

EVELINE TOWNSHIP NEWS

Evelinetownship.org 8525 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727

February 2025

WELCOME NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

Marc Pellegrino was elected as Eveline Township Supervisor to the Board of Trustees during the November 2024 election. Marc is a highly experienced construction professional with more than three decades in the industry. Raised in Howell, Michigan, on his family's farm, Marc developed a strong work ethic and an early appreciation for manual labor. After graduating from Howell High School, he entered the construction field, where he spent three years honing his skills before founding his own construction company. His work has been instrumental in the success of many projects over the years.

Marc also demonstrated his commitment to community by serving on the Planning Committee for Handy Township in Fowlerville, Michigan, for five years. His passion for local development led him to relocate to Eveline Township, where he had spent many summers visiting family. Marc is a husband and father of four and enjoys fishing and working in his free time. His deep connection to his roots and dedication to his profession continue to influence both his personal and professional life.

Having grown up in a small town, Marc appreciates the tight-knit, community-driven atmosphere that small towns offer. He loves the small-town feel in Eveline Township and is committed to preserving that vibe and energy as the community grows and evolves.

Rob Reynolds was also elected during the November 2024 election to the Board of Trustees as an Eveline Township Trustee.

Rob is a retired Regional Sales Director and worked for a Fortune 100 consumer products company. Rob and his wife owned and operated a small business with multiple locations in several states.

Rob has been married for 44 years and has two children, four grandchildren and a beloved dog. In his free time, he enjoys boating, sports, travel and spending time with family.

Currently Rob volunteers with Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, Warrior Sailing and the Boyne City Garden Club.

Rob is looking forward to the opportunity to serve our community!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Township Board of Trustee Meetings are held the Second Tuesday of each month at the Eveline Township Hall, 08525 Ferry Road at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Review

Members

Pat McGinn, Chris Bearss, Howard Colthurst

You may contact the Assessor, Joe Lavender, upnorthassessor@gmail.com or any member of the Board of Review

Written communication may be mailed to:

Board of Review

PO Box 496, East Jordan, MI 49727

Or Faxed to the Township Hall: 231-459-4258.

Protests by mail must be received on or before March 10, 2025

March meeting dates:

Organizational – March 4, 2025 12:45 p.m.

Public Appeals Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2025, 3pm – 9 pm

Public Appeals Meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 9am - 3pm

Appointed Officials

Property Assessor

Joe Lavender

350 S. Huron Street

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Zoning Administrator

Herb "Will" Trute

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From The Eveline Township Zoning Administrator

Short Term Rentals

Any Township property rented regularly for periods shorter than 30 days is considered a Short-Term Rental, or STR. The Eveline Township STR (Short Term Rental) Ordinance along with the application form is on the Township website and is available for review. Some notable changes with the latest revision are:

- All licenses expire at the end of the year for which they are issued.
- The renewal window for the following year is from September 1st through October 31st. Any renewal requests not received by the October 31st deadline may be treated as a new rental and placed on a waiting list for an available spot.

We urge all existing and new rental property owners to spend a few minutes reading the ordinance to avoid any confusion regarding the process. The Township currently has a cap of 80 STRs, but that is subject to change. Once that limit is reached, there will be a waiting list for those wishing to make their properties available for rental.

Eveline Township is a great place to live, and a great place to visit. Please help us by posting copies of the rules for renters at each STR property. Let's have a great 2025 rental season!

Lakefront Property Owners

Eveline Township has more lakefront parcels on Lake Charlevoix than any other township. To keep our beautiful lake frontage enjoyable for lakefront property owners, their neighbors, and the boating community, the Township has enacted an ordinance (Article 4 Section 4.19) establishing rules for docks and boat parking. The entire ordinance is available for review on the Township website, but in summary:

- Not more than three (3) boat parking spaces may be provided for each lot with lake frontage.
 - A boat parking space is defined as a docking space, slip, mooring, hoist, or any other in-water location designed and used to accommodate a boat.
- All boats docked at the lot shall be owned and registered to the legal resident of the lot.
- Only one dock will be permitted for each waterfront lot.
- Each dock shall be located at least Ten (10) feet from the riparian boundary line.
- For purposes of this Ordinance, a boat shall include all motorized watercraft (or any moored or docked sailboat greater than twelve (12) feet in length). A personal watercraft or "jet ski" shall be equal to ½ boat.

We will be reaching out to all lakefront property owners prior to the start of the 2025 boating season to clarify any misconceptions there might be regarding the ordinance, and look forward to a great boating season.

Will Trute

Eveline Township Zoning Administrator

231.675.6125

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, other than holidays. 8:00 to 5:00, with limited availability on Saturdays. Messages and emails are returned within 24 hours. This is an in-home office, so if you prefer to pay your taxes in person, you may do so by calling in advance. On the last day of each tax collection, September 14 for summer and February 14 for winter, office hours are held at the Township Hall from 9:30 to 4:30. In case the date falls on a holiday or weekend, the date will be the next business day. Office hours are also held at the hall one day during the last week of the year. The date and hours are reflected on the winter tax bill.

