



CALENDAR of EVENTS

OCT. 26 TRICK OR TREAT - ZCT PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG 5-8 PM

OCT. 31 DOWNTOWN ZEELAND TRICK OR TREAT

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

If you purchased a home after June 1, 2024 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 to verify your exemption.

NOV. 5 GENERAL ELECTION

Voting will take place in all four precincts from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. 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 Nov. 4th. Absentee voter ballots can be submitted until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Zeeland Township Office, 6582 Byron Road. There will be four early voting sites open throughout Ottawa County for the General election.

Visit <https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/CountyClerk/Elections/early-voting.htm> for locations and times.

NOV. 28 & 29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

DEC. 10 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 Monday, December 30 to receive property tax payments. *There is a drop box at the township hall to drop off your tax payment over the holiday.*

DEC. 31 & JAN. 1 NEW YEAR HOLIDAY - CLOSED

FEB. 14, 2025 FINAL DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY

2024 winter tax bills will be due on Friday, February 14. We will continue to receive tax payments through Friday, February 28th; late payments include a 3% late fee. After Friday, 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, 2025 TAXES TO BE PAID AT THE COUNTY

As of March 1, 2025 all delinquent tax bills will need to be paid to the Ottawa County Treasurers office. Please call (616)994-4501 for amount due.

NEW TOWNSHIP MANAGER

We are excited to introduce Josh Eggleston as Zeeland Township’s first full-time Township Manager! Josh resides in the Township with his wife and four daughters. He has worked in municipal gov’t for the majority of his career, most recently with the City of Wayland for 6 years as City Manager.

WHAT’S NEW...

As the Township continues to grow and the issues we encounter become more complex the Board of Trustees felt it was time for someone to oversee the day to day operations of the Township full-time. This staff position will also help bring continuity in leadership with turnover in elected officials.

ZEELAND TOWNSHIP DEPUTY

Welcome to our newest Township Deputy, Ben Norris, from the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office!

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.

ZEELAND TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

Thanks to everyone that came out to The Township’s second annual Community Day at the Drenthe Grove! It was a beautiful afternoon and evening filled with food trucks, Critter Barn and free ice cream from our friends at Mooville, along with representatives from the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Dept., ZCT Fire Dept., Ottawa County Dive team and more! *Mark your calendar for next year’s event on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025!*

PARKS & RECREATION

Drenthe Community Grove 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 Dozeman Center is available to rent by calling the Township office.

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 and natural walking paths, several benches, and a portable restroom to enhance your experience at the woods.

Head out to Van Zoeren Woods to walk our newly expanded trails and bridges!

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Assessing Dept. is staffed on Tuesday’s & Thursday’s between 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Residents are welcome to stop in or call during these hours. The Assessing staff is also continuing their annual “20% Review” process, whereby they visit each property in the township, on-site, every 5 years (917 visits in 2024).

NEW BIKE PATH

The Township is beginning construction of a new bike path running from 76th Ave to Perry St. over to 74th Ave. connectiong at Adams Street. The boardwalks will be constructed this fall, with the bulk of construction next Spring.

visit us on the web at zeelandtwp.org

ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor, Tom Oank
Clerk, Kate Kraak
Treasurer, Melissa Veldheer
Trustee, Jeff Salisbury
Trustee, Ron Brink
Trustee, Kerri J. Bosma
Trustee, Mike Riemersma

Manager, Josh Eggleston
Building & Zoning Adm., Kirk Scharphorn Jr - PCI
Assessor, Tyler Tacoma
Fire Chief, Brock Bruce

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 Christian 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 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.

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 pick up the flags for a proper disposal.

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: Brock Bruce

Burn permits call: 616-886-6666 or email
burnpermits@zeelandtpw.org

Township Web Site: www.zeelandtpw.org

Email: info@zeelandtpw.org

SHERIFF'S 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 please contact the Township office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAVE THE DATE! The Public Safety Building, located at 6522 Byron Rd., will be hosting a Trick or Treat event on Saturday, October 26th from 5-8 pm. Bring your family for some fun and treats. No tricks, we promise.

Burn permits - are available 24 hours in advance by visiting our website at www.zeelandtpwfire.com or calling 616-886-6666. Permits will not be issued to burn leaves.

Smoke & CO Detector Safety: Remember to change the batteries annually, test them monthly, and keep them free of dust and debris. If you need assistance with your detectors or require the installation of smoke alarms or CO alarms in your home please email chief@zctfd.org or call 616-886-6666 to schedule an appointment.

Hydrants, Driveways & Addresses—Just a reminder to keep your hydrants clear and your addresses visible throughout the winter so that emergency workers can easily find your home and access the hydrants.

We also have green reflective address signs available in the Township 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.