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## You May Need to Know...

### Bulk Trash

The last bulk trash pick-up of the year begins on October 5. Before you set something out make sure there isn't a better place for it to go: the Eastwood Garage Sale, Goodwill, Household Hazardous Waste, or is there a place to recycle it? Know which day of the week your trash is scheduled to be picked up and set it out as close to that date as possible so it doesn't get blown or tossed around. If you have an old but working refrigerator you can call Consumers Energy and they'll take it away and pay you \$50. Remember, items in plastic bags you can't see through won't be picked up. For all the rules on what you can set out for bulk trash pick-up please go to the recycling and waste page on our web site. <http://kalamazootownship.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1646> The next pick-up will be in April 2016.

### Leaf and Brush Pick Up

Leaf and Brush Pickup is NOVEMBER 16-20.

Check our website to make sure you're putting it out on the correct day of the week

- Leaves must be in **paper yard bags**.
- Brush and branches must not exceed four feet in length and two inches in diameter and must be neatly and securely tied in bundles.
- **No plastic bags of any color, size, or style.**
- **No loose leaves in the street.**



If you miss the leaf and brush pick-up or would like an alternative to bagging your leaves learn about backyard composting <http://kalamazootownship.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1646> or contact a local landscaping company to drop off.

### Single Hauler Trash Service

In the last newsletter we asked your opinion about having a single waste hauler in the township, providing it could be done economically and you would have choices in the services that are provided. Many of you emailed, called or stopped by to let us know what you think. The response was overwhelmingly yes. There was concern that it would do away with competition in the township but the contract will be competitively bid and will not be renewed without going through the bidding process. People want fewer trucks on the road, less fuel use, less noise and a good price. The township will be working closely with its attorney to make sure we're following all the rules of this process. We'll keep you informed as we continue this process. Please continue to give us your feedback and keep an eye on our web site.

### Road Work

Road work for this season is wrapping up. We hope you're enjoying the road improvements. Check our web site after the first of the year for updates on next year's work. As always, contact us if you have questions or comments. You can email [supervisor@ktwp.org](mailto:supervisor@ktwp.org) or [martindd@ktwp.org](mailto:martindd@ktwp.org)

## Election on November 3, 2015

The following question will be on the ballot on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. **KALAMAZOO COUNTY LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND MILLAGE** For the purpose of creating a local fund to provide housing to families with children of low income who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Kalamazoo County be increased by 0.10 mills, being 10 cents (\$0.10) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value on all taxable property in Kalamazoo County for a period of six (6) years, being 2015 to 2020, inclusive? It is estimated that 0.10 mills would raise approximately \$817,100 when first levied in 2015.

For this election Lakewood Fire Station will vote at Eastwood Fire Station and King-Westwood Elementary at the Westwood Fire Station If you need more information on elections go to the Clerk's page on our web site.

<http://kalamazootownship.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1631>

## Your Community

### Big Weekend in Eastwood October 3 Eastwood Fire Station 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Parade on October 3, 2015:

The Charter Township of Kalamazoo and the Eastwood Fire Fighters Association are holding a celebration to commemorate 75 years of operation and dedicated

service. On Saturday, October 3, 2015, there will be a fire engine parade and an open house at the Eastwood Fire Station. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and follow East Main, starting at Wallace Ave and ending at Nazareth Road. At the conclusion of the parade, all are invited back to the Station, located at 2703 East Main Street, for light refreshments, displays, and fellowship with current and retired members. The event will conclude at 3 p.m.



### Eastwood Fall Cleaning/Garage Sales:

The Eastwood Neighborhood Community Association is having a neighborhood area wide garage/yard sale Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 9 am to 4 pm. Eastwood residents, you're invited to participate. It's great time to start your fall cleaning by selling your attic and garage treasures from your home. For your garage sale permit go to <http://kalamazootownship.org/Portals/16/Building%20docs/garagesalepermit.pdf>

For more information, contact Rosemary at (269) 345-3589 or email [rknox1427@gmail.com](mailto:rknox1427@gmail.com).

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eastwood-Community-Association/859525920749275?fref=photo>

## Happenings in Lakewood

### Project Connect, Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 4pm at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds Expo Center.

Project Connect (PC) is a worthwhile 1 day of FREE services event for under resourced families and individuals living in Kalamazoo County. PC has been serving Kalamazoo County residents since 2009. Attendees can expect to receive multiple services and resource connections such as: education & enrollment information, life skills assistance, mental health screening & assistance, health screenings, vision & hearing checks, civil and/or legal assistance, medical insurance enrollment, employment skills assistance, budgeting assistance, a hot meal, clothes & book give aways, FREE haircuts, chair massage, family photos and so much more. Yes, there will be FREE shuttles to and from the event! Project Connect is intended to assist in moving under resourced individuals and families to self-sufficiency. New this year will be a Project Connect Children's Corner (*arts & crafts, parent-child bonding and development, reading & literacy activities*) and the Fatherhood Support Network!

### Volunteers Improve Lakewood Park

Thank you to Fire Chief David Obreiter, Battalion Chief Matt Mulac and Firefighter Chad Baker for the volunteer work they did this summer replacing the roof on the gazebo in the park in Lakewood.



## [Countywide](#)

### **Raising Kalamazoo County**

Raising Kalamazoo County, a local coalition of partners and service providers, cordially invites you to the premiere screening of *The Raising of America* on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm at Chenery Auditorium**. This important film seeks to reframe the way we look at early health and development and presents a compelling argument—that investing in the well-being of our youngest children (and the people who raise and care for them) has a huge return on investment for our society. For more information go to the Raising Kalamazoo County facebook page.

