



## 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 4 SCHOOL ELECTION 7am — 8pm

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

Zeeland Public Schools also has an additional bonding proposal (to borrow the sum of not to exceed \$75,000,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings; and acquiring, preparing, equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds, playfields, athletic fields and facilities and sites). Visit [zps.org](http://zps.org) for more information.

Voting will take place in all four 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 Township office. Voters may request absentee voter ballots in person until 4:00 pm on Election Day. Absentee voter ballots can be submitted until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Zeeland Township Office, 6582 Byron Road.

### MAY 24 MEMORIAL DAY— OFFICE CLOSED

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

If you purchased a home after Nov. 1, 2020 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 their summer tax payment until winter need to complete a form for each parcel number every year.* Forms are available in the office.

### JULY 5 INDEPENDENCE DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

### AUG. 21 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DRENTHÉ BBQ

The Drenthe Community Association is hoping to hold a community event this year. Plans are not yet confirmed, due to the ongoing pandemic. Stay tuned to the website ([www.zeelandtpw.org](http://www.zeelandtpw.org)) for more information as summer approaches.

### SEPT. 6 LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

### SEPT. 14 SUMMER TAXES DUE

## WHAT'S NEW...

### 64TH AVE BIKE PATH

Construction for the 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bike path between Byron Rd. & Prairie Winds will begin this spring/summer. The contract for construction was

awarded to Curt DeJonge Excavating, who provided the low bid for the project.

### M-231 BYPASS UPDATE

In an effort to reduce tax-payer burden in the event MDOT decides to move forward with Phase II of the M-231 Bypass (linking Lake Michigan Drive to U.S.-31, Chicago Dr., and M-196). The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners acquired approximately 31 acres of vacant land along I-196 in Zeeland Charter Township to provide space for a future interchange. According to MDOT, this would be the ideal location for M-231 and I-196 to meet considering current development patterns.

At this time, all maps of the potential route are based on conceptual modeling from MDOT. The maps **do not** reflect a final planned path for the route, but rather a rough estimate of the general direction of the route. It is recommended all parties with land interests within the general area of the proposed route take the potential development of the highway into consideration.

MDOT has not informed Ottawa County of its intentions for the Phase II project, or of any potential timeline. For additional information, including conceptual map routes please visit [https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Planning/land\\_use](https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Planning/land_use).

### SPRING/SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

The Road Committee approved improvements to 80th Ave, from Felch St. to Chicago Dr., to be built up with gravel. Paving is scheduled for 2022.

Resurfacing projects: Settlers Grove (Community Ln., Groveside Dr., Midgrove Dr., Settlement Ln.), Logistics Drive (from Chicago Dr. to 708 ft East of Empire Dr.) and Empire Drive.

### 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 saw some logging this winter on the western part of the park to prepare for additional trail development. Minimal walking path construction is planned for spring/summer of 2021. We have applied for grant money to assist with parking lot, lighting, bathroom, signage, and pathway improvements. Depending on the grant award, this work would occur in 2022.

**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.

The Pickleball courts are scheduled to be completed this spring. We will also be resurfacing the tennis courts and parking lot this year.

### RENTAL FACILITIES

The Township has two rental facilities available for your next event.

- The Drenthe Grove Dozeman Center, located at 615 68th Ave.
- The Community Center, located at 2446 64th Ave.

You can find more information on our website at



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**Assessor**, Steve Hansen  
**Fire Chief**, Phil Hunderman  
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[www.zeelandtwp.org](http://www.zeelandtwp.org)>Departments & Services> Rental Facilities. To make a reservation contact the office at (616)772-6701.

**NEW SIDEWALKS & PATH ORDINANCE**

Due to increasing concerns with golf carts operating on bike paths in the Township, the Board recently passed a new ordinance prohibiting the use of a Motor Vehicle, Snowmobile, or Motorcycle upon any Side-walk or Path within the Township except to enter or leave adjacent property. To read the complete ordinance please go to [www.zeelandtwp.org](http://www.zeelandtwp.org) and click on Ordinances > Sidewalks & Path Ordinance

**SHERIFF 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.

**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.

**YARD WASTE**

Please be advised that Spurt Industries is no longer in operation and Autumn Hills will not be able to accept your yard waste.

**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."

**PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES**

Have you been wondering what the old school bus and cars are doing behind the Public Safety Building? Over the last year we have developed a site for our fire fighters and first responders to train in vehicle and machinery rescue extrication.

Thanks to the generous donations of local businesses the Fire Department has purchased two Lucas Automated CPR Devices to aid in cardiac arrest emergencies.

The Fire Department has also put into service a DNR donated UTV with tracks to reach victims in normally inaccessible terrain, such as the Upper Macatawa trails.

**Zeeland Township Office**  
6582 Byron Road  
Zeeland, MI 49464  
616-772-6701

**Hours:**  
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30-5:00  
Wed. & Fri. 8:30 - 12:00

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

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Email Supervisor: [tom.oonk@zeelandtwp.org](mailto:tom.oonk@zeelandtwp.org)