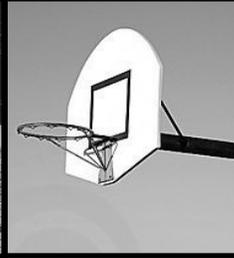


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ZEELAND TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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 8 — 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. Hudsonville also has a sinking fund millage proposal on the ballot.

Voting will take place at all 3 precincts. To find your precinct location, see if you are registered or view a sample ballot, go to 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. Check out this website for additional election information: <https://miottawa.org/Departments/CountyClerk/Elections/>.

MAY 19 — CAKES, WINGS AND OTHER THINGS 8am-noon

Shields of Hope is hosting a community day fundraiser on Saturday, May 19th, from 8am to noon at the Ottawa Executive Airport at 5923 Byron Rd., Zeeland. (See next column for more information.)

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

If you purchased a home after Nov. 1, 2017 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: zeelandtwp.org.

JULY 2 — 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 the summer tax payment until February need to contact the office with their parcel numbers every year.

JULY 9 DEADLINE for August Primary Registration

New voters must register by this date to vote in the Aug. 7 State Primary.

JULY 17-JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

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

AUG. 7 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION 7AM-8PM

Voting will take place at all 3 precincts. You may request an Absentee Ballot if you are unable to get to the polls on election day.

AUG. 18— 58th 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.

OCT. 9 DEALINE for Nov. General Election Registration

New voters must register by this date to vote in the November 6 General Election.

WHAT'S NEW...

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Zeeland Charter Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day, Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

MASTER PLAN—UPDATE

The Township has recently begun updating our five year Master Plan and we hope to have it completed by the end of this year. As we continue to grow, the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees are reviewing what changes need to be made to the Master Plan. We will be holding an open meeting later in the year where we will share information with residents along with a time for comments and suggestions. A notice for the meeting will be located on our website and in the Zeeland Record. Please feel free to call the Township office (772-6701) if you have any further questions.

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. If you would like a green reflective address sign they are available from the township for \$20. Inside your home; change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—NOW HIRING

The Fire Department is seeking new members. If you are interested, please review the information on our website. Go to www.zeelandtwp.org and click on “Departments & Services” > “Fire Department” > “The Department” > “Becoming a Fire Fighter.”

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@zeelandtwp.org.

SHERRIF DEPARTMENT

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. If you would like to request it be placed at a particular location you can contact the sheriff's department or the township office.

In the spring we typically see a rise in motorcycle accidents. Please pay attention as there will be more motorcycles on the road as it continues to get warmer.

CAKES, WINGS AND OTHER THINGS May 19, 8am-noon

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. Come out to the Ottawa Executive Airport for fun for all ages and support those affected by cancer! **All profits benefit Shields of Hope. All profits stay local in West Michigan!**



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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 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.

We are pleased to announce that *VanZoeren Woods* is open with limited access as we continue clean-up efforts. We ask that you kindly remain on the marked paths until cleanup of the downed trees is completed. Thank you.

HOWARD MILLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

HOWARD MILLER PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This year, the Howard Miller Library’s kids’ summer reading program kicks off on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 10:00 am, with a performance by the magician Tom Plunkard. After the show, children ages birth to entering the 12th grade will be able to register for the program. This year’s theme is “Libraries Rock.” Those who register are given a reading log to track the number of minutes they read during the eight-week program. Those who complete and turn in their reading logs earn rewards.

The library also offers a variety of theme-based programming throughout the summer. Some programs include: kids’ movies every Tuesday at 2:00 pm, a visit from the folks at John Ball Zoo, arts and crafts workshops for all ages, Toddler Lap Time, Preschool Storytime, and a “Silly Sensory Time.”

The summer reading program ends Saturday, August 4th with a “Finisher Party” on Monday, August 6th, with a performance by Audacious Hoops. Teens who finish have the opportunity to join us at the Lost City for a free night of laser tag and mini-golf. Check out our website for more details: www.hmpl.org.

OPEN BURNING PERMIT

Open burning is regulated by ordinance in Zeeland Charter Township.

Generally speaking, the following types of burning are allowed without a permit, provided no nuisance is created:

- Campfires and cooking fires;
- Salamanders and other construction heaters;
- Burning barrel fires

There are certain restrictions, so it is wise to check the Burning Ordinance for details.

For most other types of burning, a permit is required, and may be requested at least 24 hours in advance by calling (616) 886-6666 (If you don’t get an answer, please leave a message).

To access the Burning Ordinance, go to www.zeelandtwp.org and click on “Departments & Services” > “Fire Department” > “Open Burning.”

STREET LIGHTS OUT?

If you notice street lights that are out please contact the township office at 616-772-6701 and we will submit a request to get it fixed.

YARD WASTE

Spurt Industries will accept yard waste (including tree limbs less than 4” diameter) & cardboard. Business hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30am-4:30pm. For more information call 231-799-4890.

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

SPRING CLEAN UP COUPON
ZEELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

NAME: _____

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This coupon is good for dumping one pickup load of trash **free of charge** at **Autumn Hills Recycling and Disposal Facility**
700 – 56th 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, 2018

This coupon does not include disposal of appliances or tires.