



# Township News

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## Summer Edition 2019



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### You May Need to Know...

#### Rules for Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Starts on July 8.

Know which day of the week you're slated for pick-up (Check the [map](#) on the [recycle page](#) or call the Township.)

- **No black plastic bags.** Use boxes or heavy duty clear plastic bags for smaller items
- If you think you've been missed, call the Township right away, NOT Republic Services customer service.
- Be sure to have it out the night before; they start picking up between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.
- Please keep items to 4ft - 8ft maximum size
- Items must be able to be picked up by 2 people
- No more than 3.5 cubic yards total per pick up. (A cubic yard is about the size of a box that a dishwasher or dryer would come in.)
- If you have more, please save it for the October pick up or contact a commercial garbage service for a large bin.
- It's a good idea to put recyclable metal where it can be easily found and picked up.
- Look for more details on what can be set out, on the Township's website. If you set out items that can't be picked up you will need to take them to a transfer station, hire a junk hauler, or rent a large dumpster to dispose of them.

**NO YARD WASTE, TIRES, PAINT/CHEMICALS, NEEDLES OR HAZARDOUS WASTE** - Contact the County Household Hazardous Waste Center [www.kalcounty.com/hhw](http://www.kalcounty.com/hhw) or 373-5211 for disposal information.



**RECYCLE not TRASH**

**WE COLLECT:**  
**OLD ELECTRONICS, TVs, VIDEO GAMES & COMPUTERS**

Visit: [kalcounty.com/hhw](http://kalcounty.com/hhw) or Call: **373-5211**  
for detailed materials accepted and FREE recycling participation areas.

HOURS: Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Wed. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. • 2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (closed in Aug. & Sept. on Sat.)  
1301 Lamont Ave. - Next to Fairgrounds

household hazardous WASTE

## What to do with your old electronics

It's important to recycle televisions and other electronic devices (e-waste) at the Household Hazardous Waste Center instead of placing it at the curb for bulk trash pickup. Items placed at the curb for bulk trash pickup end up in a landfill. There's potential for leaching of lead and mercury found in old televisions and laptop screens into groundwater. Residents and businesses in Kalamazoo County rely solely upon groundwater for their water supply. Lead and mercury are only two of the many known toxic substances found in electronics. Don't be shy about asking a friend or neighbor to help you take your electronics in. You may inspire them to take some of their used electronics in too and after all it's their water too.

## What the Ordinance Officer would like you to know:

- Parking is not allowed on lawns. The lawn would be considered the front and side setback areas of your property. Parking is allowed in most rights-of-way for licensed operable vehicles and of course in driveways and garages.
- Grass should be cut before reaching eight inches in height.
- Sidewalks should be kept clear of obstructions, that includes overhanging bushes.
- Trash should be put in trash receptacles, not left in yards or along the road.

The ordinance officer is responsible for enforcing ordinances that have been passed, with input from residents, to keep the Township an attractive and safe place to live and do business. Learn more on our website under [Community > Ordinance Enforcement](#) page of our website.

## What's Happening in Your Community

### Eastwood Block Party

Join local organizations, representatives, law enforcement and health services for a free & fun-filled neighborhood party! Saturday, August 24, 2019, Wilson Recreation Park from 12-4 pm, 2260 Coy Ave. (between Gayle and Lum Streets) For more information inquire at [EastwoodBlockParty24@gmail.com](mailto:EastwoodBlockParty24@gmail.com)



The Eastwood Neighborhood Association will resume meetings in the fall. For more information contact Rosemary at (269) 345-3589 or email [rknex1427@gmail.com](mailto:rknex1427@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook - [Eastwood Community Association](#)

### Westwood Neighborhood

Exciting things are happening in Westwood! We are enjoying Farmers Markets the second Friday of each month through September. Over 25 vendors offer their products at Hope Church on Jenks Blvd for this fun event that features live music plus activities for the kids.

The Association is growing our neighborhood safety program with events to reduce residential crime as well as address speeding on our streets. We are happily promoting the Neighborhood smart phone app by Ring. This looks to be the "neighborhood watch of the 21<sup>st</sup> century".

Thousands will be enjoying the Annual Westwood Firefighters Ice Cream Social on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the fire station on Nichols road. Activities fill the parking lot with entertainment for all ages – PLUS lots of door prizes!

Stroud Family Park is blossoming with activity all summer long with the playground being a favorite with the youngest, the tennis courts being used by the active sector while the picnic area continues to be popular for neighbors of all ages.

To see what your Neighborhood Association is doing and a meeting schedule, go to: [www.westwoodkzoo.com](http://www.westwoodkzoo.com)

### Northwood Neighborhood

MEET UP and EAT UP at Northwood Elementary, 600 Edison St. Free breakfasts and lunches for kids 18 and under. Find more information and other locations at <https://www.kresa.org/meetup>

## Lakewood Neighborhood

Lakewood is home to the Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairground. The fair, August 6-10, is a great place to take your family to see and learn about farm animals, enjoy family entertainment and eat that fair food. Learn more about the fair and other events at the Expo Center on their website <https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/expo/>

## Great News from our Grand Prairie Golf Course

After 10 years away, PGA Professional, Jim Roschek is back in Kalamazoo – sharing his experience and expertise on the greens of Grand Prairie Golf Course, a nine-hole executive course owned by Kalamazoo Township. More information under [News and Alerts](#) or the [Parks page](#) on our website.



