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You May Need to Know...

Road News

The Township is about to begin its second season of local road work. The list of roads and work to be done is on our web site. There will be meetings for the public with the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) and project engineers so the public can learn what will be happening and when, in their neighborhood.

The meeting dates are:

Westwood - Friday, April 22, 6 PM - Westwood Fire Station -1310 Nichols Road

Eastwood/Lakewood - Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 6 PM - Eastwood Fire Station - 2703 East Main

Northwood - Thursday, April 28, 2016, 6 PM - Northwood Fire Station - corner of Burdick and Mosel

Notices will be sent to people living on the roads that are going to be worked on and the meeting schedule will be posted on our web site so others in the community, who may be impacted on their commute, may also attend.

If you have storm water or drainage problems from the road in front of your house you are advised to attend one of the meetings so you can describe the problem to the engineer. They will prepare a plan for addressing drains prior to starting the road work and the drain work will be done first.

Pothole season is upon us. If you have holes that are going to swallow your car before the road work gets done, please contact the RCKC at 381-3171 to have them filled.

Three More Elections

Tuesday, May 3rd is the next election. Voting will be on The County Wide Law Enforcement and Safety Millage Proposition and the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority. Voters in the Comstock school district will also be voting on the Comstock Public Schools Bond Proposal. Voters in Precinct 1, Lakewood Fire Station will be voting at the Eastwood Fire Station on May 3 but will be back at Lakewood Fire Station for the August and November elections



Other important elections will be taking place: August 2 - State and Local Primaries and November 8 - Presidential, state and local election. For more information on elections and voting go to <https://vote.michigan.gov/MVIC/> or <http://www.lwvmi.org/>. If you are interested in working at an election contact the Clerk's Department.

Zoning Ordinance Being Updated

The Township's current zoning ordinance is 69 years old and has been amended many times. The updated ordinance will be easier to understand and reflect changes in development trends. If you weren't able to make it to the recent open house the draft updated ordinance and maps are available on the Kalamazoo Township website, www.ktpw.org.

Common Ordinance Violations You Should Know

Ordinance enforcement is meant for the good of the community and has been requested by the residents of Kalamazoo Township in order to make it a pleasant, attractive and safe place to live. Here are a few of the most common ordinance violations that you should be aware of translated into simple, common sense language. Keep your lawn mowed, any unlicensed or inoperable vehicles have to be kept in a building, learn and obey the setback requirements for recreational vehicles, don't drive your neighbors crazy with too much noise, keep your property free of litter and other unsightly stuff, check with your neighborhood fire station before burning anything and don't park on your front lawn or the sidewalk. For more details go to www.ktwp.org Community>[Ordinance Enforcement](#).

Leaf and Brush

Leaf and Brush Pickup is May 2-6 and November 14-18.

Check the curbside pick-up map on 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 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 [Click Here](#) to learn about backyard composting or contact Mulder's Landscaping about drop off.

Bulk Trash Pickup is July 5-9. Note that pickups will be one day later than usual. [Click Here](#) for more information.

Your Community

Eastwood

- **Little League Parade – April 23**

- **Eastwood Garage/Yard Sale – June 25**

The Eastwood Neighborhood Association is having its annual neighborhood wide garage/yard sale Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9 am to 4 pm. There will also be an electronics recycling event. Emerald eCycling LLC recycling truck will be parked at the Eastwood Fire Station parking lot at 1211 Woodrow Drive from 12 noon – 5:00 pm. Start thinking of what you'd like to sell or recycle. For more information or questions, contact Rosemary at (269) 345-3589 or email rknex1427@gmail.com or go to <https://www.facebook.com/Eastwood-Community-Association-859525920749275/>

- **Eastwood Community Garden Expanding**

If you've wanted to grow your own food but need more expertise or more sun, sign up for a garden bed in the Eastwood Community Garden on Baker. Contact Jim Goodacre at jgoodacre@gmail.com



Westwood

- **Little League Parade on April 23**

- **Neighborhood Garage Sale on May 21**

If you have neighborhood events coming up or would like to get something together in your neighborhood please let us know. The permit for road closure for parades or block parties is available on our website.

Moving Forward on Sidewalks

The Township's Non-motorized Transportation Plan (see www.ktwp.org, Community>[Transportation & Roads](#)) identified areas in need of improvements to create a more walkable and bikeable community. An implementation committee has recommended the following priorities 1) connecting sidewalks to streets to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (many sidewalks end with grass or curb barriers before reaching streets) and 2) supporting safe, non-motorized routes to schools. Already some sidewalk corners were improved when road improvements were made last summer. More are under consideration.

