

# CLT Newsletter

## Winter 2019-20



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**Buildings & Grounds:** The B&G Committee, the Capital Improvements Committee and the CLT Board is continuously reviewing the need for repairs and improvements to our physical facilities. The most important motivating factors behind this review? Meeting the legal requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) as it pertains to adequate election space/egress/restroom facilities and other features to be brought into modern compliance, as well as general upkeep, safety, and more efficient/spacious work/storage areas. Towards those ends, those tasked with the job will be exploring the possibility of a new office wing on the existing hall. For those in the community seeking answers to and doing the work of remedying impediments, we welcome your questions and active participation.

**Cemeteries:** Work continues trimming, cutting and replanting the vegetation in and around the two township cemeteries. We are sensitive to the feelings connected with these sacred resting places and strive for the delicate balance between strong sentiments and the mundane practicalities of maintaining the landscape. Where flora is found to be unwieldy or misplaced, dead or dying, or where we find falling and misplaced monuments, we do our best to remedy the problem. Getting grass to grow (vs. weeds) on a sand dune where the topsoil was scraped off years ago is also an ongoing challenge.

On a different note, interest continues to build for the return of yester-year's "green" or "natural" burials that involve no embalming. We respect those who wish to return to the earth with little to no chemicals or artificial means. If this is something you are considering, don't hesitate to contact the supervisor for further details.

**Clean Up Events & Recycling:** Two township-sponsored clean up events are scheduled for 8 to 11 a.m., Sat., May 2 and Aug. 8, at the Frankfort Dow Memorial Airport, 650 Airport Rd. in Frankfort. We do not accept tires, electronics or hazardous waste. Want to know about the county-sponsored events? Pick up a brochure at the CLT hall for Benzie's Solid Waste & Recycling, or call 882-882-0554 or see [www.benzieco.net/departments/recyclingandsolidwaste](http://www.benzieco.net/departments/recyclingandsolidwaste).

**Elections:** On Nov. 5, 2019 voters chose, 211 to 79, to renew the CLT road millage of 1.0 mill for improving and maintaining asphalt roads within the Township. At the **March 10, 2020**, Presidential Primary election, voters will again be asked to vote on **whether to allow marijuana establishments** to operate in the Township. Due to lack of clarity in the Nov. 2018 referendum legalizing recreational marijuana, it is possible that CLT's August 2019 vote to prohibit such establishments (145-107) was invalid, as were others in the state, because it was an issue-based special election, not a regular election with candidates on the ballot. Since this issue can only be clarified by a court, the Township has been advised by state agencies and legal counsel to put the proposal back on the ballot for a vote in the March 2020 election. More information is available on this subject on the CLT website: [www.crystallaketwp.org](http://www.crystallaketwp.org).

**Environment:** The Crystal Lake & Watershed Association is planning to carry out herbicide treatment of the invasive Eurasian milfoil in the lake next summer. This will require getting permission from affected property owners and obtaining a permit from EGLE (Michigan's new department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy), so it is a process that will require public transparency and buy-in. For more information, please contact the CLWA website: [www.crystallakewatershed.org](http://www.crystallakewatershed.org)

**2020 Census:** Residents living part-time outside of CLT will need to choose one address as their primary residence for purposes of the 2020 Census. Funding for many services will be based on the results. Respond by mail, online, or by phone beginning mid-March. More information is available at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).