



**Meetings & Events @
Town Hall
(unless otherwise noted)**

Township Board*

1st Wed/month @ 7 p.m.
via Zoom & In-person

Planning Commission*

Last Mon/month @ 7 p.m.
via Zoom only

***Meetings via Zoom and open to
the public**

MEETING ID: 841 1114 6136
PASSWORD: WabanaMtg2

Community Fund Mtg

Mon. Oct. 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wabana Northwoods Creations

Arts & Crafts Sales
Sat. Oct. 7 @ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 2 @ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(possible snow date of Dec. 9)

Property Taxes Due

Mon. Oct 16

Hunter's Supper

Sat. Nov. 4 @ 5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Voting for ISD 318 Referendum @
Grand Rapids Library**

Tues. Nov. 7 @ 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Exercise - Stay Active &
Independent for Life (SAIL)**

Tues & Fri /wk @ 10 a.m. Free

Cribbage

Tuesdays @ 1 p.m. \$3

**Note: Any changes to Meetings and
Events will be posted on the website
and at Town Hall.**

Wabana Warbler

A newsletter for residents of Wabana Township

Wabana Township Recreation Committee

Mission statement: To maintain and enhance recreational opportunities, for the benefit of Wabana Township citizens and visitors, in cooperation with identified partners.

The Wabana Township Recreation Committee continues to work on fundraising and plans for improvements to the recreational facilities. Read the August 2023 detailed update from the Committee on the Township Website at www.wabanatownship.com.

Over the past year, net proceeds from fundraising events included \$522 from the Christmas bake sale; \$1,430 from the chili feed; and \$1,448 from the pancake breakfast, for a total of \$3,400. Thanks to all for your support.

The first sign of preparations for improvements has begun. A BIG THANK YOU to the 15 volunteers who dismantled the old playground on Saturday, Sept. 9. It was getting very unsafe. If all goes according to plan, the new playground and hockey rink will be installed in the spring (another opportunity to volunteer in your community).

We are continuing to fundraise for the remaining portions of the recreation project.

How to Donate - Tax deductible donations to the project may be made through the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can donate online at www.gracf.org/donate and search for Wabana Community Fund, or mail a check (noting "Wabana Community Fund" in the memo) to the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation, 350 NW 1st Avenue, Suite E, Grand Rapids, MN 55744.

For questions contact Kim Oja by email to: mrs.o@msn.com. We will be glad to hear from you.



Photos by Kim Oja

Loon Count for 2023

The WCOLA reported a total of 55 loons counted on the chain of lakes with 53 adults and 2 chicks. The breakdown included:

Bluewater - 5 adults
 Wabana - 16 adults and 2 chicks
 Big Trout - 32 adults
 Little Trout - none

In addition,

Doan Lake - 2 adults and 1 chick
 Little Wabana - 4 adults
 Clearwater - 2 adults and 1 chick

Thanks to the following counters:

Jim Christmas & Lynn Moratzka (Big Trout & Little Trout)
 Steve Melin & Sue Nordgren (Bluewater & Wakeman Bay, Wabana)
 Susan Hawkinson (Doan)
 Tom Klatt (Little Wabana)
 Carol Speedling (Clearwater) and Ken & Barbara Zimmer (Wabana)

Ice Cream Social

A great showing of residents, families, and friends attended this year’s ice cream social on August 11. It was a fun and inviting event where attendees were able to enjoy some delicious ice cream with several topping choices and cookies. One of the township scholarship winners, Sophia Verke, as well as volunteer residents, served the ice cream. Thanks to the Community Fund and WCOLA for hosting this refreshing event.

Cemetery Reminder

All flowers, artificial and real, plant holders and stands need to be removed by September 30th.

November 7 Voting on the ISD 318 Referendum

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, voting on the referendum for ISD 318 operating and capital levy will occur. There is too much information about the referendum to print in this newsletter; therefore the website links below to the School District website are provided for voters to read in order to make an educated decision on how to vote. If you are not able to access the website, you can call the School District at 218-327-5704 for information.

For detailed information about the referendum, the three questions you will be voting on, and how it will impact the school district and your property taxes, go to the ISD 318 referendum website at <https://www.weare318.org/>.

There are three referendum questions on the ballot. To determine how approval of one or more of the questions will impact your property taxes, use the online Tax Calculator at <https://www.ehlers-inc.com/microsite/isd3182023/>. You will need to know your property’s estimated market value (EMV). You can find your EMV value on the Itasca County 2023 Valuation Notice for Taxes Payable in 2024. These notices were mailed to property owners in March of 2023. If you have misplaced your notice, you can call Itasca County Assessor’s office at 218-327-2861 for your property value.

Approval of the ballot questions would result in a property tax increase beginning with taxes payable in 2024 and would be applicable for seven years.

