Fall 2017

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. 6 FIRE TRUCK PARADE DOWNTOWN HOLLAND 7PM

OCT. 6-7 PUMPKIN FEST—DOWNTOWN ZEELAND

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

If you purchased a home after June 1, 2017 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. 23 & 24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

NOV. 27 MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

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

DEC. 12 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. 25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

DEC. 29 OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON

Treasurer will be available until 5:00PM to receive property tax payments.

JAN. 1, 2018 NEW YEARS—OFFICE CLOSED

FEB. 14 FINAL DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY

2017 winter tax bills will be due on Wednesday, February 14. We will continue to receive tax payments through Wednesday, 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.

WHAT'S NEW...

RESPECTFULL 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.

SLEDDING HILL

The sledding hill is on Waste Management Property located 3/4 mile east of Autumn Hills landfill on 56th Ave. The hill will be ready for sledding by the first snow fall. Come out and enjoy the recent addition to the township.

RENTAL FACILITIES

We have 2 facilities in our township that are available to rent for anniversaries, birthday parties, bridal/baby showers, family reunions, etc. The Drenthe Grove Dozeman Center (615 - 68th Ave) and The Community Center (2446 - 64th Ave.) Both facilities rent from noon-10pm. The Community Center will be undergoing renovations during the months of January & February. During these months the building will be closed for reservations. Call the township office for availability and prices at (616) 772-6701.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Much of our assessing information and forms can be accessed from our website. Assessor Steve Hansen is available on Saturdays between 10 AM—2 PM. Residents are welcome to stop in without an appointment.

VAN ZOEREN WOODS— LIMITED ACCESS

We are happy to announce that Van Zoeren Woods is now open with limited access. We are still in the final clean up stages but the trails are open for the public to use.

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 <u>not allowed</u>.
- 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.

DRENTHE GROVE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Chicken BBQ was another big success. All but 20 of the chickens were sold! Thanks to the Drenthe Grove Committee and volunteers for all their hard work.

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).

visit us on the web at zeelandtwp.org

PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID ZEELAND, MI PERMIT NO. 47



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

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—FIRE FIGHTERS

We are accepting applications for fire fighters. Please go to our website $\underline{\text{zeelandtwp.org}}$ for more information.

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.



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 **Email Supervisor:** Glenn.Nykamp@zeelandtwp.org

FALL 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** $700 - 56^{th} \text{ Ave.}$ Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

VALID DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017

This coupon does not include disposal of appliances or tires.