Fall 2018

ZEELAND TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR of EVENTS

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Use the coupon to dispose of one load of trash free of charge at Autumn Hills landfill. One coupon per household; residential use only.

LEAF DISPOSAL—FREE at AUTUMN HILLS LANDFILL

There will be a dumpster for leaves at the landfill. Please remove the leaves from plastic bags. You can dispose of your plastic bags in a nearby container.

OCT. 5 FIRE TRUCK PARADE DOWNTOWN HOLLAND 7PM

OCT. 5-6 PUMPKIN FEST—DOWNTOWN ZEELAND

OCT. 9 LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

NOV. 1 DEADLINE FOR WINTER P.R.E. EXEMPTION

If you purchased a home after June 1, 2018 you should check if you are receiving the **P**rincipal **R**esidents **E**xemption. Residents claiming a "homeowners" exemption are exempt from paying 18 mills on their tax bill for Hudsonville and Zeeland School's Operating budget. Call the office or go to our website: zeelandtwp.org to verify your exemption.

NOV. 6 GENERAL ELECTION POLLS OPEN 7AM-8PM

Voting takes place at all three precincts. Please take your photo ID with you to vote. Cell phones may not be used in the precinct.

NOV. 22 & 23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

NOV. 26 MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Tree Lighting is at 6:15PM Parade runs down Main Street in Zeeland at 6:30PM.

DEC. 11 BOARD OF REVIEW

The December Board of Review meets to correct "qualified errors" and to consider appeals related to PREs, qualified agricultural exemptions and poverty exemptions. The December board cannot hear appeals of assessment.

DEC. 24-25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 28, 8:30AM-5PM TREASURERS HOURS

Treasurer will be available from 8:30am-5:00pm on Friday, December 28 to receive property tax payments.

DEC. 31—JAN. 1, 2019 NEW YEARS—OFFICE CLOSED

There is a drop box beside the township hall's front door to drop off your payment over the holiday.

FEB. 14, 2019 FINAL DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY

2018 winter tax bills will be due on Thursday, February 14. We will continue to receive tax payments through Thursday, Feb. 28th; late payments include a 3% late fee. After Feb. 28 tax bills are due to Ottawa County. Please call the Ottawa County Treasurer for tax amount owing.

There is a drop box beside the township hall's front door to drop off your payment after hours.

MARCH 1, 2019 TAXES TO BE PAID AT THE COUNTY

As of March 1, 2019 all delinquent tax bills will need to be paid to the Ottawa County Treasurers office. Please call (616)994-4501 for amount due.

WHAT'S NEW...

FALL CLEANUP

- 1. Please be aware that the only fires permitted in the township must be in a hand-fed burning barrel. Ground fires are not allowed unless you obtain a burn permit by calling (616)886-6666.
- 2. Leaves can be brought to Autumn Hills Recycling. Burning leaves on the ground in your yard is \underline{not} allowed.
- 3. The township provides 2 dump coupons per year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The coupons are for residential use only—please do not try to use them for your commercial/industrial trash.

ELECTION INFORMATION

This November we elect governor, lieutenant governor, congressional senator and representative, state senator and representative, and court of appeals judges.

Also appearing on the ballot are several state and local proposals.

Visit the office or www.michigan.gov/vote to view a sample ballot, verify that you are registered to vote, find your precinct or request an absentee ballot.

Absentee Ballots are always available if you are unable to make it to the polls on election day. Call or stop in the office for assistance.

PARKS & RECREATION

Come out and enjoy **Van Zoeren Woods**. This 34 acre parcel of land lies along side of the Expressway at the corner of 56th Ave & Riley St. This piece of land is unique in its timbered, gullied, wild flower resources. It is a beautiful piece of land to simply walk through and enjoy. As the seasons change, feel free to walk with care along the trails and enjoy its beauty.

Drenthe Community Grove is a 20 acre parcel of land located at 615 68th Ave. The Grove has playground equipment, a ball field, a beach volleyball court, 2 tennis courts, basketball court, and shaded picnic areas open to the public. There is also a 0.7 mile paved walkway, fishing pond and a picnic shelter. We invite you to come make use of the current facilities when you have time to relax or exercise. Also located at the Grove is The Dozeman Center. It is an all season building that is available for rent. It seats approximately 150 people and has a refrigerator and stove. Call the Township Office (772-6701) to schedule a reservation.

