



## Meetings & Events

**\* All meetings are held at the Wabana Town Hall unless noted.**

**Wabana Township Meetings are held the 1st Wed/month @ 7 p.m. at the Wabana Town Hall.**

Everyone is welcome to attend. Board meetings are held in person at the Township Hall & via Zoom.

\*Meetings via [Zoom](#) and are open to the public.

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**Township Meeting Dates:**

(Meets the 1st Wed./month)

July 2nd @ 7pm

August 6th @ 7pm

September 3rd @ 7pm

October 1st @ 7pm

November 5th @ 7pm

December 3rd @ 7pm

**Planning Commission Meeting Dates:**

Meets quarterly in person & Zoom

July 28th @ 7pm

October 27th @ 7pm

January 26th, 2026 @ 7pm

**Community Fund Meetings & Events:**

**\*August 8th- Ice Cream Social**

September 29th @ 6:30pm- meeting

October 27th @ 6:30pm- meeting

**\*November 8th- Hunter Supper**

November 24th @ 6:30pm- meeting

**WCOLA (Lake Association) Meetings:**

(Meet 2nd Mon./month)

July 14th @ 4pm- meeting

**\*August 2nd- WCOLA Picnic**

August 16th @ 9am- Annual Meeting

September 8th @ 4pm- meeting

**\*September 28th- Roadside Cleanup**

October 13th @ 4pm- meeting

# Wabana Warbler

## The Wabana Township Newsletter

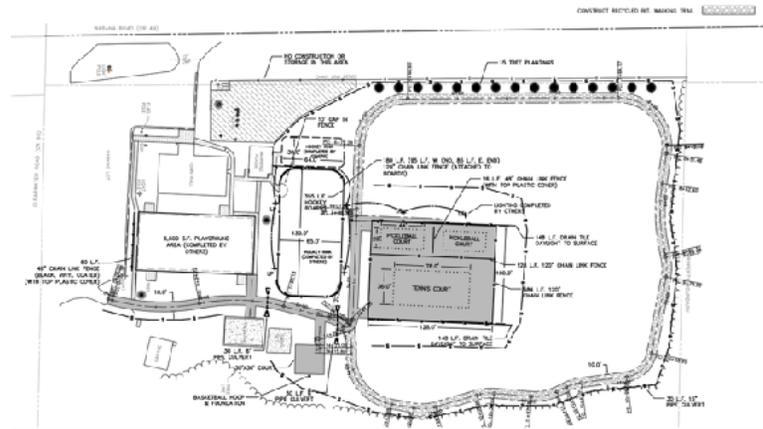
### Recreation Project Construction Phase 2

The Recreation Project Phase 2 construction has begun and you will see new



ADA sidewalks from the parking lot to the Town Hall, skating rink, playground, pavilion, basketball court, swings, pickleball court and tennis court. We will also be building a walking trail around the area of the old ball field. Construction of the tennis & pickleball courts will also begin this summer. The project started June 5th and should be completed by early September 2025.

In 2024 the hockey rink, family mini skating rink, and the playground were completed with funds we received from the DNR grant received in December 2024. As we receive bids, it looks like the project is coming in on budget. The swings will come down during the beginning of construction, but will be back by the end of the summer. The playground will be open.



Safety is a big concern, and we ask that you pay attention to the caution tapes & fences, and stay away from the construction areas. We send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for your donations, time, talents, and positive thoughts. The project has taken many people and hours to get this far. We're thankful to have such wonderful cooperation from our community! We'll have several volunteer opportunities in the future and hope you'll consider helping out!

Thanks,  
The Wabana Recreation Committee

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### Upcoming Community Events:

Friday, July 4th- Wabana Boat Parade  
Sat. Aug. 2nd- WCOLA Picnic  
Friday, Aug. 8th- Ice Cream Social  
Wed. Sept. 27th- Roadside clean-up  
Sat., Oct. 11th- Art & Craft Fair  
Sat., Nov. 8th- Hunter's Supper  
Sat., Dec. 6th- Art & Craft Fair

### Exercise Group:

**SAIL** (Stay Active & Independent for Life) exercise group meets every Tuesday & Friday from 10-11:30am at the Wabana Town Hall. It is free to attend. Join us in staying fit for life!

### Cribbage:

Meet at the Town Hall for cribbage every Tuesday at 1pm. The cost is \$3 to play.

## Community Interest:

### Fire Wise

Due to lack of funding, there will be no firewire this year.

### Cemetery News

The cemetery is looking beautiful this summer with all the flowers in bloom. We ask that flowers & decorations be removed by October 15th. If you have questions please contact Kim Oja at [MRSO@MSN.com](mailto:MRSO@MSN.com)

### Boat Washing Station OPEN

The Boat Washing Station at the Town Hall will be open during construction. This FREE service is available to all boaters with the hope that we can help keep our lakes invasive species free.

