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WATER METERS? WHY?

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Township Board,

Based on your pumping records, the plant makes about 6 MG per month or about 210,000 GPD. If you divide that by 340 users (with no extremely large ones) that is 18,500 gal/month/user. The average we use for design and what RD uses is 4,500 gal/month/user. Even if, since you do not have water meters, the average user uses 9,000 gal/month (which is a lot) that means that 50% of the water you pump thru your plant gets lost; probably through leaks.

Most people say "so what" to that because they think the water is in the ground and is free. Unfortunately it does cost money to pump and treat that water which in turn is paid for by the customers. Also, if you are pumping an average of 210,000 that means your pumps are running at about 150 gpm

provided they are pumping for 24 hours at a time, on peak days you could almost double that. Your plant is designed to treat 150 gpm; so on a max/peak day you are overtaxing the filter. If you are pumping more, the plant has to treat more and faster, it uses more chemicals, and it needs to be backwashed more often. This can lead to times where it does not get treated as well as it could and you can have days where the water pumped into the distribution system has a higher than normal manganese content.

This builds up and can create black water at times and will shorten the life of your plant.

The rhetorical question gets asked: "So why do we need to do a water project, anyway?" The answers are many:

\* North Republic is old and leaks. That lost water gets paid for by everyone. Eventually something has to be done.

\* The old mine site pipe leaks. That lost water gets paid for by everyone. If it breaks, which pipes

that old tend to do, and is under 40 feet of mine spoils; then what?

\* If North Republic lost its river crossing feed somehow they still have the mine site line, but again, it is bleeding water and something needs to be done to fix that. We tried to replace it, but you know how that went.

\* Right now, your flat water rate penalizes people who use less water; those being the elderly and usually on fixed incomes. Meters will assign more cost to those who use more and less to those who use less.

\* The system overall loses at least 50% of the water you make and will only get worse. Some of it finds its way into the sewer pipes as well. Now everyone is paying to pump it and paying to treat at the sewer lagoons.

\* Having to make less water overall will extend the life of every piece of equipment used in the system and thus the rate payer will not have to fund a replacement as soon.

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**Coming events.**

Friday Nov. 6th the school will be putting on the play Cinderella. The Senior High class will be hosting a dinner just prior to it. Tickets to go on sale soon.

There will be a Haunted Trail again this year to help fund an educational Class Trip within the US for the Senior Class. It will be held at the Silver Lake Resort for two weekends in October; the 17th & 18th, and the 24th & 25th, 7:30-10:00pm. We learned a lot last year and this one promises to be spooktacular! Price is \$4 per person, \$2 for students. There will be caramel apples, glow necklaces, cappuccino, and hot chocolate for sale as well.

**Republic Newsletter**

I would like to thank Tom Feldhusen, Fred Nannestad, and Bill DeGenaro for helping me paint the entire bathhouse at the beach. New toilet seats and toilet paper holders have yet to be installed to complete the job.

Jon Mykkanen has donated huge pine logs that have been peeled and stained and will soon be installed on either side of the Republic sign to add a rustic look. Jim Brennen has installed new lights to illuminate the sign at night and it looks great.

More news about the free fishing weekend next year, which will be the Michigamme River Bonanza, after the first of the year.

Paul Polanski

(Editor's note, Menards donated 15 gallons of paint for the project)

**Christmas Wreath Sale!**

Buy your wreath from the **Bethany Youth Group** this year for only \$20.00. To place your order, call Robin Jarvi at 376-8889 or sign up at Bethany Lutheran Church, 376-8826.

**COMMUNITY HEROS RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**For those who could not attend the volunteer recognition ceremony, the dialog and pictures are up on the web site.**

**<http://republicmichigan.com/>**

**Fred put it under awards, on the top of the left hand column.**

**REPUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

Republic Community Services honors Republic-Michigamme graduate students with Scholarships. The 2008 scholarship recipients are: Kelsey Braden, Valedictorian, daughter of Jane Braden and Wayne Heliste of Republic, who is attending Alpena Community College, and, Sarah Vadnais, Salutatorian, daughter of Wayne and Sherry Vadnais of Republic, who is attending Michigan Tech.

Submitted by

Shelley E. Koski, President.

**REPUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES  
AND  
YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

*Republic, Michigan 49879*

Republic Community Services is launching its fall 2009-2010 fundraising campaign.

The group is a primary community organization that sponsors a host of Republic community activities. The goal for this year's fundraiser is \$14,500.00.

Republic Community Services was chartered in 1958 through the United Way of Michigan and has been operating as a charitable organization since that time. All members serve on a voluntary basis and no fees or wages are paid to members. New members are always welcome! Seventy percent of all donations are used for the Republic area, local activities and emergency situations. The remaining thirty percent is disbursed to other worthwhile charitable organizations on a county, state and national basis as: United Way of Michigan, Ishpeming Cancer Society, St. Vincent DePaul, Bay Cliff, Salvation Army, Ishpeming Commission on Aging, Habitat for Humanity and Excellence in Education, just to name a few.

