

Bois Blanc Township News

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2023-24 Township Budget

On March 15, at 4:00 p.m. the Township will hold a public hearing to review the 2023-2024 budget plans, as well as the proposed property tax millage rate that will support the budget. Immediately following the close of the public hearing, the Township Board will open a special meeting to officially adopt the budget. **Interested taxpayers are encouraged to request a copy by contacting Diane Akright, Township Clerk, at 231-634-7275 or bbiclerk@tds.net.**

Bright Waters Park Update

It's time to celebrate! Join us on **Saturday, July 1, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., for the grand opening and dedication of Bright Waters Park.** We'll celebrate with a special family Kite Festival! Bring your own kite, make one, or enter to win one. Refreshments will be available from Willie's Grab 'n Go and proceeds benefit the Parks & Rec Committee.

The road and parking lot have been completed and the skid pier (day use and emergency access only) will be installed this spring.

Without the support of **Douglas Family Farms, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, Bois Blanc Township, Harbor Commission, and the taxpayers,** this phase of the project could not have been completed. Phase II plans will include a restroom facility, and a raised, accessible walkway through the wetlands. Phase III will include a more permanent dock installation. Stay tuned!



Township Opportunities

Interested in serving the Township? Here's your chance. **Details are posted on the Township website:**

- Parks & Recreation Committee – 1 opening
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 openings
- Back up Transfer Station Attendant – 1 opening
- Transfer Station Manager
- Deputy Clerk – 1 opening
- Election Workers – new training this year

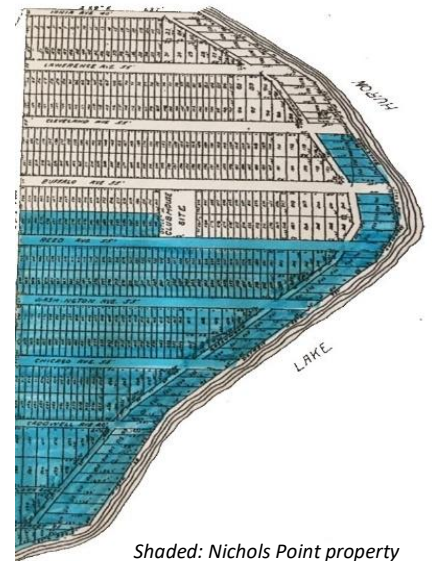
Nichols Point Update

It should be no surprise that generosity is at the very heart of Bois Blanc Island. Over **131 donors** stepped forward raising a total of **\$102,131** for the purchase of property and development of a park at Nichols Point. In addition, Mackinac County has committed **\$63,000** for the project development. Special thanks everyone who so generously supported this project.

The sale of the property is expected to be completed in the very near future. After that, plans for development will begin to move forward quickly.

Along with the tremendous support for our Nichols Point project, over **\$9,396** was donated to the Parks & Recreation Committee to help with our other activities. Thanks to so many people, it has been a great year! Looking forward to an even greater 2023!

- **BBI Parks & Recreation Committee: Jay Beugly, Ginger Canup, Tom Bach, Diane Akright (board liaison)**



Shaded: Nichols Point property

Mark Your Calendar – A Terrific Island “Two-fer”

Saturday, July 29 brings together **two great Island events at the Bible Farm**. The **Art Fair**, featuring outstanding arts and crafts by BBI artists, will run from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and the much-anticipated annual **East vs. West Softball** game will start at 2 p.m.

Artist sign-up information and softball details will be posted on the BBI Facebook groups. What a perfect day of family fun! Bring your sunscreen, your chairs and plan to stay. Great food and snacks will be available from Willie’s Grab ‘n Go food truck. **A not-to-be-missed day on BBI**. See you there!



Painting by Jessi Kidder

2023-24 Island Calendar

The Parks and Recreation Committee has created a **2023-2024 calendar** with the winning pictures from the 2022 Island Photo Contest. The calendars will be available for purchase for \$30 this summer at the Farmer’s Market on Saturdays and at the Township Offices Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. All proceeds will be directed to the Parks and Recreation program.

The **2023 Photo Contest** has been announced (details posted on the BBI Facebook groups) and the deadline will be November 1.

New Website

Just a reminder – the Township has a new website. It has a clean design, works well on mobile devices, is well organized and, best of all, has a “Notifications” feature to sign up for updates when new content is added to the site. It’s a great place to look for meeting dates, minutes, and Township ordinances. www.boisblanctownship.org