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Wow, can you believe the winter we had this year! We have finally all made it through the tough winter and now on to some warm weather and much needed sunshine. I would like to take this time to thank the Chippewa County Road Commission for their dedication and hard work keeping our roads clear and safe. What an amazing job they did, especially with the amount of snow we had!! Even though we had a tough winter, I hope everyone took the opportunity to enjoy the beauty we have here in the U.P. It was certainly a good winter for snowmobiling, skiing, snow shoeing as well as sledding.

Now that Spring is upon us, there will be all kinds of activities taking place through out spring and summer. I hope everyone takes advantage of these activities. On Saturday, May 2nd, we will be having our annual Spring Clean-Up Day. What a great opportunity to clean up your yard and get rid of your unwanted junk. Let's all take pride in our community and take advantage of this opportunity. Listed below on the page are items the township is not able to take. Please read carefully. If you need help cleaning up your yard, please contact me and we can see how we can help you. Also, on May 5th we have an important election. Please be sure to come out to vote.

Township Board meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Office. We look forward to seeing you there.

John



# SPRING CLEAN-UP



## 2026 SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

It's that time of year to spruce up our town ..... clean up and clean out!

A dumpster and a scrap metal trailer will be located at the park on:

**Saturday, May 2nd  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**This is for Rudyard Township residents...please bring ID with you. It is for those items not picked up on your weekly trash collection schedule.**

**PLEASE ENTER MIDDLE DRIVEWAY**

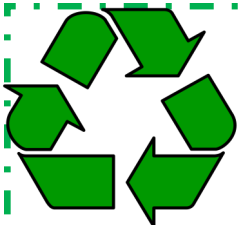
**NO** hazardous materials, liquid paint, brush or yard waste, computer monitors, fluorescent light bulbs or tires.

Please do not dump household garbage.

**\*\*NO** air conditioners or refrigerators

**\*\*NO** wet mattresses or sofas

**There will be someone on site to check ID and monitor dumpster items.**



We have recycling bins located in front of the pavilion for clean glass bottles and jars, clean plastic bottles and jars, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, and metal or aluminum cans.

## 2026 Scrap Tire Options

- 1.) Website- [www.baymills.org/wastecollections](http://www.baymills.org/wastecollections) or email Bay Mills Indian Community Environmental [wastecollection@baymills.org](mailto:wastecollection@baymills.org) or call Jen at 906-248-8655. Four locations will take your tires.
- 2.) You can pick up a Scrap Tire Voucher at the township office to be redeemed at either U.P. Tire in S.S.M. or Mark's Tire in Brimley. Each household in Rudyard Township qualifies for up to \$25 in disposal value from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. If you are a Rudyard Township resident, stop by the township office for a voucher : Monday—Thursday between 10:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.



If you are planning construction, an addition, or moving in a mobile/modular

home, you need to fill out a **Zoning Compliance Site Plan**. Stop at the Rudyard Township Office, 18725 S Mackinac Trail, to pick up your form.

There is a \$50 application fee. Building Permits are issued through Chippewa County. You will need a completed Zoning Compliance Site Plan to go with your county building permit application.



**Doing any DIY projects?  
Know what's below before you dig!**



When you contact MISS DIG811, the public facility companies are notified to mark the location of their lines. Public facilities are marked for FREE. Locators will paint lines and/or place flags to mark the location of underground public lines. Go to [www.missdig811.org](http://www.missdig811.org) for all the information you need!



**Rudyard Township  
Department of Public Works  
EMERGENCY call: 906 322-0533  
Non-emergency: 906 478-5041**

**RUDYARD  
SUMMERFEST  
JULY 24, 25,  
26 2026**



**Website:**  
[www.rudyardtownship.org](http://www.rudyardtownship.org)

**Email:**  
[rudyardtownshipmanager@gmail.com](mailto:rudyardtownshipmanager@gmail.com)

**WANTED**

### Nominations for Citizen of the Year

Talk to a Park Board Member or call the office at 478-5041



### FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

A reminder that we are coming into burn season. Please be careful with Spring fires! Farmers who will be burning fields, please call dispatch at 906-495-3312 to let them know where you will be burning before you light it up! Always check on the DNR website for a burn ban or permit online or call:

**CENTRAL DISPATCH 906-495-3312**

The Rudyard Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for new members.

You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings if you are curious to learn about what we do. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the fire hall.

