

## **"Cabin Quilts"**

*Township Hall, Fire Barn & Museums*

*By Gary Neumann-Supervisor*

Many Lovells Township property owners have seen the colorful "Barn Quilts" that are found in many rural areas of the US. Well, those colorful quilts have found their way to Lovells Township and they have affectionally been renamed "Cabin Quilts"!

At your township, Cabin Quilts now appear on the exterior of the township hall, the fire barn, and both the fly fishing museum and the school house museum. With a very detailed geometric boarder, all of the Cabin Quilts at the township convey a linkage to the purpose of the building. For example, the fly fishing museum quilt features the caricature of a fish and the fire barn quilt depicts the universal fire department logo.

Township residents Marcy and Tom McKinney, who are already well known and respected for their generous donation of time and talent associated with the construction of our new "Welcome to Lovells" signs, have been major players in the introduction of Cabin Quilts to the township. They have been assisted in their efforts by Lillian Perry, Carol Brand, and others. Hats off to these township residents who continue to improve our community in so many ways.



## **The Bamboo Bend Project**

*By Gary Neumann, Supervisor*

This past May Lovells Township hosted its' second Bamboo Bend Project at the township hall. The Bamboo Bend Project is an IRS tax exempt Section 501© (3) organization. It is a locally organized and funded organization with the motto "Handcrafted Healing for Heroes".

The organizers of Bamboo Bend invite six to eight disabled military veterans each May to the Grayling area. This past May the veterans were provided free housing at the private Oxbow Fishing Club on the South Branch of the Au Sable River. They were fed daily, and at no charge, by organizers while at the township hall. This year there was a total of eight veterans that participated, one of which was the first female to participate.

Over a nine day period each veteran, with the help of volunteer facilitators, builds a custom bamboo fly rod. On their final day each veteran fishes with his or her custom bamboo fly rod from the bow of an Au Sable river boat, with local guides providing the free trip plus technical fly fishing advice.

Mark Mackey of Ashland, WI is the current president of the Bamboo Bend Project. Mark is a recently retired Marine Corps officer and he is very pleased that the 42<sup>nd</sup> through 49<sup>th</sup> bamboo rods were built by this most recent class of disabled veterans. Mark is looking for a veteran to participate from the Grayling/Kalkaska area in 2019. If you or someone you know from the area is interested Mark can be reached at [mark.mackey@bamboozled.org](mailto:mark.mackey@bamboozled.org).

*Check it out...and we mean that literally!*

*The Lovells reading and media center is open to all Township residents during office hours. Come browse, check out books or use the computers. If you haven't stopped by before you will be amazed at this treasure your township hall houses.*



## **A Message from the Clerk's Office...**

If you are not already registered to vote, your last day to register for the August Primary is July 9<sup>th</sup>. We are now accepting applications to vote absentee for the rapidly approaching elections. We will begin sending out absentee ballots in late June.

The entire State of Michigan will be using new, much improved, voting equipment this election year. Polls will be open at the Township Hall from 7 AM to 8 PM on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for the Primary Election and Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for the General Election. Remember: Every vote counts!

We have hired a new Zoning Enforcement Officer, Ron Tallieu; many of you know him from his service on the Lovells Township Fire & EMS Department and at the north-end Transfer Station. We are extremely thankful to Dave Lovell, our "retiring" Enforcement Officer, for his ten years of service! Dave's shoes will be difficult to fill, but we are certain Ron will be up to the task.

### **Mark your calendars with these upcoming events:**

- Saturday, July 7: Fireworks at Warblers Hideaway
- Saturday, July 21: Lovells Historical Society's Annual Beaver, Beer & Banjo at the Riverside Tavern.
- Tuesday, August 7: Primary Election
- Saturday, August 18: Lovells Famous Bridge Walk
- Saturday, September 16: Lovells Historical Society's Historic Home Tour
- Wednesday, October 31: Halloween Night on the Township Grounds
- Tuesday, November 6: General Election

Check out our website: [lovellstownship.com](http://lovellstownship.com) for details on these events, along with other clubs and activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Deputy Clerk, Heather Lovell, with any questions you may have.