### Articles & Photos

If you have a news story or photo you'd like to see in the Warbler, send them to Lynne at [setofsteins@msn.com](mailto:setofsteins@msn.com)

## Upcoming Community Events:

### July 4th Boat Parade

Join us for this year's July 4th boat parade! All boats wanting to be part of the Wabana boat parade should meet in Wabana Lake's Wakeman Bay at 1:45pm. The boat parade will begin at 2pm.



### Ice Cream Social

Wabana residents, families, & friends are invited to this year's ice cream social on Friday, August 8th from 5-7pm at the Wabana Town Hall. Ice cream with several topping choices & cookies will be served. Thanks to the Community Fund & WCOLA for hosting this social event.

### WCOLA Picnic

Wabana Township residents are invited to attend the annual WCOLA (Wabana Chain of Lakes Association) picnic on August 2nd at 3pm at the Wabana Town Hall. Come learn more about what the lake association is doing for our community and stay for dinner. Bring a dish to share.



### Deer Hunter's Supper

The Deer Hunter's Supper will be Saturday, November 8th, from 5:00 -7:30 pm at the Wabana Town Hall. There will be raffle drawings, a silent auction, and a baked goods sale. The proceeds from the Hunter's Supper go towards a scholarship. **Volunteers will be needed!** Email Jean Koewler at [djkoewler@paulbunyan.net](mailto:djkoewler@paulbunyan.net) for questions about donations, or serving as a volunteer for this community event.

### Art & Crafts Shows

Wabana Northwoods Creations will offer a variety of art & craft items for sale at the annual Arts & Crafts shows at the Wabana Town Hall on Saturday, October 11th & Saturday, December 6th from 9-3pm. Don't miss this opportunity to support local and area artists, including wood carvings, metal works, jewelry, and many more handmade and homemade goods. If you are interested in being a vendor at a show, contact Janeen Gueltzow at [jgueltzow@gmail.com](mailto:jgueltzow@gmail.com)



## Roadside Cleanup

Several awesome volunteers came to clean up our road sides in May. We filled many garbage bags with trash and even found an interesting item or two. We appreciate the help from WCOLA volunteers in keeping our township looking beautiful.



The next road clean up will be Saturday, September 27th @10am. We'd love to have more help! Consider giving an hour or two of your time to help keep our community looking great!



## Historical News:

Camp Fire's Camp Bluewater turns 71!

In 1954 the Grand Rapid's Council of Camp Fire Girls purchased the lease and building (formerly called Camp Allen) on Blue Water Lake with a matching grant from the Blandin Foundation. The goal was to create a place to give campers a Northwoods experience. Between 1956 and 1962 two bunk houses, a directors cabin, and Whaling Hall (named after Richard Whaling, a friend, advisor and treasurer for the Grand Rapids Council of Camp Fire Girls 1954-1970) were constructed. Initially the 7-acre property functioned as a residential camp. In 1997, with the help of local foundations, including Blandin Foundation, and individual donors, the Bluewater Camp Fire Council built a new lodge at Camp Bluewater. In the late 1980's the camp transitioned to day camps, which were discontinued in the early 2000's.



Today Camp Bluewater primarily serves as a "base camp" for Camp Fire Minnesota's Northwoods Adventure Canoe Trips, where small groups of campers set out on a week-long canoe and camping trips throughout the Wabana Chain of Lakes. The campers tent camp at established Forest Service campsites, experiencing the serene beauty and joys of new friends as they paddle, cook over the fire, and sleep under the stars. Additionally, Camp Bluewater has served as a retreat camp destination for Camp Fire Minnesota's Teen Outdoor Leader's program. Camp Bluewater is available to other local youth-serving organizations, such as the YMCA, to host outdoor youth programming. Activities at the camp include archery, canoeing, volleyball, swimming, and fishing. Camp Bluewater is also available for rental year round to help support the youth programs & give scholarship support for campers.

## **BIG Changes to Newsletter Mailings**

The Wabana Warbler newsletter has been produced three times a year for several years. The cost to print & mail the newsletter has gone up significantly. About three years ago the Township started e-mailing the Newsletter to residents who signed up to receive it, and other timely news, by e-mail. **The Town Board decided to stop using the U.S. mail service to mail paper copies of the Warbler Newsletter, so this will be your LAST mailed newsletter.**

If you'd like to receive Township News by email, sign up by going to the Wabana Township Website— <https://wabanatownship.com/wabana-warbler-newsletter/> You will need to type in your name & email address. If you prefer, you can contact the new Township Communications Coordinator, Lynne Pernsteiner, to add you to the Township E-mail list. Lynne's email is [setofsteins@msn.com](mailto:setofsteins@msn.com).

## Final Note:

We thank Jean Panchyshyn for all the work she's done with the Township newsletter for the past several years! Jean has been instrumental in not only keeping us current on all our local news & events, but keeping us up to date with technology as well. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scene and Jean did a wonderful job organizing everything to get the news out. We wish Jean luck as she moves on to the next chapter of her life.

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