



CALENDAR of EVENTS

MAY 7 SCHOOL ELECTION 7am – 8pm

Both Zeeland and Hudsonville Public Schools have proposals for an operational millage renewal.

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 6th. Absentee voter ballots can be submitted until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Zeeland Township Office, 6582 Byron Road. There will not be early voting for the school election.

MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY— OFFICE CLOSED

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

If you purchased a home after Nov. 1, 2023 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. 16.

JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

AUGUST 6 PRIMARY ELECTION 7am—8 pm

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 Aug. 5th. 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 Primary election. Visit <https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/CountyClerk/Elections/early-voting.htm> for locations and times.

AUG. 14 ZEELAND TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

Mark your calendar for Zeeland Township's Second annual Community Day, on *Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 4-7 pm at the Drenthe Grove*. Join us for a fun night of FREE ice cream provided by Mooville, Food trucks, Critter Barn, ZCT Fire Department, Ottawa County Sheriff's Dept and more!

SEPT. 2 LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

SEPT. 16 SUMMER TAXES DUE

ASSESSING

Office hours are held on Tuesday and Thursdays, from 9 am - 2 pm.

The Assessor's office will be out in the community again this year visiting another 20% of our properties, as the State Tax Commission recommends this be done on an annual basis. They will also continue making appraisal visits at all of the building permits that are issued through the township.

WHAT'S NEW...

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

MDOT is investing approximately \$17 million to rebuild 4.5 miles of eastbound and westbound I-196 Business Loop (BL) from US-31 in Holland to 88th Avenue in Zeeland. Work includes asphalt resurfacing, full-depth concrete joint repairs, new signs, traffic signal work, crosswalk safety improvements, and new guardrail.

Traffic impacts

- Eastbound I-196 BL will be closed and detoured from April to August.
- Westbound I-196 BL will close from August to November.
- Traffic will be detoured to 16th Street/Adams Street.
- Short-term closures will be in effect on side streets during intersection reconstruction.
- Access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

EMERGENCY SIREN INSTALLATION

The Township has recently completed installation of two new emergency sirens on Pleasant St. and 76th Ave. & Perry Street. These new sirens are in addition to the current sirens located at the Public Safety Building on Byron Rd., Fire Station #2 in Beaverdam, and the Drenthe Grove. The township now has sirens covering the majority of our residential areas. Siren tests are conducted the first Friday of the month at 12:00 pm, April through October.

TOWN HALL REMODEL

If you've driven by or stopped in at the Town Hall you've noticed we've been getting a facelift. The last few months we have been working to create a secure entrance, refresh the paint and floors, as well as install new office furniture to meet our changing needs. Stop by and check it out!

ELECTION UPDATES

Please visit the Ottawa County Elections page at <https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/CountyClerk/Elections/> for information on election security, early voting locations and times, as well as elections results.

If you're interested in becoming an election worker, please stop by the office for an application. We'd love to talk to you.

As a result the 2022 election law changes you may now request to be put on the permanent ballot list. Once on the list, you will receive an absentee ballot by mail for ALL future elections. If you plan to be absent from your residential address during the time your ballot will arrive, please call the township clerk to supply your temporary address. Election mail is not forwarded by the post office.

If you no longer wish to receive to automatically receive an absentee ballot by mail, please contact the township clerk to be removed from the permanent ballot list.

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 & picnic tables, and a portable restroom to enhance your experience at the woods.

The Township Board recently approved the addition of two wooden pathways over the ravines in Van Zoeren, which will be installed this Spring.



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

Zoning Adm., Kirk Scharphorn Jr., PCI
Assessor, Tyler Tacoma
Fire Chief, Brock Bruce
Sexton, John Timmer

Drenthe Grove Park - offers playground equipment, a ball field, 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.

CEMETERY UPDATES

The Township recently purchased seven additional acres behind Vriesland Cemetery to allow for future expansion.

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

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

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 you can contact the sheriff's department or the township office.

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office provides free vacation security checks to its citizens who will be away from their homes, businesses, or other facilities for a period of time. You can sign up for this service on the Sheriff's Office website.

SPRINGTIME SAFETY MAINTENANCE REQUEST

Fire Chief Bruce 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.

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. Permit should be requested at least 24 hours in advance by calling 616-886-6666 (If you don't get an answer, please leave a message).

access the Burning Ordinance, go to www.zeelandtp.org and click on "Departments & Services" > "Fire Department" > "Open Burning."

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Hours:
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30-5:00
Wed. & Fri. 8:30-12:00
Fire Chief Brock Bruce
Burn permits call: (616)886-6666
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