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# ZEELAND TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### **MONTH OF MAY**

Use the coupon on the reverse side to drop off one pickup load of trash at Autumn Hills.

### **MAY 2 — SCHOOL ELECTION 7am — 8pm**

Both Hudsonville and Zeeland Schools have an operational millage renewal proposal on the ballot. This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy 18 mills on all property except principal residence and other property exempted by law.

Zeeland Township also has two millage renewals on the ballot. The first one is for a renewal of the Road Maintenance millage at 1.0 mills and the other is for the renewal of the Fire Department Compensation millage at 0.5 mills.

Voting will take place at all 3 precincts. To find your precinct location, see if you are registered or to see a sample ballot, go to [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote) or visit the office. Absentee ballots are also available in the office if you are unable to get to the polls on election day.

Polls will be open 7AM—8PM, Tuesday, May 2.

### **MAY 20 — CAKES, WINGS AND OTHER THINGS 8am-noon**

Shields of Hope is hosting a community day fundraiser on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to noon at the Ottawa Executive Airport at 5923 Byron Rd., Zeeland. The fundraiser includes a pancake breakfast and several children's activities such as games, face painting and bounce houses. Take an opportunity to bid on silent auction items and then take a scenic flight of the West Michigan lakeshore for as little as \$30 per person and watch a flyover by T-134 Warbirds. The Fire Department, Ottawa County Marine Water Rescue Boat, and AMR Ambulance will be on display. Fun for all ages and supports those affected by cancer! **All profits benefit Shields of Hope. All profits stay local in West Michigan!**

### **JUNE 1 — DEADLINE FOR SUMMER P.R.E. EXEMPTION**

If you purchased a home after Nov. 1, 2016 you should check if you are receiving this exemption. Residents claiming 100% P.R.E. are exempt from paying 18 mills on their tax bill for Hudsonville and Zeeland Schools Operating budget. Call the office or go to our website: [zeelandtpw.org](http://zeelandtpw.org).

### **JULY 1 — SUMMER TAX BILLS MAILED**

If you do not receive a tax bill, please call the office to verify your mailing address. Farmers wishing to defer summer tax payment until February should contact the office with their parcel numbers.

### **AUG. 19— 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DRENTHÉ CHICKEN BBQ**

The Drenthé Community Association invites everyone to the Annual Drenthé Grove BBQ. Tickets are \$8.00/dinner. Dinners include a chicken dinner with all the fixings along with hot dogs for the kids. Activities are free and include fire department demonstrations, Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, Critter Barn, hay rides, antique tractor display and more! Tickets can be purchased at the township office. Volunteers needed! Call 772-6701.

## WHAT'S NEW...

### **NEW BUSINESS in ZEELAND TOWNSHIP**

*Redwood Living* will begin construction of 86 rental units on Homestead Dr. east of 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. Check out their homes: [www.byredwood.com](http://www.byredwood.com).

### **SHERRIF DEPARTMENT**

We are pleased to welcome Bruce Veeneman as the new school liaison officer. Officer Veeneman is replacing Rachel McDuffee. We want to say thank you to officer McDuffee for her service to our community over the past couple of years.

### **WATER & SEWER RATE CHANGES**

ZCT has not changed it's fee schedule for connecting to water and sewer utilities since 2007. We have a new rate structure that is now in place for connecting to township water and sewer. If you are anticipating connecting to township water or sewer feel free to contact our office for an estimate. Customers will also notice additional usage charges of \$0.05/1000 gallons on water bills and an increase of \$0.10/1000 gallons on sewer bills starting in January 2018.

### **SPRINGTIME SAFETY MAINTENANCE REQUEST**

Fire Chief Hunderman recommends springtime as a great time to trim trees and landscaping that could hinder fire apparatus from reaching your home. Ensure that your house number is easily visible from the road. Inside your home, change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department instituted a new Probationary Fire Program. The purpose of the program is to give both the department and potential candidates an appropriate amount of time to evaluate the suitability of the candidate before enrollment into the Fire Academy. If you are interested in applying for a position in the department, please review the information on our website. Click on "Departments & Services" > "Fire Department" > "The Department" > "Becoming a Fire Fighter".