### **Rewards for Ridesharing**

Kalamazoo Metro Ridesharing is a ride matching service that allows commuters to find carpool, vanpool, transit, or bike options to get around Kalamazoo County and Southwest Michigan. It is FREE and includes information, and tips on how to save money on commuting to and from work or around town. By registering and tracking your carpool/vanpool/transit/bike trips, you can also earn points towards fun gift certificates and monthly drawings.

**For more information on Kalamazoo Metro Ridesharing's services: (269) 342-7433 or**

**<http://kmetro.org/transit-services/community-ridesharing>**

### **You Can Now Get To the Township Hall by Bus or Bike**

Recent improvements on Riverview and Mosel have made it easier to reach the Township Hall by bus or bike. Riverview Drive has gone from four lanes to three lanes with wide shoulders that make it safer and easier to ride a bike or cross the street. In addition, a section of sidewalk and crosswalks were added across Riverview and Mt. Olivet with a bus stop at Mt. Olivet near the corner. You can check out the new Parchment bus route at [www.kmetro.org](http://www.kmetro.org).

## [Recognition and Thanks](#)

### [Long Time Township Attorney John Bauckham Passes Away](#)

John Bauckham represented Kalamazoo Township from 1949 to 2008 and the firm that carries his name is still filling that role. Mr. Bauckham, at age 92, was still working to protect the township form of government. He was convinced that it offered the people the best chance to be connected to and have direct influence on their local government. In 1953 he cofounded the Michigan Township Association, with Kalamazoo Township Clerk Parisi, to help townships across the state and in 1966 he oversaw the transition of Kalamazoo Township to a Charter Township in order to prevent the annexation of any more of the Township by the City of Kalamazoo. The Charter Township of Kalamazoo is proud to have been associated with and represented by Attorney Bauckham for so many years.

### [Thank You Trustee Don Martin for All Your Work as Highway Commissioner](#)

Trustee Donald Martin has been the go to guy for questions and issues on the roadwork being done this summer in Kalamazoo Township. Almost every day Don was out checking on the work of the crews. He was available by phone to residents of the township and if they had a question or a problem with any of the work being done he didn't just call back in a day or two, he would frequently show up at the site within an hour. He worked closely with the residents, the various contractors and the Road Commission to make sure the work was well coordinated and high quality. Don is a true servant of the people and has done an excellent job. Let's hope he can keep it up for another two years.

## [Communications from the Office](#)

### [Remember this old saying? Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.](#)

Those words aren't in random order. The laws of physics tell us that nothing ever goes "away" but it also tells us that what we have is all we get. Common sense will tell you that it takes a lot fewer resources and less energy to not use something at all than it does to procure raw materials, make something, deliver it, use it and try to get rid of it. So, if you can do without that bag, box or wrapper, if you can drink water from your tap out of a glass instead of prepackaged in a plastic bottle, that should be your first step.

Your second step is to reuse. Using an item longer or passing it on to someone else, instead of something new having to be produced, saves energy and materials. Recycling is your third option, which is still better than sending stuff to a landfill where it may never be of use to anyone again.

When you recycle check the rules to make sure you're putting the right materials in your cart. Window glass, yard clippings or dirty diapers are all examples of things that would be impossible or dangerous to sort out at a recycling facility. Recycling won't work unless there's a market for the materials and the buyers need it to be as pure and clean as possible in order to stay in business. For more information go to <http://kalamazootownship.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1646>

### Keep Sidewalks Clear

The weather is still good and many don't even want to think about snow ever again after last winter but in case we get some of that white stuff before the next newsletter, the ordinance officer would like to remind you how important it is to keep your sidewalks clear so children, the disabled and all of your neighbors can make it to bus stops, grocery stores and other places safely. Again this year we'll be looking for Snow Heroes, individuals or groups of people who would be willing to help out people in their neighborhoods who are unable to clear their own sidewalks or pay someone to do it for them. If you or a group you belong to would be interested in helping out, please contact our ordinance officer. You can see a program about one of our snow heroes at <http://www.publicmedianet.org/blog/connect-february-2014/>

### Subscribe to the Newsletter

If you picked up a copy of this newsletter and aren't a subscriber yet be sure to go to the homepage to subscribe so you can receive it quarterly in your email, [www.kalamazootownship.org](http://www.kalamazootownship.org) or send 4 self-addressed stamped envelopes to Kalamazoo Township.



**FALL CLEANING?**  
**GREAT TIME TO GET OF RID OLD STUFF FOR FREE!!!**

**household hazardous WASTE**

**MATERIALS ACCEPTED**  
BATTERIES • CELL PHONES • COMPUTERS • CLEANERS  
FLUORESCENT BULBS • GASOLINE • MERCURY  
OIL-BASED PAINTS • PESTICIDES • STEREOS  
USED MOTOR OIL • TELEVISIONS  
BUSINESS WASTE for a FEE  
**NOT ACCEPTED – LATEX PAINT**

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[www.kalcounty.com/hhw](http://www.kalcounty.com/hhw)

**HOURS**  
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Wednesday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.  
2nd Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • **Open Year Round**

### Red Med Box

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.



### 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.

**Unsafe Building Hearing** - every other month, beginning in February on the third Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

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

### Watch us on TV or Your Electronic Device

Board meetings live on Charter Communications channel 190 and AT&T U-verse 99: and replay Mon. 8 a.m., Thur. 1 a.m. and Fri. 3:00 p.m. Meetings may also be viewed online at <http://pmm.pegcentral.com/> Also check out Kalamazoo Township Roundtable on Channel 190: Sun. at 2:30 p.m., Wed. at 7:00 a.m., and Thursdays at Midnight.

### Upcoming Township Office Closures

Veterans Day, November 11, 2015

Thanksgiving Day, November 26 & 27, 2015

Christmas, December 25, 2015

New Year's Day, January 1, 2016