Rudyard Township has partnered with the Townships of Kinross, Bruce, Chippewa, Detour, Drummond Island, Hulbert, Marquette, Pickford, Raber, and Whitefish to form the Northern Emergency Medical Services Authority (NEMSA). This group is working to positively shape the future of EMS in our community, for which we are very grateful!



**Cemetery** Call the township to arrange all burials. The cemetery sexton will mark the location in the plot and we will record it in our books. This will insure that our records are kept updated.

There is a fee for opening & closing both full and cremation burials. If burials are done prior to contacting the township, you will still receive a bill for that service plus an additional fee.

**Senior Meals** are served at the township hall Monday through Friday at Noon. Cost is \$4 for seniors and \$6 for guests under 60 years old. If you are in need of Meals on Wheels, call Community Action at 1-906-632-3363.

**We have rental dates available for the township hall and pavilion.** Call 906 478-5041 to reserve your date! Consider renting our facilities for your shower, wedding, or graduation party.

### H.E.A.R.T. (Helping Around Rudyard Together),

which is made up of the pastors and representatives of each of our five local churches, wishes to thank you for your support over the years. Because of our generous community members, we have been able to help many families and individuals around our community in their time of need. The HEART group has been collecting some medical equipment that can be loaned out when needed, like crutches, canes, walkers, etc. If you know of a situation that you think we may be able to help with, please contact one of our local churches. If we are unable to help, we will try to aid in finding assistance.



Assistance is available for water, sewer, trash, heat, or electric bills. Contact the Superior Watershed Partnership to learn how they can help! Many working families will qualify. Phone: 906-273-2742 or website: [superiorwatersheds.org/energy-conservation](http://superiorwatersheds.org/energy-conservation)

**The Rudyard Historical Society** has a variety of books about the history of Rudyard for sale for only \$10 a copy. We also have Rudyard snowy owl mugs, and building replicas for sale year-round at the township office. We would like to increase activity and interest in the Historical Society Museum and One-Room Schoolhouse, including events for families and school children. We have many pieces of local history! We are open during Summerfest, special events, and by appointment.



The **Rudyard Area Community Foundation** would like to remind you that one of the scholarships available each spring is the Rudyard Lions Community Service Award. See the Lions website: [www.rudyardlions.com](http://www.rudyardlions.com)

The **Lions Club** annual Spring Fling Raffle will take place on May 15th. To purchase a ticket, see a Lions Club member or call 906-478-4191 Prizes include a Generac Generator 2500W, 20V DeWalt Drill/Driver/Impact, Blackstone 17" Grill, EZ Up 10x10 Canopy, Zero Gravity Chairs and voucher outdoor Boots. Raffle License #RR84389

The Rudyard Lions provides community services and donated over \$23,000 last year to local, UP-wide and international projects. Anyone interested in becoming a Rudyard Lions Club member can contact a member or call 906-478-5244. Lions Club is the world's largest service organization, working in our community!

The **Larry G. Davis Swimming Pool** at Rudyard Area Schools is preparing for summer swim lessons and activities including lap swim, water exercise and open swims. The most current pool schedule and plans for summer can be found on the Rudyard Swimming Pool Facebook page. Come and enjoy the fun-filled time.

**Warmth for Warriors** - The Rudyard-based 501-c3 organization supports active and retired military personnel and their families by supplying handmade knitted hats and holiday stockings to individuals located in the U.S. and around the world. The handmade items are shipped to active and retired service members. Since beginning in 2004, the group has shipped 67,037 hats and 22,278 "stuffed" holiday stockings. The group is always looking for addresses for groups or individuals who would like to receive handmade items. If you have an address to share or would like to donate to help defray shipping costs, contact Gary Davis, President, at [garydavis@centurytel.net](mailto:garydavis@centurytel.net).

**2026 Road Brining** is planned, but we do not have specific dates as of this writing. If you have any questions or concerns about this year's application of dust-control brine on the gravel roads, please call the office. Brining usually takes place in late May or early June.



**To report a street light that is not working, call our office at 906-478-5041.**

The Mollie R. Kahl Community Library has Always been a wonderful place to check out books to read, movies to watch, and audio books to listen to. Community members also go into the library to study, use the computer, and print or copy papers. All of the librarians are happy to assist if you need help finding a book. If you are looking to read a new or an older book, and it is not at our library, the librarians will usually be able to have it sent here for you.