Timely Payment

U.S. postmark is accepted. Note, after March 1, each year, Taxes due must be paid through the County. Contact the County Treasurer's office at 231-547-7202 for amount due.

Tax Exemptions Available:

Disabled Veterans, full exemption for property owners who are veterans of the armed forces, were honorably discharged and have a 100% disability. Unmarried surviving spouses are also eligible.

Low Income Homeowners: homeowners with low income, subject to federal poverty levels and asset levels, may be eligible for an exemption from property taxes. Applies to principal residence only.

Both exemptions require an annual application to be filed with the Township Assessor. Contact your Township Treasurer for qualification and application details.

Address changes and Parcel corrections

Please keep the Treasurer updated on any changes you make to your mailing address, to ensure that tax bills and other correspondence are received promptly. A change will be processed in the Township records as well as the County Equalization records by submitting a change request in writing directly to the Township Treasurer.

Questions raised after tax bills are issued, such as property valuation or Homestead/PRE status, are handled at either a July or December Board of Review held at the Township Hall. Such changes may result in a change to your tax bill and will be processed within a week of the Board of Review. If the Board of Review results in a change to the prior year, corrections will be processed by the County

Tax Bills

Summer bills are mailed on or before July 1, and due on or before September 14. Winter bills are mailed on or before December 1 and due on or before February 14. Note that multiple bills may be paid on the same check. Simply include a stub for each parcel paid or a list of parcels paid.

Address Forwarding

Many of you travel for the winter. Please be careful to forward your mail. Many bills were received back as unable to forward, and I have no phone or other information with which to contact you.

Ron Chapman, Treasurer
231-547-6724
evelinetreasurer@gmail.com

Elections

Please check the website, evelinetownship.org, click on elections button for updated election information.

Electors who signed up for the **permanent ballot list** will receive an absent ballot for all elections automatically. If you are traveling for the winter please email, text or call with your current address. As always, **ballots cannot be forwarded** by the postal service. If you have a question, please contact me.

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**Residents interested in serving on Township boards or commissions
please contact any Board of Trustees Member.**

Annual clean-up morning is planned for Saturday **June 21, 2025 from 8 am to 12 noon.**

Please check our website at evelinetownship.org for any changes or cancellations that may occur for this event.

The two drop off sites are:

- * Ridge Road, behind Whiting Park, Boyne City, MI
- * Charlevoix County Road Commission
Garage, 11705 Shaw Rd, Charlevoix, MI

The following items will NOT be accepted:

- * Any items containing freon without a certificate of removal
- * Gas, oil, or anti-freeze
- * Engine or mechanical parts containing gas, oil, or anti-freeze fluid
- * Batteries
- * Tires
- * Yard waste, lawn clippings, tree branches or brush
- * Any combustible items
- * Any electronics, computers, printers, TV's, VCR's or radios, telephones, microwave ovens or other appliances and game systems

Household Hazardous Waste recycling (HHW recycling) is done through the Charlevoix County Recycling Program. The planned date for this year has been set for June 14, 2025. Contact the Charlevoix County Recycling at 231-547-0080 for questions and to schedule a time slot and location to drop off your hazardous waste, or you may go to <https://www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling/index.php> to schedule a time slot.

Eveline Township Planning Commission

The Eveline Township Planning Commission is pleased to provide this Annual Report of its activities for the calendar year 2024. This report is being submitted in fulfillment of Article II, Section 19 of Public Act 33 of 2008 (Michigan Planning Enabling Act) and pursuant to Section 6 of the Planning Commission's By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.

The Municipal Planning Enabling Act states that "a planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body relating to planning and development."

The Complete Annual Report is available on the website evelinetownship.org.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As the Planning Commission looks ahead to its tasks for 2025, items on its list include:

- Waterfront Greenbelts
- Zoning Ordinance Review
- Short-term Rentals
- Village Mixed Use and Village Commercial Zones as related to Short-Term Rentals.
- Master Plan and Recreation Plan continued yearly reviews
- Planning Commission Continuing Education Training Sessions
- Hungry Ducks review of 2025 operations.

Planning Commission Members:

Kelly McGinn-Chair, Eric Beishlag-Vice Chair, Prudence Kurts, Lorraine Sims, Corey Wells

Check Out the Storywalk® in Whiting Park

It's a story and it's a walk that can be enjoyed year-round in Whiting Park, located right here in Eveline Township. Take a stroll, with or without kiddos, and have fun reading pages from a children's storybook presented in display cases along the path from the log cabin parking lot to the park trails that loop through the forest. Featured books, which change periodically, have included *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins, *Old Rock (is not boring)* by Deb Pilutti, and *The Hike* by Alison Farrell. Whiting Park's Storywalk is made possible through collaboration of the Boyne District Library, the Friends of the Boyne District Library, and the Charlevoix Parks Department.