



Township News

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You May Need to Know...

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Starts on October 1.

- 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.** Please use boxes or heavy duty clear plastic bags.
- If you think you've been missed, call the Township, 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 bucket loads (loading bucket on the front of the truck) about 3.5 cubic yards. If you have more, please save it for the April 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.
- NO YARD WASTE, TIRES, PAINT/CHEMICALS, NEEDLES OR HAZARDOUS WASTE - Contact the County Household Hazardous Waste Center www.kalcounty.com/hhw or 373-5211 for disposal information.
- Please go to our website for more information <http://www.ktwp.org/Community/RecyclingWasteProgram.aspx>

Leaf and Brush Pick-Ups Start November 13 and November 26

Call or 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** and set on the curb lawn.
- 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](#) or contact a local landscaping company to drop off.

Outdoor Burning Ordinance Bans Burning of Leaves

Leaf burning is no longer allowed in the Township. Please take advantage of Republic Services yard waste program, the two fall leaf and brush pick-ups, composting or hire a leaf removal service. In addition, there are landscaping services where you can take your leaves for a small fee. You may obtain the full [Open Burning Ordinance](#) by going to a quick link on our web site www.ktwp.org



Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Opening October 30, 2018

The new Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch will be open and operating on October 30, 2018. You will still call 911 just like you always have for an emergency. The call will be answered at a central dispatch center and be quickly directed to the appropriate dispatcher for the type of emergency. There will be several call takers and dispatchers in the same facility to facilitate quicker and more accurate responses as well as communication between municipalities when there is a multijurisdictional emergency.

Text to 9-1-1 Now Available

In some emergencies you may not want to let someone else in the vicinity know that you're calling and talking to 9-1-1. You can now send texts to 9-1-1. Regular calls are still preferred and if you text you'll be asked if it's okay to call you but when that isn't an option Text 9-1-1 is there.

Also remember that you can set up a Smart 9-1-1 safety profile in advance of emergencies that includes information you'd like emergency responders to know such as health information or information about pets. Just go to Smart911.com

Best Bets for Staying Informed About Local Emergency Situations

You now know how you can reach out for help in an emergency but how can you best stay informed? If you have a cell phone you should download a weather app. and sign up for alerts. Make sure you know how to find a local channel on your TV or radio that cuts in with live broadcasts. Be sure to tune in now and then if you think the weather or something else might become hazardous. If a police officer or firefighter comes to your door with instructions to get you out of harms way, you can first ask for ID, but then heed their instruction. This will only happen if a situation is serious.

Election November 6, 2018

There will be an election on Tuesday, November 6 to vote for Governor of Michigan, other local, state and federal offices and several proposals. The last day to register to vote is October 9, 2018. Applications for absentee ballots by mail must be submitted prior to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday November 3. Absentee ballots may be picked up in person until 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election. You may view a sample of your ballot by going to www.michigan.gov/vote . Remember to vote your whole ballot. You will not be able to vote "straight ticket" in this election. You can get more information about voting in Kalamazoo Township from the [Clerk's page](#) on our website.

Important Recycling Information

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Anyone growing up in the 1970s, '80s or '90s learned the three Rs of recycling in school. We were taught to recycle everything we could. We added recycling containers to our homes, our offices and classrooms and recycling became a part of our culture. In the 40 years since recycling was introduced, Americans recycle nearly 87 million tons per year. That means that each of us recycles approximately 1.5 pounds per day! However, the recycling model we all grew up with is changing, and we have to change with it.

Trying to recycle unclean or unrecyclable material increases sorting time and slows down the recycling process, damages the facility's equipment and causes contaminants in the bales of clean recyclables that decreases the value of the items. When this occurs, we have to put the ENTIRE load of recyclables into our landfills due to the contamination.

EMPTY means making sure there is no food or product residue. Make sure all of that goes into the trash or down the drain as part of the EMPTY process.

CLEAN means that empty recyclable containers should be rinsed. So, no mustard in the mustard containers or left over ketchup in the ketchup bottles. If you cannot get a container completely clean, it is best to put it into the trash so as not to contaminate the rest of your recycling material and the overall process.

DRY means letting containers dry before placing in your All-in-One Recycling™ blue container so that the paper and cardboard does not get wet. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.

By practicing Empty, Clean, Dry, with our families, we can ensure the recycling materials leaving our homes are in fact recyclable. Together, we are caretakers of this blue planet. It is worthy of every effort we can make to protect it for our children's children. Find more information on the [Recycle & Waste Program page](#) on our website.

Your Community

Keep Sidewalks Clear

The Township has yet to come up with a plan to equitably and inexpensively clear all the sidewalks other than having everyone take responsibility for the sidewalk on the property where they live or do business. We 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. Each year we talk about getting together groups of volunteers that are willing to volunteer to help their neighbors who are unable to clear their sidewalk. We would like to have a meeting with churches, neighborhood association and other community leaders and volunteers to discuss how we can put together snow posses that can be called out to help their neighbors in need clear their sidewalks. If you would be interested in such a meeting email Molly at molly@ktwp.org Watch for an updated sidewalk ordinance on our website, facebook and the next newsletter; which you'll receive with your winter taxes.