Among this year's group endeavors is helping with the Republic-Michigan School athletic fund, R-M School band, the Teen Center and supporting teen leadership in our community.

Republic Community Services also supports local youth activities such as helping 38 students with basketball, Church and the Solid Rock Ranch Horse camps this past summer, as well as scholarships, elementary swimming program, Girl Scouts, and the children's Christmas party. RCS also helps people in distress such as illness, fire victims and spouse abuse programs. The elderly and shut-ins receive Christmas food baskets. Donations are also given to the Republic Festival Day celebration, community picnic, and other local activities.

The present Board of Directors include: Shelly Koski, *President*; Marie Oja, *Vice President*; Diane Perry, *Secretary*; Faye Ann Mattila, *Treasurer*; Tammy Kaminen, *Distress*; and Donna Venn, *Sunshine*. Trustees are: Kaye Mitchell, Karen Stroobants, Chris Alto, Priscilla Martti, Anne Mattson, Veronica Nault, Millie Alatalo, Judy Venn, Richard & Carol Nicholas, Tom & Patricia Feldhusen, Ethel Valenzio, Gayle Ritola and David Allain, Michael Kolasa and Cyndi Armitage.

To contribute to this fundraising effort, contact any RCS member, deposit contributions in the RCS account at the Ishpeming Community Federal Credit Union – Republic Branch, or mail to Republic Community Services, P. O. Box 265, Republic MI 49879. Contributions can also be made through payroll deductions.

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**REPUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES DONATION FORM**

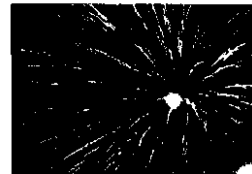
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**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK HERE IF YOU NEED A RECEIPT**

**Thank you!**



## Republic Sportsmen's Club Inc.

236 W. Kloman Ave. Box 24

Republic, MI 49879

(906)376-8882

Email: [jenchars@hotmail.com](mailto:jenchars@hotmail.com)

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Republic Sportsmen's club in Republic Michigan. For the past 19 years we have held a successful fishing derby on the Michigamme River which has brought in nearly 400 registered anglers each year.

We are proud that our fishing derby is one of the longest and most successful tournaments in the Upper Peninsula. We have structured the tournament in such a way as to make the weekend a family event with a food booth, fishing for kids, and camping available along the river. We also sponsor a raffle, and give out door prizes donated by local businesses.

2010 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual fishing derby. It will be taking place the third weekend of July. The Sportsmen's club is interested in sponsoring a fireworks display for this celebration, and we would have the show on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a group that we have contacted who is trained in doing fireworks along with having their own insurance. The cost is approximately \$6,000 for everything. We are reaching out to the public for donations in order to defray some of the cost.

We believe the local and surrounding communities would thoroughly enjoy a fireworks display since there has not been any in Republic for quite a few years.

There will also be an account set at the Ishpeming Credit Union, for strictly firework donations. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please feel free to call, write, or email to the above address.

ICU Republic Branch

279 Kloman Avenue

Republic, Michigan 49879

(906)376-0988

We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you in the near future!

Sincerely,

Charlie Hendrickson / Sportsmen Club President

# THE CROP WALK IS COMING!

And we're going to be a part of it!!

Sunday October 11 at 2:00pm Rain, Snow, or Shine!



Walkers will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming to walk the Heritage Trail together. Get your pledge envelope soon and fill it with donations to alleviate hunger, both around the corner and around the world. 25% of funds raised will meet the needs of the hungry in our community and the rest will go to address the many hunger related issues all over the world

This effort involves all of Marquette County. Together we can do so much more than we can do alone. Call the office with any questions, and watch for more information. Families, individuals, Sunday school classes, Adult and Youth groups -

Everyone can PLEDGE or WALK and MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wed. Nov. 25Th at 7 p.m.

The community is invited to give thanks together in this ecumenical worship service. The Methodist minister, Pastor Mark Ryan will preach with Lutheran Minister Rev. Katherine Finegan leading worship. All faith communities and their leadership is invited to participate. Offerings taken will go to our own St. Vincent's. A pie social will follow.

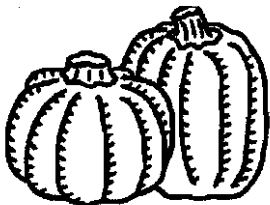
Any questions, please call Bethany Lutheran at 376-8826.

## DEER SEASON PASTY SALE, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

NOV. 14TH.

The pasty that is so good, the Health Department orders them for picnics. Tammy swore on her girl scouts honor she will not sell one pasty over 1,200.

## BETHANY LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES



Sunday School Halloween Party Sat. Oct 31 2-4pm

All Children from 3 - 13 years old are welcome to come for games, snacks, and Halloween fun before trick-or-treating. Come in costume!

