



CALENDAR of EVENTS

MAY 3 **SCHOOL ELECTION 7am – 8pm**

The May election features a number of proposals for your consideration.

1. 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.
2. Zeeland Public Schools also has a public recreation millage renewal proposal on the ballot for .3936 mills.
3. Zeeland Charter Township is proposing a 30 yr. non-exclusive electric franchise agreement with the Zeeland Board of Public Works.
4. Zeeland Charter Township is asking for a four year 1 mill Fire Department compensation millage to provide funds for the compensation of volunteer firefighters.

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 or visit the Township office. Voters may request absentee voter ballots in person until 4:00 pm on May 2nd. Absentee voter ballots can be submitted until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Zeeland Township Office, 6582 Byron Road.

MAY 30 **MEMORIAL DAY— OFFICE CLOSED**

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

If you purchased a home after Nov. 1, 2021 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 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 and must be submitted by Sept. 14.

JULY 1 & 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

AUG. 2 **PRIMARY ELECTION**

AUG. 20 **63rd ANNUAL DRENTHÉ BBQ**

The Drenthé Community Association invites everyone to the Annual Drenthé Grove BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 20. Dinner will be catered by Beechwood Inn and will 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 ahead of time at the township office or at the BBQ the day of the event. Volunteers needed! Call (616)772-6701.

SEPT. 5 **LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

SEPT. 14 **SUMMER TAXES DUE**

WHAT'S NEW...

NEW ASSESSOR, TYLER TACOMA

We are excited to introduce Tyler Tacoma as the new Township Assessor. Tyler is replacing Steve Hansen, who retired at the end of January after 30+ years with the Township. Tyler, or his assistant Cheryl, will hold office hours on Tuesday and Thursdays, from 10 am - 2 pm.

The Assessing office will be out making site visits to all building permits, and 20% of the parcels in the Township this year.

SEWER FORCE MAIN PROJECT & PUMP STATION UPGRADE

Pump Station 29 (Adams St. & 84th Ave.) is in the process of being upgraded, and a new force main is being constructed to add capacity to our sewer system. The new force main will run from Adams St., north on 84th Ave., west on Gordon St., north on 88th Ave. to Business Loop I-196 to the Zeeland Clean Water Plant. This work will cause some lane and road closures along the route during construction.

SPRING/SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

The Road Committee approved the following resurfacing projects for 2022: Homestead Dr., Land Ln, Maple Ln., Sun Pl (Gordon St. to roundabout), Whispering Pine Ave. & Whispering Pine Ct.

QUINCY ST. BIKE PATH

A new bike path will be constructed on Quincy St. this year, between 96th Ave. & 88th. Ave. The Township received funding from the state through CMAQ to help pay for this project.

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 improvements this year including a new sign, a paved parking lot & lighting, a picnic shelter & tables as well as some new trails on the west side of the property.

Drenthé Grove Park offers playground equipment, a ball field, a beach volleyball court, 2 tennis courts, 2 pickleball 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 Grove parking lot is schedule to be resurfaced this year, and a new sign will be installed at the entrance on Adams St.

RENTAL FACILITIES

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

- The Drenthé 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 www.zeelandtwp.org>Departments & Services> Rental Facilities. To make a reservation contact the office at (616)772-6701.

NEW SIDEWALKS & PATH ORDINANCE

As a reminder, last year the Board of Trustees passed a new ordinance prohibiting the use of a Motor Vehicle, Snowmobile, or Motorcycle upon



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Trustee, Chad Overweg
Trustee, Mike Riemersma
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Trustee, Kerri Bosma

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Assessor, Tyler Tacoma
Fire Chief, Phil Hunderman
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any Sidewalk or Path within the Township except to enter or leave adjacent property. The ordinance also addresses the prohibition of debris/grass/snow left on any sidewalk or path. To read the complete ordinance please go to 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 and click on "Departments & Services" > "Fire Department" > "Open Burning."

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

Two new emergency warning sirens will be installed in the Township this year. The sirens will be located at the Public Safety Building on Byron Rd. and the Drenthe Grove Park off Adams St.

Zeeland Township Office
6582 Byron Road
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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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