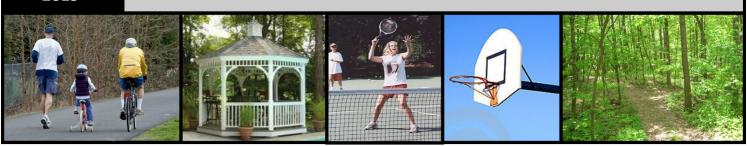
Fall 2019

ZEELAND TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR of EVENTS

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Use the coupon to dispose of one load of trash free of charge at Autumn Hills landfill. One coupon per household; residential use only.

OCT. 5 FIRE TRUCK PARADE DOWNTOWN HOLLAND 7PM

OCT. 4-5 PUMPKIN FEST—DOWNTOWN ZEELAND

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

If you purchased a home after June 1, 2019 you should check if you are receiving the **P**rincipal **R**esidents **E**xemption. 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 HUDSONVILLE SCHOOL ELECTION

Voting is for residents in Hudsonville School District only, and will take place at the new Precinct 4, which is the Community Center. Polls will be open 7:00 am - 8:00 pm. Please take your photo ID with you to vote.

NOV. 28 & 29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

DEC. 2 MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

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

DEC. 11 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.

DEC. 31-JAN. 1, 2020 NEW YEARS—OFFICE CLOSED

There is a drop box beside the township hall's front door to drop off your tax payment over the holiday.

FEB. 14, 2020 FINAL DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY

2019 winter tax bills will be due on Friday, February 14. We will continue to receive tax payments through Monday, March 2nd; late payments include a 3% late fee. After March 2 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 3, 2020 TAXES TO BE PAID AT THE COUNTY

As of March 3, 2020 all delinquent tax bills will need to be paid to the Ottawa County Treasurers office. Please call (616)994-4501 for amount due.

WHAT'S NEW...

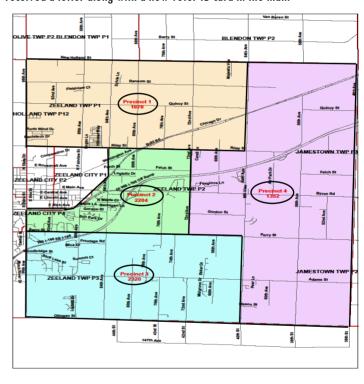
FALL CLEANUP

- 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 <u>not allowed</u>.
- 3. The township provides 2 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.

ELECTION INFORMATION

NEW PRECINCT AND VOTING LOCATION!

As the township has grown, we are in need of an additional precinct. The township's 4th precinct will be located at our Community Center at 2446 64th Avenue. Below is a map showing the new boundaries. Please review the map carefully, as the precinct you vote at may have changed! If you are on a West/East boundary street, only the East side of the street will be in the 4th precinct. If you are in a new precinct, you should also have received a letter along with a new Voter ID card in the mail.



HUDSONVILLE SCHOOL ELECTION — NOVEMBER 5

Hudsonville Public Schools will have a bonding proposal on the ballot this November. This election will only affect Hudsonville School District voters. All these voters are now located in the new precinct 4, and will be voting at the Community Center.

NEW TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Tim Barkel stepped down as Treasurer in July. The Board of Trustees has appointed Melissa Veldheer as the new Township Treasurer. Melissa was working for the Township as Finance Director prior to accepting this position. Welcome, Melissa!

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6582 Byron Road Zeeland, MI 49464

Supervisor, Glenn Nykamp Clerk, Kate Kraak Treasurer, Melissa Veldheer Trustee, Jeff Salisbury Trustee, Ron Brink Trustee, Chad Overweg Trustee, Mike Riemersma

Manager, Tom Oonk
Building & Zoning Adm., Don Mannes
Assessor, Steve Hansen
Fire Chief. Phil Hunderman

PARKS & RECREATION

Come out and enjoy **Van Zoeren Woods**. This 34 acre parcel of land lies along side of the Expressway at the corner of 56th Ave & Riley St. This piece of land is unique in its timbered, gullied, wild flower resources. The Township has added crushed aggregate walking paths, several benches, and a portable restroom to enhance your experience at the woods.

Drenthe Community Grove The Township recently built new outdoor restrooms and made some cosmetic improvements to the outside of the Dozeman Center. The building seats approximately 150 people, has a refrigerator and stove, and is available for rent year round. Call the Township Office (772-6701) to schedule a reservation.

Drenthe Grove Association

The Annual Chicken BBQ was another big success. We had beautiful weather to enjoy ball games, fire trucks, fellowship and good food. Thanks to the Drenthe Grove Committee and volunteers for all their hard work!

A wall of history has been added inside the Dozeman Center, with pictures and Grove memories dating back to the 1930's. If you have anything that would be of interest to add to the collection, please contact the Township office (772-6701).

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.

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 8:30-noon

Fire Chief Phil Hunderman Burn permits call: 616-886-6666 Township Web Site: zeelandtwp.org Email: info@zeelandtwp.org

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center located at 2446 64th Ave. has recently undergone renovations as well - including new bathrooms, paint, flooring, and air conditioning. The building seats approximately 80 people and is available for rent by calling the Township office at 772-6701.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Much of our assessing information and forms can be accessed from our website: zeelandtwp.org. Assessor Steve Hansen is available on Tuesday's and Thursday's between 8:30 AM—12 PM. Residents are welcome to stop in without an appointment.

FLOWER DONATION

We would again like to thank Outback Greenhouse for the donation of beautiful flowers for the corner in downtown Drenthe.

RESPECTFUL FLAG DISPOSAL

We now have a box in our lobby for you to put your old American Flags. The Daughters of the American Revolution will then take the flags for a proper disposal.

ZCT COMMUNITY POLICING

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. You can also request *Home Security Checks* while you are away on vacation. Request online (see link for "Home Security Check Request Form") or call the Township Office (772-6701).

FIRE DEPARTMENT—FIRE FIGHTERS

We are now accepting applications for fire fighters. Please go to our website <u>zeelandtwp.org</u> for more information.