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# YATES TOWNSHIP JULY NEWSLETTER

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## OUR MISSION

The elected officials and employees of the Township of Yates pledge to serve the citizens, both full time and seasonal, with transparency, efficiency, and in compliance with all laws related to Township government.

## BOARD MEMBERS

### Kurt Johnson, Supervisor

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### Erica Tate, Trustee

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### Eric Cody, Zoning Administrator

### Carmen Grier, Ordinance

### Enforcer

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## MEETING DAYS

View calendar on Yates Township website.  
<https://yatestownship.com>

### Former Board Members' Passings

The Township Board wishes to honor Mr. George Walker, Jr., former Supervisor, and Ms. Lucinda Shepard, former Treasurer, who have recently passed. They will be remembered for their service, dedication, and inspiration.

### Short-Term Rental Regulatory Ordinance

The Township Board used the February, March, and May monthly meetings as working sessions to thoroughly read, discuss, and analyze the Short-Term Rental Regulatory Ordinance. The Board's systematic approach aided its members in identifying any conflicts and inconsistencies. Each Board member contributed to discussions, whereby a few items required minor revision. The summary was posted in the Lake County Star for public notice. The Short-Term Rental Regulatory Ordinance was approved by the Township Board on June 17, 2025.

### Ordinance Enforcement

Yates has the responsibility and duty to enforce its ordinances consistently and fairly. Refer to the online Zoning Ordinance, and contact the Township Supervisor for information, comprehension, and guidance. It is imperative that everyone is in compliance with the ordinance. Land use permits, camping permits, vendor licenses, and more are of great importance.

### Zoning Administrator & Ordinance Enforcer

Yates Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Enforcer positions were filled June 17, 2025 at the Township Board Meeting. The Board welcomes Eric Cody, the new Zoning Administrator, and Carmen Grier, the new Ordinance Enforcer.

### Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Three Yates Zoning Board of Appeals positions were filled June 17, 2025 at the Township Board Meeting. The new members are Gezelle Myers, Janelle Williams, and Iris Hill.

### Yates Township Transportation Authority (YTTA)

Three Yates Township Transportation Authority positions were filled July 17, 2025 at the Township Board Meeting. Congratulations to Katena Abraham, Bernard Adams, and Marshalean Garrett.

### Williams Island Regulatory Signs

The Williams Island Regulatory Ordinance signs have been posted. Dogs are not permitted on the beach side of Williams Island. Violators may be ticketed.

### Traffic Regulation

In Yates, safety is of great importance for citizens and guests. Supervisor Johnson asked Sheriff Martin to provide Lake County radar speed signs. The signs are located on each end of Williams Island to regulate speed.

### Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP)

The Office of Rural Prosperity workshop will take place August 15, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Mid-Michigan Idlewilders Event Center. There will be discussion on the ORP program, capacity building, Idlewild redevelopment projects, and an overview on past redevelopment concepts, processes, and future opportunities. A roundtable discussion will take place on ongoing community projects. This workshop is open to the public.

### Beautification Projects

The Board wishes thank the McClure-Rabb Foundation for spearheading the Williams Island beautification project. Also, the Board wishes to thank the Michigan State Extension Program for spearheading the beautification and community garden project for seniors at the Henrietta Summers Senior Center. A special thanks to the host of volunteers who participated, making each project a great success.

### Art Exhibit on Flamingo Club Exterior

IdleWild About Art is currently showcasing its educational "Pulse of A Pioneer" art exhibit, honoring one of Idlewild's earliest settlers, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. Experience the informative, creative, and colorful art exhibit on Williams Island by artists ~ Nicolena Stubbs and Demien DeYonte.