



## WINTER TAX PAYMENTS

For the safety of you and our staff, we highly encourage you to use either our inside or outside drop boxes to pay your taxes. If you include the entire bill with your payment we will gladly mail you a receipt. A self-addressed envelope would be appreciated.

## PEN-PALS WITH SANTA

Attention Hartland kids! Would you like to write your favorite jolly old elf a letter- and get a response? Through Dec. 17, you can mail your letter to Santa at the Hartland Township Hall. He's left a mailbox from the North Pole at our front desk! Make sure to include your return address so he and his elves can write you back.



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Township Hall will be closed the whole week of 12/21. We will be open again on 12/28; the Hall will close at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31.



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# HARTLAND

Winter  
2020

## Meet Hartland's New Township Manager: Bob West



### Can you tell us about your background in government?

My entire career has been spent in municipal government. I started with my previous employers my junior year of high school and was with them for 16 years. Through the time spent there, I worked in different capacities and was promoted internally to an administrative position. I have been very fortunate to work within great organizations throughout the years.

### What brought you to Hartland?

In 2012, Hartland was looking for a Public Works Director. As my family was growing, my wife and I realized it may benefit our family to work closer to home. I was fortunate to have been offered the Public Works position and work in the community I lived in. I accepted the position in the fall of 2012 and have enjoyed being a part of the Hartland community.

### What are the duties of a Township Manager?

The manager orchestrates efforts of the different internal departments within Township Hall and how these efforts correlate between the Township Board, residents, and community partners. The role also requires sustaining positive relationships with external governmental partners. Through this process, I will continue to be a good steward of Hartland's resources; working to provide the community with the best value for services rendered.

### What are you most excited about in this new role at Hartland Township?

Hartland is a growing community. I'm excited to work with diverse developments that are on the horizon while preserving the balance between the urban and rural atmosphere that makes Hartland so unique.

### What inspires you at work?

Making a difference in the community. A municipality often has one shot at developing as a community grows. We, as a Township, need to find a way to do this right while being business friendly, pro-development while still honoring the desires of residents. I enjoy working with different groups as a facilitator to find the best solution to differing opinions.

### What are three words you would use to describe Hartland?

Growing, Cohesive, Determined.

### What do you do outside of work for fun?

I love to spend time with my family. My wife and I have 4 kids, ranging in age from 2 to 10. As you can imagine, our lives are busy with many of their activities. From time to time, you may also catch me wrenching on an old tractor or a sentimental car I still own.

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Michigan 48353  
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## HARTLAND'S POLAR EXPRESS DAY

and slowly chug your way through the historic Village of Hartland to encounter the sights and sounds of the holiday season, including a real reindeer, Santa, carolers, and more. The route begins at the Hartland High School parking lot off Dunham Road. For updated information on the route and attractions visit [bit.ly/HartlandPolarExpress2020](http://bit.ly/HartlandPolarExpress2020).

## Hartland's Polar Express Day

**Saturday, December 12**

**10:00 am - 12:30 pm**

All aboard! Join us in Hartland for a special drive-thru experience celebrating the book "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg. Wear your best pajamas, decorate your car to look like a train



## Hartland in Hindsight

They say hindsight is 20/20, but we'd like to think--in hindsight--that our Township leaders have given us some strategic, visionary, "20/20" leadership over the

past 10 years, from 2010 through 2020, a decade spanning periods of growth and recession alike.

Our Hartland in Hindsight series is a concerted look at the successes of our strategic plans over the past decade. Over the summer months we celebrated 20 key successes, wins, and moments of insightful leadership in Hartland Township, as gleaned from our past strategic plans. The entire series can be found on our website at [www.hartlandtwp.com/township-manager/page/hartland-hindsight](http://www.hartlandtwp.com/township-manager/page/hartland-hindsight)

## Hartland Named 5-Star Community

University of Michigan-Dearborn researchers have honored Hartland for its strategies to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development as we have been awarded the designation of a 5-star eCities community! Researchers from iLabs, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Center of Innovation, focus on the five-year changes in property values, community assets, and tax rates. These factors demonstrate growth, investments, and the cost of doing business within the community.



## Financial Transparency



Each year Hartland Township must meet certain requirements in order to qualify for the full CVT Revenue Sharing payment from the State of Michigan. One of the requirements is that documents be made available to the public for viewing. These documents can be found at [www.hartlandtwp.com/finance](http://www.hartlandtwp.com/finance)



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