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**COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Columbia Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Charter Township Hall at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230, to consider the following variance request:

**Variance 26-001**

**Owner/Applicant:** Michael Trout

**Location:** 6534 N. Shore Dr. Clarklake, MI 49234 (Tax ID #: 000-19-17-434-001-01)

**Request:** Variance application to permit an 884-square foot garage in the north front yard. The garage will be constructed in the front yard area, and setback 3-foot from the west side property line, requiring a 7-foot variance. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 10-foot side yard setback, Article 3: Table 3-4, and prohibits accessory structures in the front yard area, Article 20, Section 20.8.

**Variance 26-002**

**Owner/Applicant:** Ron & Kate Richards

**Location:** 8588 N. Shore Dr. Clarklake, MI 49234 (Tax ID #: 000-19-17-304-032-01)

**Request:** Variance application to permit a remodel and expansion of an existing single-family dwelling. The proposed additions to the dwelling totaling 286-square foot will be setback 9-foot from the west side property line, requiring a 1-foot variance, setback 2.5-foot from the east side property line, requiring a 7.5-foot variance, setback 28.5-foot from the water's edge of Clark Lake, and total lot coverage of 47-percent. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 10-foot setback from side property lines, a 29.1-foot setback is required from the water's edge based on the averaging standard of footnote 4, and a maximum lot coverage of 30-percent, Article 3: Table 3-4.

Information associated with the scheduled Public Hearing is available for public review at the Columbia Charter Township office during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Comments will be heard from the public at the hearing, or you can submit comments in writing to the: Columbia Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. All written comments will be entered into the public record and should be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the scheduled hearing date.

Columbia Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the public hearing to individuals with special needs upon five (5) days' notice to the Township Clerk (517)-592-2000.

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