Fall Bazaar Sat. Nov. 7 10am - 2pm Crafts, games, stew, bakery, and treasures. Come see what you can find.



PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP	ZONING PERMIT FEE CHANGES
<p>Dan Mitchell, Chairman 376-2408  Leslie Hurst, Vice Chair 475-6490  Marie Sarafin, Secretary 376-2459  Steve Koski, Twp Board Rep 371-0114  Jim Brennan, 376-2228  Bill Bergin, 323-9040  Tom Feldhusen, 376-2087  Paul Polanski, 376-8018  Tom Sandblom, 376-2292  Zoning administrator is Bill Payne, 376-2052</p> <p>The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of every month. They have just completed a re-write of the Township Master Plan, and are in the process of re-writing the Zoning Ordinance. The public is invited to attend the 7 p.m. meetings, and any 6 p.m. work sessions scheduled.</p>	<p><b>Zoning permit</b> changed from \$12.00 to <b>\$40.00</b>  <b>Conditional Use Permit</b> changed from \$50 to <b>\$250 plus expenses*</b>  <b>Land Division (First Split)</b> changed from \$50 to <b>\$150.00</b>  <b>Land Division (Every Split after the first)</b> changed from \$25.00 to <b>\$75.00</b>  *Expenses include cost of postage for required mailings, Public Notice postings, and Commission member reimbursements (if special meeting is called.)</p> <hr/> <p>Permits are required for construction of buildings and structures, including signs, decks and additions to existing structures. Permits are also required for new and changed land uses or land divisions. All land divisions must be approved by the Planning Commission.</p> <p>Contact Bill Payne, Zoning Administrator for assistance and permit applications.</p>

**There are two tax collections in Republic Township, summer and winter.** The summer taxes, or State Education Tax, plus County taxes are levied in July and are payable without penalty before September 15th. The winter portion is levied in December and are payable without penalty before February 15th. Additional penalties and interest are added to the tax bill for each month the taxes are unpaid.

After March 1st taxes are payable at the Marquette County Treasurer's office. For further information contact the County Treasurer at 225-8425

### REPUBLIC DAM

The owner of the dam informed the Township Board that he would be drawing down the water level, to do maintenance to the structure. Repairs include the center gate, which will be taken to his construction company repair shop for rehabilitation, and some surface concrete work. He will be meeting with the Board to discuss which direction the Board wants to go, Hydroelectric or spillway. Each choice would dictate a different rehabilitation method to use on the structure, and there is no sense repairing an area that may be modified. While the new TIFA will acquire the structure, and handle all repairs/upgrades during the 20 year life span of the TIFA, the Township will be the eventual owner of the structure. Therefore, both the present owner, and the proposed TIFA board members want the Township Board to have the ultimate say in direction. We'll keep you as informed as possible as the situation progresses.

October 1, 2009

Republic-Michigamme School  
227 Maple Street  
Republic, MI 49879  
906 376-2277

Dear Business Owner:

In an effort to provide our kids with forever lasting memories, we are reviving the RMS Hawks yearbook 2009/2010. It has been 3 years since we've had one, and it has been greatly missed. In order to do so, we need your help.

We are asking for your help by purchasing an ad, to be placed in the ad section of the yearbook. Why not promote your business while supporting our kids at RMS. Remember; this is an ad that will live on forever. You will be supporting our school, which as you know, supports our community.

We are offering the following ad opportunity:

Business Card Size	\$30
3 ½ x 3 ½	\$60
7 x 5 (1/2 page)	\$75
7 x 7 (3/4 Page)	\$120
7 x 10 (Full Page)	\$150

We greatly thank you for your support to make this yearbook a book to remember. Let us know what you want displayed, by attaching your advertising (business card, letterhead, current ad), circle the size of the ad and enclose a check in that amount out to RMS/Yearbook to the above address. Also, please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deductions. If you would like to see your published ad, please provide an email address.

Again, thank you. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Jarvi at 906 376 8889 or Diana Niemi at 906 376 8489 or email [Dianaalrusty@aol.com](mailto:Dianaalrusty@aol.com).

Sincerely,  
RMS Yearbook Staff

#### CLEANING UP THE LOOSE ENDS ON THE BANK GRANT

With the purchase finally agreed to by the building owner, the bank building grant by the DNR Trust Fund is in the final steps. Two small things were asked to be corrected. The Township was asked to redo the original grant resolution, to correct improper wording, and that was done Wed. Sept. 30th, and mailed to the grant office. A clearer map of the boundaries of the parcel to be purchased was also requested, and sent the same day.

Based on discussion with the grant administrator we expect the grant to be finalized shortly, the check exchanged for the deed, and the work can begin.

John Jilbert has notified the Township that he has an original hammered tin ceiling that was removed from one of his buildings in Munising, that he will donate towards the restoration of the bank.

Chuck Hurst has offered the logs needed to build the pavilion in the town square.