

Fall  
2020

# ZEELAND TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### **OCT. 2 CANCELLED- FIRE TRUCK PARADE - DOWNTOWN HOLLAND**

### **OCT. 2-3 CANCELLED - PUMPKIN FEST - DOWNTOWN ZEELAND**

### **OCT. 31 CLERK'S HOURS—9:00-5:00 PM**

The Clerk's office is open the Saturday before the election for voter registration and last-minute absentee ballots.

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

If you purchased a home after June 1, 2020 you should check if you are receiving the Principal Residents Exemption. 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](http://zeelandtwp.org) to verify your exemption.

### **NOV. 3 GENERAL ELECTION**

Polls will be open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm at all four precincts. Please take your photo ID with you to vote. Face masks are strongly encouraged. No campaigning (including political signs or clothing) within 100 ft. of a precinct.

### **NOV. 26 & 27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

### **NOV. 30 MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING**

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

### **DEC. 15 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. 30, 8:30AM-5:00PM TREASURER'S HOURS**

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

### **DEC. 31-JAN. 1, 2021 NEW YEARS—OFFICE CLOSED**

There is a drop box at the township hall to drop off your tax payment over the holiday.

### **FEB. 16, 2021 FINAL DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY**

2020 winter tax bills will be due on Tuesday, February 16. We will continue to receive tax payments through Monday, March 1st; late payments include a 3% late fee. After March 1, 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 2, 2021 TAXES TO BE PAID AT THE COUNTY**

As of March 2, 2021 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. Fall leaves can be disposed of free of charge, in a dumpster at Autumn Hills Recycling. Please remove the leaves from plastic bags. You can dispose of your plastic bags in a nearby container. Burning leaves on the ground in your yard is 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**

Most election questions can be answered at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). Visit the website to register to vote, confirm your registration, find your precinct, view a sample ballot, and track your absentee ballot status.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** - Several special interest groups have recently sent out absentee ballot applications. If you have already returned an application for the November election, there is no need to fill out another one.

Absentee ballots can be returned at any time until election night at 8:00 pm. Ballots remain sealed and secured until election day. If you make an error on your ballot, please return it to be spoiled and reissued. Already returned ballots can also be spoiled and reissued, if necessary. You are able to surrender your absentee ballot at the precinct on election day if you decide to vote in person.

A voter may request to be put on an automatic application list (also known as the permanent absentee list). If you are on this list you will automatically be sent an absent voter application before EACH election. If you choose to vote absentee, you will need to fill out the application and return to receive a ballot. If you don't, you will not receive a mailed ballot and will need to vote in the precinct on election day.

### **BUILDING & ZONING**

Effective June 15th, 2020 Zeeland Charter Township has contracted with Professional Code Inspections of Michigan Inc. (PCI) for Building Code Administration and Enforcement, and Zoning Administration. PCI's Jenison office is located at 1913 Baldwin St., Jenison. Operating hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. They can be found online at [pcimi.com](http://pcimi.com). Electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits are still being handled in the township office.

**PCI holds office hours at the Zeeland Charter Township office 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays to answer any building code or zoning questions.** Inspectors and Zoning Administrators are also available for phone calls during regular business hours and meetings by appointment outside of scheduled office hours. **To schedule inspections or apply for permits, call (616)667-8803.**

### **ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

Assessor, Steve Hansen is available on Tuesday's & Thursday's between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Residents are welcome to stop in or call him during these hours.

visit us on the web at [zeelandtwp.org](http://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,** Melissa Veldheer  
**Trustee,** Jeff Salisbury  
**Trustee,** Ron Brink  
**Trustee,** Chad Overweg  
**Trustee,** Mike Riemersma

**Manager,** Tom Oonk  
**Building & Zoning Adm.,** Kirk Scharphorn Jr - PCI  
**Assessor,** Steve Hansen  
**Fire Chief,** Phil Hunderman

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**Van Zoeren Woods** This 34 acre parcel of land lies along side of the Expressway at the corner of 56th Ave & Riley St. The park has crushed aggregate walking paths, several benches, and a portable restroom to enhance your experience at the woods. Van Zoeren will see some logging this winter and additional walking path construction is planned for spring/summer of 2021.

**Drenthe Community Grove** The Township is adding three pickle ball courts for recreation enjoyment at the Grove. The courts will be in built in the current location of the sand volleyball court. The volleyball court will then be re-located closer to the picnic shelter. Construction should be completed this fall.

**Sledding Hill** 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.

**64TH AVE BIKE PATH**

The bike path slated to be constructed this summer on 64th Ave. between Byron Rd. and Prairie Winds has been delayed until Spring 2021.

**RETIREMENT OF VIV ZWYGHUIZEN**

Many of you know Viv from her 30+ years of working in the ZCT office. Viv officially retired at the end of June. Join us in thanking her for all her years of service to the township!

**FLOWER DONATION**

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

**RESPECTFUL FLAG DISPOSAL**

There is a box in the Township office lobby for you to dispose of your old American Flags. The Daughters of the American Revolution will then take the flags for a proper disposal.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Drone** - The department has obtained an unmanned drone through the generosity of donated funds. The drone has thermal imaging capabilities and a 30x zoom camera. It can carry up to 9 lbs, including a life jacket or other life saving devices. The dept. now has more than a dozen firefighters who have become FAA certified UAV pilots. We've had the opportunity to use the drone here in ZCT and also assist other local departments with search efforts. You may have even seen it flying around the Township during training.

**Fire Fighters** - We are now accepting applications for fire fighters. Please go to our website [zeelandtpw.org](http://zeelandtpw.org) for more information.

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

**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.

**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 9:00-2:00

Fire Chief Phil Hunderman  
Burn permits call: 616-886-6666

Township Web Site: [zeelandtpw.org](http://zeelandtpw.org)  
Email:  
[info@zeelandtpw.org](mailto:info@zeelandtpw.org)