



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**OCT. 1-2 PUMPKIN FEST - DOWNTOWN ZEELAND**

**OCT. 29 DOWNTOWN ZEELAND TRICK OR TREAT**

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

If you purchased a home after June 1, 2021 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. 25 & 26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

**NOV. 29 MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING**

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

**DEC. 14 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The December Board of Review meets to correct "qualified errors" and to consider appeals related to P.R.E.s, qualified agricultural exemptions and poverty exemptions. The December board cannot hear appeals of assessment.

**DEC. 23-24 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

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

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

**DEC. 31 NEW YEARS EVE—OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**FEB. 14, 2022 FINAL DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY**

2021 winter tax bills will be due on Monday, February 14. We will continue to receive tax payments through Monday, February 28th; late payments include a 3% late fee. After Monday, February 28th, 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 1, 2022 TAXES TO BE PAID AT THE COUNTY**

As of March 1, 2022 all delinquent tax bills will need to be paid to the Ottawa County Treasurers office. Please call (616)994-4501 for amount due.

### 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 two 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.

## WHAT'S NEW...

### CEMETERY REMINDERS

The Township has four active cemeteries within its boundaries. The following three are managed by Zeeland Township:

**East Drenthe Cemetery** is located on 60th Ave, south of Adams St.

**West Drenthe Cemetery** is located on the northeast corner of 78th Ave. & Adams St.

**Vriesland Cemetery** is located on 72nd Ave., 1/2 mile south of Riley St.

**Beaverdam Cemetery** is located on Ransom St., 1/4 mile east of 64th Ave., and is owned and operated by Beaverdam Reformed Church.

Please remember that artificial flowers are not permitted. Per Township ordinance, we also reserve the right to remove any displays, containers or other sources of maintenance problems.

### BUILDING & ZONING

The Township continues to grow in both residential and commercial/industrial developments.

- The Township will soon welcome a new Taco Bell restaurant on Westpark Way, located by the Avid Hotel.

- A new residential subdivision, Harvest Fields, is currently under construction on 96th Ave, across from Zeeland East High School.

### PARKS & RECREATION

**New playground coming to the Community Center!**

We are excited to announce the addition of a new playground next to the Community Center (2446 64th Ave) that will be open to the community. Please come with your children and enjoy!

**Drenthe Community Grove** The new pickle ball court at the Drenthe Grove is now complete. Thanks for your patience as this project took longer than expected. We also replaced the south tennis court this summer.

**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.

**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

After some delays due to the pandemic the new bike path on 64th Ave. between Byron Rd. and Prairie Winds is finally under construction and will be completed this fall.

### BYRON RD. BRIDGE UPDATE

The bridge on Byron Rd., by 76th Ave. is closed for repair until the middle of November. We apologize for the short term inconvenience, but are grateful it is being fixed so the weight restrictions can be removed.

visit us on the web at [zeelandtwp.org](http://zeelandtwp.org)



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**Trustee**, Jeff Salisbury  
**Trustee**, Ron Brink  
**Trustee**, Kerri J. Bosma  
**Trustee**, Mike Riemersma

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

### **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.

### **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**

The Fire Department continues to see an increase in call volume for service. To date call volume is up 20% from last year.

We are happy to announce we have recently hired Gerrit Gritters as a full-time Firefighter/EMT to perform daily department duties as well as respond to medical and fire issues.

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

Burn permits - are available 24 hours in advance by emailing [burnpermits@zeelandtp.org](mailto:burnpermits@zeelandtp.org) or calling 616-772-6701. Permits will not be issued to burn leaves.

Hydrants, Driveways & 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. It's also important to keep your driveways clear of trees and branches as the Fire Dept. needs extra room for large apparatus.

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.

### **BUILDING RENTALS**

Zeeland Charter Township has two rental facilities: Drenthe Community Grove Dozeman Center (615 68th Ave), and the Community Center (2446 64th Ave). Rental times for both facilities are from 12:00 noon until 10:00 pm. No alcoholic beverages, no smoking and no excessive noise are allowed. To inquire about availability and rates, please call the Township Office at 772-6701.

#### **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 10:00-2:00

Fire Chief Phil Hunderman

Burn permits call: 616-772-6701 or email  
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