



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

Township Board*

1st Wed/month @ 7 p.m.

Planning Commission*

Mon, June 24 @ 7 p.m.

***Meetings also via Zoom**

Meeting ID: 841 1114 6136

PASSWORD: WabanaMtg2

Native Plant Sale Fundraiser

Sat, June 1, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Garage Sale

June 28-30, see hours at right

Paper Shredding

Sat, June 29, 10am-4pm

Ice Cream Social

Fri, Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m.

Primary Election Day

Tues, Aug. 13

Fall Roadside Clean-up

Wed, Sept. 18 @ 9 a.m.

Community Fund Meetings

Mon, Oct. 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wabana Northwoods Creations

Arts & Craft shows

Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

General Election Day, Tues, Nov. 5

Hunter's Supper

Sat, Nov. 9 @ 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Exercise - SAIL

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

Cribbage - Every Tues @ 1 p.m. \$3

Wabana Warbler

A newsletter for residents of Wabana Township

Wabana Township Garage Sale June 28-30

Plans for a Community Garage Sale are underway. All proceeds from the sale will support the recreation projects. We are asking for donations of good used and clean garage sale items. This is a great time for you to clean out your closets and garage. Call if you have any questions about items you want to donate.

- Please put a price on donated items. Easy to peel off price stickers (about 1" circle in size) donated by Treasure Bay Printing are available at town hall. Clothing will be accepted, but no need to price clothing.
- Items not accepted: Baby cribs, car seats, mattresses, electronics like TV's & computers; large household appliances like washers, dryers, stoves, etc.; chemicals and paints; sleeper sofas; waterbeds; guns and ammunition.
- Drop-off Items at town hall. We are able to accept items starting Wednesday, June 26 from Noon to 3 PM, and from 6 PM - 8 PM, and Thursday, June 27 from 8 AM - 6 PM. You can also bring items Friday or Saturday during the sale if needed.
- Hours of Sale. Friday, June 28 & Saturday, June 29 from 9 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, June 30 from 9 AM – 3 PM. **Bobcat's Lunchbox Food Truck will be on site during the sale. Stop by for a tasty treat!**
- **Volunteer help is needed.** Please reach out to let us know when you can help. Thank you to those who have already contacted us. You can reach us at: 952-250-6690 (Jean); 952-250-3258 (Tim); or email jeanonwabana@gmail.com.

Paper Shredding Event - Sat, June 29

Wabana Township residents will have an opportunity to dispose of sensitive documents on Saturday, June 29 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A Shred-It truck will be at town hall. Bring



your documents in paper bags. If you use plastic bags or boxes, you will need to take the plastic bags and boxes home with you. Check the Township website for Items Permitted, Items Not Permitted, and information about a Community Shred Event. **After you are done shredding, stop in town hall for the Garage Sale and a tasty item from Bobcat's Lunchbox Food Truck.**

Wabana Cemetery

Those of you who have loved ones buried at the Wabana cemetery may have noticed that I took down several grave decorations after October 1st. I put them all in a tote and stored them in the Wabana Garage for the winter.

From May 1st through the end of May, I will leave the decorations by the flag pole at the cemetery. If you want to re-use your decorations please get them during this time. After May 31st, the left overs will be thrown away. Just a reminder for Care of Gravesites:

- 1) Artificial or live flowers and decorative items must not be placed directly on the ground but should be elevated by some device to simplify mowing and upkeep of the cemetery.
- 2) When flowers or decorative items become unsightly, they may be removed by the Wabana Township's authorized representative at their discretion. However, it is the responsibility of those who placed the flowers or decorative items to properly care for them.
- 3) Flowers and decorative items must be removed from gravesites by September 30th. Christmas/holiday items must be removed by March 1st.
- 4) The planting of trees, shrubs or flowers on gravesites is prohibited.

Kim Oja,
Wabana Cemetery Sexton
218-256-2661



Wabana Township
Native Plant Sale Fundraiser
To Support the New Wabana Recreation Complex

		
		
		

Saturday, June 1st - 9 AM to 2 PM
At the Wabana Townhall

Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Kim and Gary Oja on receiving the Wabana Township Citizen of the Year award. Kim and Gary's contributions in the township are numerous, including Gary's service on the Town Board; their work on the Recreation Project, Township Ordinance update, planting and maintaining cemetery gardens, Kim's service as the cemetery sextant, and her past service on the Planning Committee. Congratulations Kim and Gary Oja on a well deserved recognition. The township appreciates your dedication to the community.



Board Chair Jane Moore presents Citizen of the Year Award to Kim and Gary Oja

Wabana Township Recreation Projects

Fundraising for the recreation facilities continues. A big thank you to everyone who has donated both financially and with time and talent. We are getting close to achieving the fundraising goal. The Recreation Committee applied for a DNR grant this spring. We should be notified by early July if we received the grant.

