



## 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 7 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.

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](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. Check out this website for additional election information: <https://miottawa.org/Departments/CountyClerk/Elections/>.

### MAY 18 CAKES, WINGS AND OTHER THINGS 8am-noon

Shields of Hope is hosting a community day fundraiser on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to noon at the Ottawa Executive Airport at 5923 Byron Rd., Zeeland. (See next column for more information.)

### MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY— OFFICE CLOSED

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

If you purchased a home after Nov. 1, 2018 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](http://zeelandtwp.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 the summer tax payment until February need to contact the office with their parcel numbers every year.

### JULY 4 & 5 INDEPENDENCE DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

### AUG. 17 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DRENTHÉ CHICKEN BBQ

The Drenthe Community Association invites everyone to the Annual Drenthe 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.

### SEPTEMBER 2 LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

## WHAT'S NEW...

### COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATED

The township has recently completed renovations to our Community Center located at 2446 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. Among the renovations are new restrooms, a new storage room, and new entry doors along with a new ceiling and fresh paint in the main room. Watch for new pictures on our website soon. To reserve this building for your next family gathering or event please call the township office at 616-772-6701.

### MASTER PLAN—UPDATE

As we continue to grow, the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees have been updating our five year Master Plan. A public meeting will be scheduled in June with a time for input from residents before the final draft is enacted. A notice for the meeting will be located on our website and in the Zeeland Record. Please feel free to call the Township office at 616-772-6701 if you have any further questions.

We will also be starting the process of updating our zoning ordinance this year. Some changes will be made along with making it more user friendly for online users.

### NEW TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND TRUSTEE

Tom Oonk has transitioned from a trustee to a new position as our township Manger. Tom is assisting Supervisor Nykamp in the day-to-day operations of the township office. We are also pleased to welcome our newest Trustee Jeff Salisbury. Jeff is taking the spot vacated by Tom Oonk.

### CENSUS 2020

Could you use a little extra income? Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages starting at \$14/hour that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing field-work. Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours—a perfect fit if you are looking to earn a little extra money, even if you already have other commitments. For detailed information on jobs and how to apply, go to [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

### UPPER MACATAWA NATURAL AREA

ITC will be closing the trails at Upper Macatawa Natural Area for short 3 half-day periods in early June for work on the powerlines that run through the area. Watch the website for more details.

### 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.

### PARKS & RECREATION

*VanZoeren Woods* is now fully open. We are looking forward to adding several benches, a picnic table and a portable restroom to enhance your experience at the woods in the near future.

*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.

### HOWARD MILLER LIBRARY NEWS

This year, the Howard Miller Library's Summer Reading Program, "A Universe of Stories," kicks off on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 10:00 am, with a performance by musician "BenJammin'." After the show, children ages birth to entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to register for the program. There are a number of other events to register for on that day as well. Stay tuned! Our children's librarians have scheduled many fabulous events for kids of all ages during this 8-week time period. Visit our web site at [www.hmpl.org](http://www.hmpl.org).



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### **SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

With rising temperatures the sheriff's department would like to remind residents to make sure to keep your doors locked on your vehicles, outbuildings, etc. during the overnight hours to deter theft.

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 18, 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!**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.zeelandtwp.org) and click on "Departments & Services" > "Fire Department" > "Open Burning."

### **NEW DEVELOPMENT COMING TO THE TOWNSHIP**

We are pleased to welcome Dollar General, *avid* hotel and Riley's Grove Assisted Living and Memory Care to the township. The Dollar General will be located on the southeast corner of 96th Avenue & Adams. The *avid* hotel plans on breaking ground in Park Place behind the Holland Hospital building in the next month. This 4-story hotel will consist of 92 rooms and will feature an indoor pool, upgraded bedding and high-speed internet. Riley's Grove Assisted Living and Memory Care will be a 42 unit assisted living facility. They have broken ground at 9481 Pentatech Drive near Family Fare and hope to open their doors early 2020.

#### **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

Fire Chief Phil Hunderman

Burn permits call: 616-886-6666

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

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