### **WELCOME BACK...**

We are pleased to welcome back Melissa Veldheer as our Financial Director. Thank you to Kimberly Blackburn who served as our Financial Director for the past 2 years.

### **ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED \$12.50/hr.**

Are you interested in being a poll worker? The election day begins at 6:30am and ends after the polls close and paperwork is finished. Full and partial day shifts are available. Please call 772-6701 or email: [Kate.Kraak@zeelandtpw.org](mailto:Kate.Kraak@zeelandtpw.org)

### **VETERANS—HONOR REWARDS PROGRAM**

Veterans can sign up for a new program offered by Ottawa County called Honor Rewards either in person at one of the county's three clerk office locations or online at [miottawa.org](http://miottawa.org). They will receive an ID card in the mail that can be used to receive discounts at nearly 100 participating Ottawa County businesses. This program gives a tangible way to say "Thank you" to local veterans for their service.



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6582 Byron Road  
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**Supervisor,** Glenn Nykamp  
**Clerk,** Kate Kraak  
**Treasurer,** Tim Barkel  
**Trustee,** Ron Brink  
**Trustee,** Tom Oank  
**Trustee,** Chad Overweg  
**Trustee,** Mike Riemersma

**Zoning Adm.,** Don Mannes  
**Assessor,** Steve Hansen  
**Fire Chief,** Phil Hunderman  
**Sexton,** Jim Timmer

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

*Drenthe Grove Park* will be making upgrades to the infield ball diamond this fall. The park offers 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.

*VanZoeren Woods* is still in the clean-up stages. Late summer or early fall we are hoping to be able to reopen the woods for public use.

### **RENTAL FACILITIES**

*The Dozeman Center* at Drenthe Grove is an all season building that is available for rental. It seats approximately 150 people and has a refrigerator and stove. Call the Township Office (772-6701) for scheduling.

*The Community Center* is located at 2446 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. It seats approximately 70 people, has a refrigerator, a stove, and a 100 cup coffee maker available for use. The building is heated but has no air conditioning. Call the Township Office (772-6701) for scheduling.

### **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. They would also like to remind you as it warms up to pay attention as there will be more motorcycles on the road.

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**

On January 12, 2017 one of our fire trucks rolled over into an embankment due to ice covered roads. We are grateful that the three fire fighters that were in the truck at the time were able to walk away with only minor injuries. We hope to have the replacement fire truck by the end of 2017.

### **ROAD PROJECTS for 2017**

Resurfacing of the following roads:

Adams St.—88<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 48<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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Garden View Estates—Claystone Ct.

Whispering Pine Ave. & Whispering Pine Ct.

Bluff Lakes subdivision—Bluff Lake Ct. & Bluff Lake St.

Village View subdivision—Country Ln., Village Dr. & Village Ln.

Seal Coat Surfacing on the following roads:

78<sup>th</sup> Ave. north of Adams St.

72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. north of Byron Rd.

60<sup>th</sup> Ave. south of Riley St.

Felch St.—Chicago Drive to 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (Hills Only)

#### **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 Saturdays 10:00-2:00

Fire Chief Phil Hunderman

Burn permits call: 616-886-6666

Township Web Site: [zeelandtwp.org](http://zeelandtwp.org)

Email Supervisor:

[Glenn.Nykamp@zeelandtwp.org](mailto:Glenn.Nykamp@zeelandtwp.org)

## **SPRING CLEAN UP COUPON**

ZEELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

This coupon is good for dumping one pickup load of trash **free of charge** at  
**Autumn Hills Recycling and Disposal Facility**

700 – 56<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**VALID DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2017**

**\*This coupon does not include disposal of appliances or tires.\***