## Communications from the Office

### From the Treasurer's Office

2019 Summer taxes are mailed by July 1 and due in the office in the drop box, online, through mail or in person on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Note, we do not go by postmark. Beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> 1% interest per month will be charged on unpaid taxes.

Deferment of your summer property taxes for eligible homeowners (those with total household income of \$40,000 or less and who are either 62 years of age or a qualified person as defined in Chapter 9 of the Income Tax Act of 1967) can provide a delay in the due date of your tax bill, without added penalty, until February 14<sup>th</sup>. The deferment form needs to be filed with the Township Treasurer's Office by September 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call 381-8080.

### General Ordinances on the Web

The Township has a new format for its general ordinances. You can find them on the Township website under [Documents and Forms>General Ordinances](#). You can scroll through the table of contents and click on it to be taken to the section you're interested in. You can also download the file, right click and use "find" to do a word search. A great amount of time and effort was put into doing this by Township Clerk, Mark Miller, saving the Township thousands of dollars.

### Opportunities to Contribute and Grow

#### Ever Dream of Being a Firefighter?



Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity to serve your community? The Township of Kalamazoo is seeking applications for the position of paid on-call firefighters. This paid, part-time position is responsible for responding to fires, emergency medical calls and other various calls for service. This position requires a modest time commitment for scheduled training as well as unscheduled response to emergency situations. Minimum requirements are: valid State of Michigan driver's license, high school diploma or equivalent and be 18 years of age or older. Within two years of employment, all paid on-call firefighters must obtain the following certifications: Michigan Firefighters Training Council (MFFTC) Firefighter I/II, MFFTC Hazardous Materials Response Operations level and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Healthcare Provider level. Paid training opportunities are available to obtain the required certifications. If you are interested or

have any questions, you can contact the Township of Kalamazoo Fire Chief at 381-8080 ext. 124. An application can be found on our website under [Departments>Fire Department>Quick Links](#).

We also have openings for Police Officers and Cadets. Check our website at [Departments>Police Department>Recruiting](#)

### Planning Commission Opening

If you have an interest in or knowledge of planning and land use you might want to apply for a position on the Planning Commission. There is one meeting a month and training is provided through Michigan Township Association workshops. You can learn more and get an application on our website [Boards>Planning Commission>Quick Links](#)

## Fireworks

According to new state law, fireworks are limited to 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. on June 29 and 30, and July 1, 2, 3 and 4 and 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. on July 5, only if that date is a Friday or Saturday. Please be considerate of our veterans and to neighborhood pets who may be particularly disturbed by fireworks.



## Marijuana Update

Voters in Kalamazoo Township have now supported the use, growing, sale, transport and testing of medical and recreational marijuana. Last year the Township passed zoning ordinances setting up criteria for the location of such medical marijuana businesses. These can be found in Section 8-48 of the [Township Zoning Ordinance](#). There are several medical marijuana facilities that are getting ready to open pending licensing from the State or completion of their facilities. Recently the Township Board opted out of allowing recreational marijuana businesses in the Township for the time being. This does not mean the Board is going against the will of the voters. The Board is waiting for the State to release all of their rules regarding recreational marijuana businesses before they decide if they should or where they could be located within the Township. None of the Board's decisions on this have any bearing on private use of recreational marijuana. As always the Township welcomes your input. You can send email to [info@ktwp.org](mailto:info@ktwp.org)



## Dispose of Drugs Safely



Properly disposing of unused and unwanted medications helps to protect the environment. It also helps to protect our community against prescription abuse, addiction and accidental or intentional overdose.

Red Med Box is an easy and secure way to dispose of your unused or expired medication. There is a Red Med Box located in the entryway to the Police Department on the Mt. Olivet side of the Kalamazoo Township Hall. It is available for you to drop off your expired and unused medications from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Recognition and Thanks

To our community members that join and organize to help their neighbors and to make Kalamazoo Township a safe and fun place to live and work. We want to thank everyone who has helped with Little Leagues, organized block parties, participated in neighborhood associations, helped shovel a neighbor's sidewalk, served on a board or commission and a host of other activities. Thank you to everyone that plants a flower or vegetable bed and takes responsibility for the care of their property, or checks on a neighbor. You're the backbone of this community.

## Meeting Dates and Times

**Board of Trustees** - 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

**Planning Commission** - first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** - third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are at the Township Administrative Offices at 1720 Riverview Drive. Check website for schedule changes.

## Watch Board Meetings from Home

Board meetings are broadcast live on Charter Communications channel 190 and AT&T U-verse channel 99: Check the PMN website for replay days and times. Meetings are also online at [PMN ONDEMAND](#).

## Upcoming Township Office Closures

Independence Day, July 4 & 5, 2019

Labor Day, September 2, 2019

Veterans' Day, November 11, 2019

Thanksgiving, November 28 & 29, 2019

*The mission of Kalamazoo Township is to provide government services that promote a safe, healthy, accessible, and economically viable community to live, work, learn, and play.*