In the meantime, work may begin on the construction of the playground. The first step in this process is underway, which includes obtaining bids for the demolition of the existing tennis court. The new playground will be constructed in this area. *Your help is needed with the playground assembly*, which will hopefully take place in June. Watch for details on the date which will be posted on the website, by e-news and on Facebook.

If you would like more information on the project, please contact Kim Oja at mrs.o@msn.com or 218-256-2661.

Boat Wash Decontamination Station

Residents and visitors are encouraged to use the free hot water boat wash station to help stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in our area lakes. This year, the boat wash station will be located at the northwest Wabana Lake Boat Landing on Bluewater Road, and is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the summer and into early fall from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Any personal watercraft, including kayaks, paddle boards, jet skis, boats, may be cleaned at this station. DNR certified Level II AIS Inspectors will staff the station during open hours. The inspectors may educate watercraft owners, provide inspections, and perform decontamination procedures on watercraft and trailers contaminated with aquatic invasive species (AIS).

2024 Elections

The township will have two Supervisor seats (each a four-year term) and the Treasurer seat on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot. If you are interested in serving, you will need to file for office between July 30 - August 13, 2024. For more information about filing for township office, contact Town Clerk Steve Melin at 218-256-5913 or email: wabatanatownshipclerk@gmail.com.



Be an Election Judge

Want to be an Election Judge for the upcoming Primary & General Elections? The County is offering a 2-hour training in mid-June. For more information, contact Steve at wabatanatownshipclerk@gmail.com.

CPR for Interested Residents

If there is enough interest to schedule a CPR / First Aid class, we can get one scheduled at town hall in the near future. The cost is \$20. You will receive a certificate of completion (not a certification card) and learn general first aid and how to perform CPR on infants, children, and adults. This is a great value at only \$20 and you will receive training by Rachel Graf, who brings 20 years of EMT and instructor experience to each class for real life learning. Let me know if you are interested and what days and time work best for you.

Jean Panchyshyn
952-250-6690
email: jeanonwabana@gmail.com

Wabana Community Education Class

The following area artist is donating his time to teach a class in the community. **All class fees collected will be donated to the Township Recreation project.** All classes held at town hall.

Wood Carving 101 - Learn to carve a small bird (possibly nut hatch). This class is being taught by Collin Clough, your neighborhood master wood carver whose work has been showcased at several area craft shows, as well as national events. This is a four-session class to learn about and work on a bird carving project. Current wood carvers may work on their in-progress carving project.

To sign up, Contact Collin 218-256-2751 or Diane 218-256-0925

Dates: Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Class Fee: \$40 payable to Wabana Recreation Fund by first session

Material fee \$10 - *payable to instructor at first session*

2024 Spring Clean up Volunteers



Many thanks to the 18 residents who volunteered on May 15 to pick up debris from Wabana township roadway ditches.

A Fall roadside clean up is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept, 18; all are welcome to help keep our community clean!

Just a small portion of at the trash picked up from roadway ditches. Photo by Janeen Gueltzow

Wabana Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following Wabana Township graduates who received a Wabana Community Fund scholarship. Best wishes to each of you for a successful school year!

Dominic Broberg graduated from Grand Rapids H.S. in 2024 and plans to attend Minnesota North in Hibbing to pursue a career as an electrician.

Lillian Jorgensen graduated from Grand Rapids H.S. in 2024. Lillian plans to pursue a Criminal Justice degree at Lake Superior College.

Isaac Palecek graduated from Grand Rapids H.S. in 2024 and plans to attend Montana State University in the fall. After completing a bachelor's degree, Isaac wants to pursue a graduate degree to become a Wildlife Biologist, preferably working with terrestrial mammals.

Funding for the scholarship program comes from the Community Fund's annual Deer Hunter's Supper. Thank you for your support.

Get on the Township E-mail News List

To sign up on the Township e-news list, go to the website at <https://wabanatownship.com/wabana-warbler-newsletter/> or contact Jean by email: jeanonwabana@gmail.com, or phone 952-250-6690. You will receive this newsletter by email, as well as other important township items throughout the year. An email is sent about once every month or two.

No Fight Blight & No Firewise Brush Pick-up this year

Unfortunately, Itasca County is not able to sponsor the "Fight Blight" program this year. Hopefully it will be back next year. The Firewise Brush pick-up program will not be available this year due to lack of funding. Contact your county commissioner if you would like to see this program again in the future.

Wabana Township Officers and Staff

- Jane Moore, Chair (ph: 563-580-5253; email: jane.moore.wabana@gmail.com)
- Lloyd Adams, Supervisor (ph: 218-999-9749; email: lloyd.adams.wabana@gmail.com)
- Mark Johnson, Supervisor (ph: 218-398-6959; email: mark.johnson.wabana@gmail.com)
- Steve Melin, Clerk (ph: 218-256-5913; email: wabanatownshipclerk@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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