WHERE TO VOTE: For this election, polling places are consolidated; therefore **on November 7, Wabana residents will vote at the Grand Rapids Library, 140 NE 2nd Street.** Voting hours are 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING: For information about where to vote early in-person or to obtain the absentee ballot application form for voting by mail, go to <https://www.weare318.org/vote>. The form must be filled out and submitted to Itasca County in advance to have a ballot mailed to you. When filling out the form, check the “11/7 General Election” box.



Fight Blight Collection

For the 2nd year in a row, Itasca County sponsored a project to help clean up blight in the county. Wabana Township participated in this program the weekend of July 22-23. Residents brought 33,523 pounds of acceptable items to the town hall for disposal in dumpsters provided by the County, for collection of the items. There was no charge to the Township for use of the dumpsters. Thanks to all who volunteered for this event. Your help is appreciated.

Sign up to receive Township News by Email

The Township wants to keep its citizens informed on news and events. One way to do this is by encouraging residents to sign up for the email news list. Important and timely information is distributed by this method, including this newsletter. This is a great way for snowbirds to keep informed as well.

It is anticipated a monthly email will be sent. To subscribe, go to Wabana eNews on the Township website: www.wabanatownship.com, or contact Jean at 952-250-6690 or email jeanonwabana@gmail.com to be added to the e-News. You will be able to unsubscribe from the e-News at anytime, if you so choose. Don't miss out on your community news!

November 4 Deer Hunter's Supper

The Deer Hunter's Supper will take place this year on Sat. Nov. 4, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Plans include a delicious pork loin dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, green beans, corn, applesauce, dinner roll, and dessert. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for ages 12 and over; \$5 for ages 6-11, and age 5 and under is free. There will be raffle drawings, a silent auction, and a baked goods sale. Tickets for the raffle drawing (\$1) are available at the dinner or by contacting Janeen at jgueltzow@gmail.com. Top prizes include a framed print from the Deer Hunter's Association, a \$200 gift card from S&S meats, and Class 5 from Schwartz. Need not be present to win.

Volunteers will be needed on Fri. Nov. 3 with room set up, and on Sat. Nov. 4, with food preparation, serving, & clean-up. **Donations are needed** for the bake sale and silent auction and may be dropped off at Town Hall on Fri. Nov. 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or on Sat. Nov. 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The Wabana Community Fund puts on the Hunter's Supper, which serves as its largest fundraiser for student scholarships and other community events. Your help and donations are much appreciated. Email Jean Koewler at djkoewler@paulbunyan.net for questions about donations or serving as a volunteer.

Fall Roadside Clean-up

Thank you to the following residents who walked miles of roadways on September 20 to pick up trash in Wabana Township, helping to keep our community clean. It was a beautiful fall day for this annual volunteer job.



From left to right: Dennis Koewler, Christal Rowe, Kirk Carlson, Steve Melin, Louie Gueltzow, Ken Zimmer, Barb Zimmer, Mark Conover, Gary Oja, Kim Oja, Ellen Conover, (and photographer Janeen Gueltzow)

Wabana Township is on Facebook

Search for "Wabana Township" in the Facebook search engine. "LIKE" it and you will be kept up-to-date on happenings in town. Thanks to Kim Oja for managing the Township Facebook page.

Wabana Northwoods Creations Featuring Local Area Artists

For the third year in a row, the Wabana Northwoods Creations Arts & Crafts group will be offering goods for sale at its Arts and Crafts events on **Saturdays, October 7 and December 2** (snow date of Dec. 9). The shows are being held at the Town Hall. This event is spearheaded by local resident Janeen Gueltzow. Don't miss this opportunity to support local artists, including wood carvings, metal works, jewelry, and many more handmade and homemade goods. Doors are open from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come shop local for unique and one-of-a-kind items.

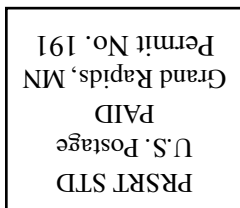
Wabana Township Officers and Staff

- Gary Oja, Chairman (ph: 218-259-0732; email: gary.oja.wabana@gmail.com)
- Jane Moore, Deputy Chairman (ph: 563-580-5253; email: jane.moore.wabana@gmail.com)
- Lloyd Adams, Supervisor (ph: 218-999-9749; email: lloyd.adams.wabana@gmail.com)
- Steve Melin, Clerk (218-256-5913; email: wabatanatownshipclerk@gmail.com)
- Deb Kee, Treasurer (ph: 218-326-2115; email: deb.kee.wabana@gmail.com)
- Carol Speedling, Deputy Clerk (text: 612-518-8992)
- Ken Aho, Maintenance (ph: 218-256-7230)

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