*Sincerely,*

*Cynthia Infante-Inman*  
Lovells Township Clerk



# Inside Lovells Township

## Lovells Township

8405 Twin Bridge Rd  
Lovells, MI 49738

### Township Board:

Supervisor: Gary Neumann  
Clerk: Cynthia Infante-Inman  
Treasurer: Ann Duby  
Trustee: Cheryl Hopp  
Trustee: Heather Lovell  
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Assessor: Jamie Houser  
lovells.assessor@yahoo.com

Zoning Administrator: Dale Gauthier Jr. (989) 348-7301  
lovellszoning@gmail.com

Zoning Enforcement: Ron Tallieu (989) 889-0228

Liquor Inspector: Ben Duby (989) 348-3501

Fire Chief: Gary Lewicki 989 348-1621

**FOR EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911 FIRST!!!**

### Planning Commission

Chair: Denny Inman  
Vice Chair: Melanie Cragg  
Secretary: Tamara Kengel  
Member: Sally Brand  
Ex-Officio: Cynthia Infante-Inman

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Perry (Chair)  
Sally Brand  
Darby Kuenzel (Alternate)  
Steve Johnson (Alternate)  
Secretary & Ex-Officio: Gary Neumann

### Board of Review

Dale Gauthier Jr.  
Tamara Kengel  
Denise Long  
Gary Neumann (Secretary)  
Martin (Marty) Pawlowski (Alternate)

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

### **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lovells Bridge Walk!**



Please join us at the famous Lovells Bridge Walk! Begin your day with the Fireman's Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 AM under the pavilion at the Township Hall. Around 11:30 AM ride the bus to "downtown" Lovells for the Parade and Bridge Walk commencing at noon. After the Bridge Walk, our friends John & Joan Petroff, owners of Dead Bear Brewing Co., have generously agreed to sponsor the Community Luncheon again! This year's lunch will include: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and a Taco Bar. They will also be passing out discount tickets to their restaurant.

A five dollar suggested donation will be collected at both the breakfast and the luncheon with proceeds benefiting the Lovells Fire/EMS Department. You may bring a dessert to share at lunch.

There will be two 50/50 drawings (one at breakfast and one at lunch). **Save those raffle tickets after the cash payout as they will also be used to award prizes throughout the festivities.** Don't forget to check out the "Silent Auction" throughout the day with proceeds from the drawings and the auction supporting our volunteer Fire/EMS Department.

Commerative hats and t-shirts will be for sale prior to the event at Kellogg's Bridge Grocery or Lovells Home Center and also the day of the event at the information booth.

The Lovells Community Chapel will be having a huge garage sale across from the Township Hall, Cheerful Givers will have delicious bake goods and handmade quilts available for sale in the Town Hall, and there will be children's games after the Bridge Walk on the Township Grounds.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun-filled family event and encourage you to use those discount tickets at Dead Bear Brewing Co. as a way of saying "Thank You"!

**Cynthia Infante-Inman & Denny Inman**  
**Bridge Walk Co-Chairs**

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### Township Board Meetings

Held at the Township Hall Every Second Tuesday of Each Month at 10 AM  
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### Lovells Township Reading and Media Room

Hours Tue-Thur 9am-3pm  
Phone: (989) 348-9215

### Lovells Township Planning Commission Update

Your Lovells Township Planning Commission is currently reviewing the Township's Master Plan as required every five years.

Also, we have been asked by the Township Board to review a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment with regards to the keeping of chickens for personal use on less than ten acre parcels. We know that there are several residents interested in this amendment and we encourage your input at the required Public Hearing. We will be addressing the topic at our next meeting, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. I anticipate we will set a date for a Public Hearing at that meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally regarding the details of the Public Hearing:

[dennis.inman2014@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.inman2014@gmail.com)

We would appreciate any concerns or suggestions you may have regarding the Master Plan or the Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

*Serving Lovells Township,*

*Denny Inman*  
LTPC Chair