Come out and enjoy the **Sledding Hill** located on Waste Management Property, 3/4 mile east of Autumn Hills landfill on 56th Ave. The hill will be ready for sledding by the first snow fall.

DRENTHE GROVE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Chicken BBQ was another big success. We had beautiful weather to enjoy ball games, fire trucks, fellowship and good food. All but 30 of the chickens were sold! Thanks to the Drenthe Grove Committee and volunteers for all their hard work.

FLOWER DONATION

We would again like to thank Outback Greenhouse for the donation of beautiful flowers for the corner in downtown Drenthe.

visit us on the web at zeelandtwp.org





6582 Byron Road Zeeland, MI 49464

Supervisor, Glenn Nykamp Clerk, Kate Kraak Treasurer, Tim Barkel Trustee, Tom Oonk Trustee, Ron Brink Trustee, Chad Overweg Trustee, Mike Riemersma

Zoning Adm., Don Mannes Assessor, Steve Hansen Fire Chief. Phil Hunderman

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center located at 2446 64th Ave. will be undergoing renovations this winter and will be closed during the months of January, February & March.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Much of our assessing information and forms can be accessed from our website: zeelandtwp.org. Assessor Steve Hansen is available on Tuesday's and Thursday's between 8:30 AM—12 PM. Residents are welcome to stop in without an appointment.

RESPECTFUL FLAG DISPOSAL

We now have a box in our lobby for you to put your old American Flags. The Daughters of the American Revolution will then take the flags for a proper disposal.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—FIRE FIGHTERS

We are accepting applications for fire fighters. Please go to our website <u>zeelandtwp.org</u> for more information.

ZCT COMMUNITY POLICING

The sheriff's department will be placing the speed trailer in various areas of the township to remind drivers to pay attention to their speeds. You can also request *Home Security Checks* while you are away on vacation. Request online (see link for "Home Security Check Request Form") or call the Township Office (772-6701).

FIRE DEPARTMENT—BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are available 24 hours in advance by calling 616-886-6666. Permits will not be issued to burn leaves.

Zeeland Township Office

6582 Byron Road Zeeland, MI 49464 616-772-6701

Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs. 8:30-5:00 Wed. & Fri. 8:30-noon Assessor available on Tues & Thurs 8:30-noon

Burn permits call: 616-886-6666

Township Web Site: zeelandtwp.org

Email Supervisor:

Glenn.Nykamp@zeelandtwp.org

Fire Chief Phil Hunderman

DONATION OF EMERGENCY ALERT SIREN

Due to a very generous donation there is now an emergency alert siren located at the Fire Station in Beaverdam. Those living within a mile range of the siren will be able to hear it go off. There will be regular testing of the alarm the first Friday of each month at noon. Thank you to our generous donator.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—HYDRANTS & ADDRESSES

Just a reminder to keep your hydrants clear and your addresses visible through out the winter so that emergency workers can easily find your home and access the hydrants. We also have available in the township office green reflective address signs for \$20. These help emergency workers find your home especially during the dark and snowy winter. Call 616-772-6701 or stop by the office to purchase one.

OTTAWA COUNTY SHERIFF—REMINDER

With the recent increase in incidents of larcenies of personal property from unlocked vehicles, as well as stolen vehicle reports in and around the Zeeland Township area, the Ottawa County Sheriffs Office reminds you to please lock your vehicles, remove valuable items from your vehicles, and do not leave your keys in your cars.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Zeeland Township residents can safely dispose of household hazardous waste at no cost. Example of items accepted include: motor oil & filters, gasoline, car batteries, household cleaners, pool chemicals, pesticides, aerosols, oil-based paint & fluorescent tube light bulbs.

Autumn Hills Landfill

700 56th Ave., Zeeland, MI 49464 Monday - Friday 7 AM - 4:30 PM, Saturday 7 AM - 11:30 AM