The following sidewalk work is slated for this summer:

- North side of Grand Prairie between Indian Prairie School and Nichols Rd.-new construction of a 5 ft. wide sidewalk both within the road right-of-way and in private easements.
- Repair of sections of existing sidewalk on the south side of Grand Prairie between Drake Rd. and Nichols Rd.
- Construction of new sidewalk ramps at various intersections in the Eastwood Neighborhood

[Sidewalk replacement program](#)

The Township offers a program to help residential property owners finance 50% of the cost of public sidewalk repair, with a maximum subsidy per parcel of \$500. Sidewalk squares will be considered in disrepair if 1) the holes are one or more inches in depth, 2) the height difference between adjoining sections of sidewalk is two or more inches, or 3) an insufficient slope prohibits adequate water drainage from the surface. Download an application by clicking the blue “Community” tab at www.ktwp.org. For more information, contact the ordinance officer at spgallagher@ktwp.org or 381-8080.

[Watch for Bike Boulevards and Bike Lanes](#)

Watch for bike boulevard signs popping up around Kalamazoo. A bike boulevard is a suggested route for bicyclist that has lower and slower traffic than nearby main roads. If you live on a bike boulevard be sure to watch for bikes when pulling into and out of driveways. Bike lanes are being added in some areas as well. A bike lane helps eliminate bike/car conflicts but bikes and cars may still have to share lanes when making turns or when a bike lane runs out.

Bicycling can be fun, healthy and save you money as long as bicyclists remember to ride with traffic, car drivers remember to give them space and both give the other respect. Remember a bicyclist is someone’s daughter, father, brother, mom or best friend. Cars never have the right to run bicyclists off the road. You can watch a 30 second bike safety video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvEM3o4o08E>

[Recognition and Thanks](#)

[Friend of Bicycling Award](#)

Kalamazoo Township was proud to receive the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club’s (KBC) 6th annual Friend of Bicycling Award during a presentation at their meeting on Monday, February 8th 2016. KBC president Renee Mitchell said, “The KBC Friend of Bicycling Award is presented annually to an individual or entity who significantly advanced the interest of bicycling.



Kalamazoo Bike Week is May 14-21. Find events at <http://www.kalamazoobikeweek.com/>

[2015 Firefighter of the Year Award](#)

Congratulations to Captain Todd Martin, a 22-year member of the Fire Department. Todd was chosen by his peers and coworkers to receive the prestigious award at the 31st Annual Fire Department Awards Program on February 28, 2016. The award is based on overall outstanding performance as a firefighter, community service and overall commitment to improving the fire service.

[Communications from the Office](#)

[Part Time Elected Officials and Full Time Manager](#)

When the newly elected Township officials take office on November 20, 2016 the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor will all be working part time. The process of transitioning to a part time board and a full time manager for Kalamazoo Township has already begun. The wages for the treasurer, clerk and supervisor have been set at \$15,000 a year, down from \$65,000. A search firm has begun compiling information for the search for a full time manager. The new manager should be in place before the election in November in order to have a smooth transition.

Your elected officials and trustees on the Board will still be your voice for governing the Township. They will continue to be responsible for setting policy, overseeing finances and safeguarding the interests of the residents of Kalamazoo

Township. The manager will be dealing with the day to day running of operations. There are no changes being made to the Trustees wages and per diems at this time.

Single Hauler Garbage Service update

Single hauler trash service has begun and you should soon be reaping the benefits of lower costs and quieter neighborhoods. No change is all smooth but we're working hard to make sure everyone is being served. If you've gotten a cart that wasn't the size you asked for or you decided that you need a different size cart you have 90 days from April 1st to let Republic know and there will be no delivery fee for switching the cart.

For the next couple months, as we're making this adjustment and getting the database for the call center set up, you can still call Chris at the local number 775-3020. Please leave a message if you get the answering machine and don't leave multiple messages as that just makes it take that much longer for her to go through her messages to return calls. She is doing a great job of making sure everyone's issues are being addressed. If you have issues you feel are not being addressed you can still call the Township but all other calls regarding trash service should now go directly to Republic Services.

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.ktwp.org or send 4 self-addressed stamped envelopes to Kalamazoo Township.

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Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
(closed in Aug. & Sept. on Sat.)

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 January 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 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 may also be viewed online at <http://pmn.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

Memorial Day, May 30, 2016

Independence Day, July 4, 2016

Labor Day, September 5, 2016