

# **BROOKS TOWNSHIP**

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## **NEWAYGO SCHOOL TAXES COLLECTED IN SUMMER BILL**

Newaygo Public School taxes will now be collected in the summer. You may qualify for a deferment of payment of the summer tax bill until the winter tax bill is due if your income is less than **\$35,000** and if you qualify for one of the following: **62 years of age or older, paraplegic or quadriplegic, eligible service person, eligible veteran or eligible widow or widower, blind or totally and permanently disabled.** The property must also be your primary residence. If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Christina Haynor, Brooks Township Treasurer, at 652-6763.

## **NEWAYGO COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY (NCRA)**

**The skateboard park is now finished and ready for use. The dedication took place on June 20. This park was made available in part from a grant from the The Fremont Area Community Foundation and private donations. The tennis courts at Henning Park are opened for use along with the swimming area. The North Country Trail is now connected to the Newaygo Sports Park. A walking trail is being considered along Basswood Rd. More information will be coming in future newsletters.**

## **TRASH DAY 2009**

**On Saturday June 6, the 10th annual Township Trash day was held. Over 100 vehicles came thru to fill up 8 -30yd dumpsters and 4 -30yd scrap metal dumpsters. Over 100 tires were collected. A special "Thank You" to all the volunteers that helped make this day successful.**

# **WANTED!**

**The Coolbough Natural Areas is looking for individuals or groups to become volunteer stewards at our 400 acre preserve. This would entail being responsible for a section of trails, picking up litter and looking for vandalism. The group or individuals would have to walk their section of trail a couple of times a year and report any findings to the Commission. If you are interested in this please call Chris Haynor at 231-652-6763.**

## **FRIENDS OF THE RIVER**

On May 13, 2009 the first meeting of the “Friends of the River” was held. Over 20 citizens attended and exchanged concerns and ideas regarding river use and ecological issues. All those that attended felt that this meeting was beneficial and plan to hold future meetings. Anyone interested in attending these meetings please contact Les Salacina at 231-652-6763, ext. 150.

## **WARNING:**

### **NEW INVASIVE PLANT IN NEWAYGO COUNTY**

**A new species of invasive plant has recently been discovered in Newaygo County. Garlic mustard, which has been a problem in southern Michigan, has made it’s way north. It has been found in Brooks and Croton Townships. Brooks Township recommends that you visit [www.stewardshipnetwork.org](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org) to learn to identify this plant. If further information regarding removal and disposal is needed please call Les Salacina, 231-652-6763, ext. 150.**

## **BURN PERMITS FOR BROOKS TOWNSHIP**

In the last newsletter there was an error in the information for burn permits. One of the numbers has been disconnected and the correct number for the other is 866-922-2876. The easiest method is to go to the DNR website at [www.michigandnr.com/burnpermits](http://www.michigandnr.com/burnpermits). This site will tell you if burning is allowed in your area. No information from you is needed. If you have any questions please call the township at 231-652-6763.