Northwood

Check out the Northwood Neighborhood Association! Our goals include bringing our community closer, keeping everyone updated on current and upcoming events and local resources. Find us on Facebook to stay connected and see what else we have in store!

[Facebook.com/groups/northwoodkzoo](https://www.facebook.com/groups/northwoodkzoo) Northwoodkzoo@yahoo.com



Lakewood

Rumor has it there may be a new neighborhood Association starting in Lakewood. Follow our Facebook page to hear all about it as soon as we get more information.

Eastwood

The Eastwood Neighborhood Association meets the second Tuesday of each month September through June at 7:00 p.m. in the Eastwood Community Room at 1211 Woodrow. They will be holding a Halloween Trick or Treat at the Community Room on October 31 at 6:15 p.m. and Christmas Caroling & Dancing at Borgess Nursing Home December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Follow their [Facebook](#) page for more information.



Westwood

Westwood Neighborhood Association is collecting info from residents who want to be part of a neighborhood watch type program. If you'd like to join the group, you can send your name, address and best way to contact you to wnakzoo@aol.com or, if you don't use computers, you can leave a message 269-303-3485. Your neighborhood association tries to keep you updated when a zoning or code change happens in the area and will ask questions about your opinion on these. We have speakers come in to talk about things of interest to the neighborhood. We try to represent the neighborhood at community meetings as we know that not everyone can be there. The WNA meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Westwood Fire Station, 1310 Nichols Road, at 7 pm. Hope to see you there soon.

Communications from the Office

Transportation Bond: project update

The last of the voter-approved, bond funds are being used to improve drains and asphalt paving for some streets including Dayton Avenue and Stewart Drive, to repair approximately 30 areas of sidewalk in Eastwood and 30 areas in Westwood, and to connect Nazareth Road's sidewalk to Aldi and Speedway. So far this construction season, the drains and most of the sidewalk work has been completed; however, an asphalt supplier's labor dispute has delayed the planned paving work. In succeeding years, Kalamazoo Township will continue to fund a program to maintain our high-quality roads.

Kalamazoo Township again thanks voters for approving the \$10 million bond, which improved over 65 miles of local road, over 1,000 drainage spillways and structures, over 44 sidewalk corners with ADA-compliant ramps, over 160 areas of sidewalk repairs where the sidewalk slabs varied by at least 2 inches, over 4 miles of signed bicycle routes, and 2.8 miles of new sidewalks adjacent to busy roads.

Medical Marijuana Update

After all the information that went out about medical marijuana you probably haven't heard much in a while and would like an update. So far the Township has received applications from five provisioning centers (stores), two growers and one secure transporter. We have had no applications for a lab. None of the facilities have been granted permits from the state yet. The State of Michigan is still several months behind in processing applications. Although most have purchased buildings in the Township and are starting to fix them up you may not see any facilities opened for business until late December of 2018 or January of 2019. More information is on our website at www.ktwp.org

Recognition and Thanks

To Those Who Step Up to Help

A big THANK YOU goes out to all of our police and fire staff and the many, many others who cancelled vacations and time for family and other activities, with no hesitation, to help with the water crisis experienced by our neighbors in Parchment.

Also thank you to all of you who have adopted our parks and open spaces and keep them clean for everyone to enjoy. Your contributions are a big part of what makes Kalamazoo Township a "safe, healthy, accessible, and economically viable place to live, work, learn and play".

Subscribe to the Newsletter

If you just happened across this newsletter online or picked one up at the township hall and aren't a subscriber yet, be sure to go to www.ktwp.org to subscribe so you can receive it quarterly in your email and don't forget to follow us on Facebook to receive quick updates on important issues.

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.

An advertisement for a hazardous waste recycling center. The top left says "clean OUT..." in a stylized font. The top right lists "HOME & AUTO CLEANERS & CHEMICALS", "ELECTRONICS • BATTERIES", and "FLUORESCENT & LED BULBS". The center shows various household products like Prestone, Fram, and 9000. The bottom left says "household hazardous WASTE". The bottom right provides contact information: "373-5211 • kalamazoo.com/hhw", "hhwcenter@kalamazoo.com", and "1301 Lamont Ave. • Next to Fairgrounds". Hours are listed as: "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 on Aug. 8, Sept. 10, Oct. 12)". A note says "BUSINESS WASTE for a FEE" and "NOT ACCEPTED LATEX PAINT".

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: Replays are on Mon. 8 a.m., Thur. 1 a.m. and Fri. 3:00 p.m. Meetings are also online at <http://pmn.viebit.com/> Also, check out "Kalamazoo Township Roundtable" on channel 190: Sun. at 2:30 p.m., Wed. at 7:00 a.m., and Thurs. at Midnight.

Upcoming Township Office Closures

Veterans Day Observed, November 12, 2018

Christmas, December 24 & 25, 2017

Thanksgiving, November 22 & 23, 2018

New Year's Day January 1, 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.