

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP

Winter 2024 Newsletter

231.276.9329

Office Hours M-Th 8a-5:30p

Meeting Schedules:

**Township Board
Second Tuesday, 5:30pm**

**Planning Commission
Fourth Tuesday, 6pm**

**Park/Rec Committee
Third Wednesday, 6pm**

**Downtown Development
Authority (DDA)
First Tuesday, 9:30am**

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Second Wednesday, 6pm**

**Most meetings are held at
Golden Fellowship Hall**

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Supervisor Marvin Radtke, Jr.

Green Lake Township is gearing up for some major infrastructure updates! The planned safety improvements along US 31, include adding a center lane and a roundabout at Interlochen Corners. This will certainly help with traffic flow and safety in the area. Additional sidewalks along US 31 and J. Maddy Parkway are planned and will be great for enhancing walkability and connecting key community spots. These upgrades will benefit residents, students, and visitors, making it easier and safer to get around.

The planned detours during 2025 and 2026 will indeed be something to prepare for, especially with the added traffic around construction zones. But these temporary changes should be worthwhile in the long run. The commitment from MDOT, the Township, and Interlochen DDA to improve both road safety and pedestrian access shows a solid investment in Green Lake Township's future.

The link to MDOT's project page is a helpful resource for residents to stay informed on progress and detours. Thanks for sharing these updates! US-31 rebuilding project - Grand Traverse & Benzie counties

These US 31 improvements, especially the added center lane, roundabout, and new sidewalks, should bring significant benefits to Green Lake Township by enhancing safety and walkability. With detours in place throughout 2025 and 2026, it'll be an adjustment, but the long-term gains sound well worth it. If there's anything you'd like to discuss or share about the planning, I'm here to help. Enjoy the holidays!

Yours in service,

-Marv

Marv Radtke

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Clerk Judith Kramer

Green Lake Township had a fantastic voter turnout for the November General Election. Early Voting had a total of 3,305 voters, 1,427 of the voters were Green Lake Township registered voters, absentee voting had 1,696 returned ballots and there were 1,264 registered voters who voted on Election Day for a total of 4,387 voters or 76%. Thank you to everyone who ventured out to vote and thank you for being kind and patient with the workers when the lines were long.

Thank you to all the election workers who help make sure your voting experience is enjoyable, secure, safe and accurate. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you to the staff of Green Lake Township and the Deputy Clerk for always chipping in to help with election preparations, it is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!

Judith L. Kramer
Green Lake Township Clerk
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Park and Recreation News:

T-Ball:

The 2024 T-ball season welcomed 48 players – a new record. The youth ball program could not succeed without parent volunteers coaching and sharing after-play snacks.



Softball:

The park is now also hosting a women's softball league in addition to our Thursday mixed league.

Disc Golf:

Disc Golf continues to grow in popularity, even dubbing the name "Green Monster". Two tournaments were held and were at capacity for players.



Fitness Court & Walking Trail:

Staying fit is now easier than ever! In addition to the walking trail at Memorial Park, a new fitness circuit has been added.

Pavilions:

Don't forget the Pavilions at the park are extremely popular and should be rented to ensure access for your picnic.

Pickleball:

New pickleball courts had their first full season. Wildly popular with all ages and abilities, the courts have been very well received.

Saki-Green Lake's Newest Park:

Saki now has an access road and parking area. Just follow the signs near the end of Bass Lake Road. The 2025 goal is to add guided trails for walking and trail biking.

Congratulations to Fire Fighter/ Paramedic Logan Mosher & Doug Straughen for successfully passing their Paramedic National Registry of EMT testing and obtaining their state licenses, Lukas Deschler for Successfully Completing his Michigan Fire Fighter 1@2 certification and National Registry & Michigan EMT-B licensing, Logan Shananaquet on successful completion of the National Registry & Michigan EMT-B licensing.

May 18th 2025 will be Emergency Services Day at Tom's Food Market, we will have apparatus and display and many activities.

If you do not have working smoke alarms in your home, please call the station and we can make arrangements to install smoke alarms at no cost.

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month, we are offering Friends and Family CPR classes at the department, start times is 3pm, if you would like to learn the steps of CPR, please call the station, so we can put you on the class list.

**Thank you,
Chief Case**



News from the Zoning and Ordinance Enforcement Departments

Even though winter may be here our office is open. We are here to assist and help you with all of your Zoning needs. Whether a landowner, developer, business owner or potential landowner, we are here for you.

We are continuing regular processing of land use permits and short term rental licenses as well as doing our best to answer any of your questions.

Our office is moving back to the 9394 10th Street location which will make it much easier for you to be able to conduct all your township business in one location.

This September, our office assisted with a **citizen-led** program to help those in need to bring items to the township clean-up date. Thanks to volunteers for filling three trucks and trailers with junk to take to the Green Lake Township Clean-Up Day. There were several smiling faces from residents who needed help. Please reach out if you want to help next year, or you need help.



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The Green Lake Township Board of Trustees:

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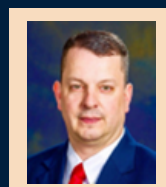
Treasurer Andy Marek

Greetings from the Treasurer's office.

We do not accept the postmark as the time the payment was received. We do have a drop box across 10th Street from the office that you can drop a payment in 24 hours a day. Since I only check that in the morning, everything in there when I arrive in the morning is processed for the previous business day. We also have online payment options with credit card or electronic check for a small convenience fee. You can make the payments from the Township's website. There is a how-to video on our YouTube Channel.

We have received numerous checks in the mail and our drop box that were not filled out correctly. Sadly, we could not process the payment, and some came in just days before the due date. That means that the payment was late, and a late fee was applied. We make every effort to contact the person but there have been times that has not been possible. We ask that you write your phone number on your check if it is not already there, so we have a way to contact you and try to rectify the issue to help avoid a late fee. We are still receiving mail with the Post Office Box on it and the post office has said that they will return it undeliverable. So please make sure you have the correct address on your autopay from your bank.

Andy Marek
Green Lake Township Treasurer
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Assessor's Office Note:

Taxable value, the value property taxes are calculated from can only increase by 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. The outlook for 2025 has improved over 2023 & 2024. Current inflation is at 3.1% based on Consumer Price Index data. This means property owners can expect a "capped" increase in taxable values of 3.1% for 2025, which is more in line with the 30-year average of 2.4%.

If you purchased a home in 2024, your 2025 taxable value will likely increase by more than 3.1%. In the year following a transfer of ownership, the taxes "uncap" which means the new taxable value becomes equal to the state equalized value (SEV). This can significantly increase the new owner's property tax liability if the previous owners had lived in the home for an extended period of time. Future "uncapped" taxes can be estimated by multiplying the SEV by the prevailing millage rate. New construction projects during 2024 can also increase your 2025 taxable value by more than 3.1%. Please contact this office if you need assistance estimating future taxes.

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I look forward to meeting you, Bill Muha

Green Lake Administrative office will be under remodel between Christmas until the day after New Year and will be closed with following exception:

The Office of the Treasurer will hold office hours one day as will the Clerk's office during that week.

Please call ahead before venturing to office between Christmas and the New Year.