Registration forms are available at the Township Office or on the township website. Please use the drop box outside the Township Office after regular business hours. Porta-potties are available through September 30. Trash cans are located throughout the campsites and park for your convenience. Please help keep the area clean and dispose of your trash properly. Please do not feed the geese. Please keep your pets on-leash. Please clean up after your pets and put their waste in the receptacles provided for your convenience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Michigamme Township will not be liable for any damage to your vehicle or equipment if you use the boat launch.

### **Michigamme Township Park**

Security cameras are in use in Township Park. Township Park facilities are available for rent – contact Township Office for more information. The rolling docks are available for public use. Please do not feed the geese. Please avoid parking on the grass whenever possible. Please keep your pets on-leash. Please clean up after your pets and put their waste in the receptacles provided for your convenience. Trash cans are located throughout the park for your convenience. Please help keep the park clean and dispose of your waste properly. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Michigamme Township 2023 Schedule of Events

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- May 29 **Memorial Day Observance at Lakeview Cemetery:** 10:00am. (In the event of inclement weather, Observance will be held in the Community Building)  
Refreshments available at the Community Building following the Observance.
- May 29 **Michigamme Museum:** Open Memorial Day through Labor Day 2023. There is no admission fee to visit. Donations are welcomed. Memorials, merchandise, and 2023 calendars are available for purchase. Museum phone # 906-323-9016. Hours of operation will be posted on the website and on bulletin boards.
- June 1 **Campground Opens for the season through 30 September 2023:** \$15.00 per night, maximum 15 nights. Portable toilets available. Sites are rustic - no amenities available. Registration forms are available in the Township Office and on the website. Please put registration forms in Drop Box when the office is closed.
- June 7-10  
Aug 23-26 **Dumpster Days:** You may be asked to provide proof of property ownership (recent tax statement) Dumpsters will be in the parking lot across from the Fire Hall on Barnum Street.
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| Wed, June 7: hours 8am-5pm | Fri, June 9: hours 8am-6pm | Sat, June 10: hours 8am-4pm |
| Wed, Aug 23: hours 8am-5pm | Fri, Aug 25: hours 8am-6pm | Sat, Aug 26: hours 8am-4pm  |
- June 17 **Fire Department Boating Safety Day Fund Raiser:** Begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Township Park. Guest speakers and vendors on site. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee will have refreshments available for purchase.
- June 24 **Spring Artisan's Market:** DDA sponsored event. Library Grounds 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. No registration fees. We ask for a donated item to raffle off at the end of the market. Items will be on display with donor's name and any information about the item. Coffee and goodies for vendors while they set up. Refreshments available for purchase during the day and live entertainment throughout the afternoon. Vendors should bring their own tents, tables, and chairs. To register for space call Virginia at 906-323-6274, Julia at 906-235-0935 or Rose at 906-250-8583.
- June 25 **Annual Antique Car Show and Log Cabin Day:** Events held on Main Street. Live music from 12:30pm-3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase.
- June 29 -  
July 23 **Museum Fund Raiser Second Chance Sale:** Sale held in the Engine House on Main Street. Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- July 3 **Fireworks on the Bay at Dusk at the Township Park:** Concession opens at 6:00 p.m. Boat Parade at 7:00 p.m. Live Music 8:00 p.m. till Midnight.
- July 4 **Independence Day Parade:** This year's theme is Red, White & Boom! The parade begins at the top of Mesnard and Main at 11:00 a.m.  
Fun, games, and food available at the Township Park following the parade.
- July 22 **Fund Raiser:** for Michigamme -Spurr 4<sup>th</sup> of July Council – Pancake Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. – Noon at the Michigamme Community Building. Dine-in and Take-Out available. No tickets necessary - donations accepted.
- July 22 **LMPO US 41 Clean-Up:** Begins at 9:00 a.m. Meet at Lutheran Church.
- July 29 **LMPO Annual Meeting and Picnic:** Community Building: Doors open for registration at 9:00 a.m., meeting begins at 10:00am. Lunch follows.

- Aug 1            **National Night Out:** at the Fire Hall begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Aug 26<sup>h</sup>        **Fund Raiser:** for Michigamme -Spurr 4<sup>th</sup> of July Council – Pulled Pork BBQ. 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.at Michigamme Community Building. Dine in and Take-Out available. Tickets available at the Michigamme Township Office.
- Sept 23        **LMPO US 41 Clean-Up:** begins at 9:00 a.m. Meet at Lutheran Church
- Oct 28         **Halloween Party:** 1-4 pm Michigamme Community Building. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
- Oct 31         **Trunk or Treat:** Main Street between the hours of 4-7 p.m. The event will include food and games.  
**Trick or Treat:** Around the Town between the hours of 4-7 p.m.  
The library will be closed for Halloween.
- Nov 5          **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- Nov4          **Holiday Artisan’s Market:** Michigamme Community Building Gymnasium 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Nov 11         **Veteran’s Day**
- Nov 23         **Thanksgiving Day:** OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec TBD        **Santa Visit:** Information will be posted on the website and on local bulletin boards.
- Dec 26         **Day After Christmas Day:** OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec 31         **Ring in the New Year:** Museum Engine House Bell Tower – Midnight

# 2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority collections are held from May through October only with no collections taking place during the winter months. All sites are open to any Marquette County resident. Visit [Recycle906.com](http://Recycle906.com) for more information and a list of acceptable materials. Collections are held at one of the two following locations:

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
5/11/2023	Thursday	3 – 7 p.m.	Marquette Rubbish/Compost Site 1415 Pioneer Rd, Marquette, MI
6/7/2023	Wednesday	3 – 7 p.m.	West End Transfer Station 2150 US 41 West, Ishpeming, MI
7/13/2023	Thursday	3 – 7 p.m.	Marquette Rubbish/Compost Site 1415 Pioneer Rd, Marquette, MI
8/9/2023	Wednesday	3 – 7 p.m.	West End Transfer Station 2150 US 41 West, Ishpeming, MI
9/7/2023	Thursday	3 – 7 p.m.	Marquette Rubbish/Compost Site 1415 Pioneer Rd, Marquette, MI
10/4/2023	Wednesday	3 – 7 p.m.	West End Transfer Station 2150 US 41 West, Ishpeming, MI

# 2023 SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



The Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority (MCSWMA) has received a Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant from EGLE. All Marquette County residents are welcome to bring their scrap tires to the following collections. For any questions call the MCSWMA at (906) 249-4125.

## GUIDELINES:

- Residents may bring in up to 10 tires at a time
- Car and truck tires that are 22.5 inches in diameter or less are accepted
- Tires on rims are accepted
- Larger tires, tractor tires and tires on split rims are not accepted
- Tires from businesses are not accepted (visit [www.mcswma.com](http://www.mcswma.com) for more information on disposing of these types of tires)
- Tires must be completely free of debris

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
May 20, 2023	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forsyth Township Transfer Station 180 W. Depot Rd, Gwinn, MI 49841
June 14, 2023	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Negaunee Township Hall 42 East M-35, Negaunee, MI 49866
July 19, 2023	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.	West End Transfer Station 2150 US 41 West, Ishpeming, MI 49849
August 10, 2023	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.	City of Marquette Rubbish/Compost Site 1415 Pioneer Rd, Marquette, MI 49855