

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
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TRIBAL DISTRIBUTION ... On May 28th, our Trustees, Sam and Mike visited the Saganing Tribal Center for the 2% distribution. We had requested \$17,000 to re-surface the hall parking lot and we received \$6000 toward that project. Several townships had requested road gravel and received the same amount as what we received. Arenac County and the schools are receiving the lion's share of the distributions as their operating costs have gotten quite high over the last couple years, so we remain grateful for what we receive. We encourage our residents that visit the casino, to smile broadly should they lose, knowing that those losses – 2% at least - are helping others!

THE MYSTERY PARK ... At our meeting in May, Jeannie Cardinal, President of the Wallace&Orr Backloters Association, inquired about the property at Point Lookout that has tennis and basketball courts, and if we were aware that part of that area – according to GIS - was considered *The Sims Township Park* at one point and, of course, no one had a clue that such a place existed! On June 13th, Jeannie began her fact-finding tour and visited the Register of Deeds, with no success. She was directed to the Equalization Director who informed her, that space belongs to and is deeded to no one because it's considered "Green Space," so belongs to everyone ... Maybe? If that's the case, Sims Township Park does not exist, and that being the case, we have no jurisdiction. Jeannie has agreed to follow up with the Point Lookout Association and possibly, meet with their board. I gave her the contact info for Jim Korth, who may know some of the history. The Backloters want to know if there is any problem with them using the courts, etc. and initially, had discussed creating their own local subdivision park prior to the GIS reveal. Trying to create something new in their

backlotter subdivision may present a whole bunch of challenges, but like anything else, it's not impossible.

TRANSFER STATION ... Finally, after months of dealing with operational problems with the old compactor, we can report that both compactors are operating as designed and that means, that on weekends, we will operate both together and try to avoid traffic backups. Everyone needs to know that 1) Everyone needs to **STOP** at the guard shack so Johnny Z can check if they have a tag. Mirror hanging tags are difficult to spot around noon time when the sun is shining on glass; 2) Traffic is **ONE WAY** only to the compactors and after dumping, everyone should proceed slowly to EXIT at the road, as we've had some close encounters of the wrong kind between vehicles exiting and others bypassing to dump leaves and grass; 3) There are proposed changes to be discussed at the joint board meeting on June 20th at 7 at Sims to try to minimize and hopefully, eliminate those unwanted close encounters.

FINALE ... *“June is a time when new possibilities unfold, paving the way for personal growth and achievement.”*

Sarah Addison Allen, an American author, describes June as a pivotal month that opens doors to new opportunities and potential. This quote suggests that June acts as a catalyst for setting goals, making plans, and embarking on a path of personal growth and achievement. By embracing the spirit of possibility that June holds, individuals can approach the rest of the year with renewed energy and motivation.