

Charter Township of Ironwood Spring 2006 Newsletter

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Township Office Hours

The Charter Township of Ironwood offices are open Monday- Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. We have a locked drop box located on the south side of building for your convenience. You may leave a check or money order in the drop box when the offices are not open.

Sunset Acres Cemetery Rules

Please refrain from putting floral arrangements out at the Sunset Acres Cemetery until the **Friday before Memorial Day**. Our employees are working on spring burials and the cemetery grounds. Only one Shepherd's hook will be allowed per plot. It must have simple, step down insertion, no driven/hammered apparatus will be allowed. Boxes or containers over 20 pounds are not allowed and will be permanently removed. Remember to pick up any arrangements **by September 30th** of each year.

Garbage

Remember to have your garbage out by 7:00 a.m. Trash collection in the township begins at this time on your assigned day. The limit per week is TWO 33-gallon bags or cans. If you have additional garbage, you may purchase stickers at our office. The stickers are \$1.50 each, and may be used on any additional bags. The seasonal road restrictions are currently on. Thank you to our residents for your cooperation.

ACH Payment Option for Utility Bills

Tired of writing monthly utility checks? Sign up now for our ACH debit. Contact our offices if you are interested and we will send you the paperwork. We send you a paid copy of your bill each month for your records. We hope to have this option available for the garbage bills in the near future.

Mother's Day Brunch

Come support the Charter Township of Ironwood Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, May 14, 2006! They will be having a Mother's Day Brunch at the Community Building from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Adults are \$8.00, children 6 and older are \$4.00, and children under 6 eat free.

Township Website and Newsletter

The Charter Township of Ironwood is currently having a website developed. We plan on updating the website monthly. We are no longer sending out quarterly newsletters due to cost. The website will include any updated information we would put in a newsletter. Our web address is www.ironwoodtownship.org. Please check it out after May 1st, 2006. We will also include links that will be of interest to Township residents, such as Minutes of our Board meetings.

*Please note: if you do not have Internet access and would like a copy of the newsletter, please stop in or call us at the above numbers. We will have hard copies available or we can mail you a copy.

Taxes

Have you ever wondered where your money goes when you pay your property taxes? Here is a breakdown of the 2005 amounts, based on a Taxable Value (TV) of 30,000. Remember, your taxes are based on the Taxable Value, not the State Equalized Value (SEV).

Summer Taxes	Amount		Winter Taxes	Amount
	100%PRE	0%PRE		
School	0.00	525.77	Gogebic County (2/3)	132.63
State Education	180.86	180.86	Animal Control	5.79
School Debt	64.50	64.50	Medical Care	14.01
GOISD	100.92	100.92	County Transit	9.92
Gogebic County (1/3)	66.30	66.30	Senior Program	17.86
			Community College	83.32
			Ironwood Township	130.11*
Admin. (1%)	4.12	9.38	Admin. (1%)	3.94
<u>Summer Total</u>	<u>416.70</u>	<u>OR 947.73</u>	<u>Winter Total</u>	<u>397.58</u>

*PRE=Principal Residence Exemption (only affects Summer Taxes)

Summer 2006 taxes are mailed July 1st, due by September 14th. The Winter 2006 taxes are mailed out December 1st, and are due by February 14th, 2007 to avoid any penalties. We do accept postmarks.

Millage Proposal

The Charter Township of Ironwood is putting a millage increase proposal on the ballot for the May 2nd election, increasing the township's millage from 5 mills to 7 mills. The millage increase would be from 2006-2011 for general fund expenses. If the millage proposal passes, it will result in an increase for taxpayers of \$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value.