

January 1, 2009  
To Murray Lake residents,

Welcome to the New Year of 2009! It does not look like it is going to be an easy one and hope you all are going to make it through in better shape than 2008.

For my Causeway neighbors, it is certainly great to have power back on after four days without!  
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One of our residents reminded me of how important it was to keep the storm sewer grates cleared of the snow when the rains were forecasted. I was out of town and then lost power and could not get the information to you.

However, I thought it would be good to remind you of this and help keep water out of the yards and basements as we go through this winter!

Since there are so many more generators running when we lose power, our lift stations must be serviced by our sewer maintenance people with portable generators more often to prevent overflows.

Many of these stations must also be manually reset after power is resumed. If you see the red lights blinking on any station, be certain to call 691-7784 and let them know the station number that needs attention.  
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Our new directory will be ready by the end of January. We will have a newsletter out by mid January with notices of our \$20 annual dues. This will entitle you to your free copy of the new directory.  
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We would also like to invite anyone interested to join the board to help with projects around the lake and give ideas and suggestions on what can be done to improve living on the lake.

Grattan Township also needs citizens to volunteer to help on several committees.

Members are needed for the Sewer Committee, Planning Commission, Recreation and Park Committee, etc.  
Stop in at the township office and find out more about what would be involved and put in your application.  
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The Grattan Township Parks and Recreation Committee are in the process of updating the Recreation Plan. In your newsletter you received a survey requesting your input in the future plan. Please take the time to fill it out and return to the township Office

Thank you  
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We look forward to your participation and help as we go through 2009.

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