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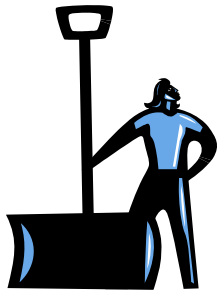
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If you picked up a copy of the newsletter at the Township and would like to receive it by email click the register button just under the flag on the home page of our web site, you'll receive an email from tech@itright.info letting you know you've been added.

Sidewalk Snow Removal - Owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks adjacent to their lot in good repair, clear of any obstructions and free of trash or broken glass. Also, sidewalks within 500 feet of a public or private school or Metro bus stop must be cleared of snow within 36 hours of an accumulation of ice or 2 inches of snow. (See Ordinance 152.004 Regulations. Sec. IV) Clear sidewalks are essential for some residents, including those in wheel chairs who utilize public transportation and children catching the school bus. Please be courteous and keep your sidewalk clear.

Be a Snow Hero

The Township is looking for individuals or organizations that would be willing to be on call to help the elderly or disabled in their neighborhood keep their sidewalks clear. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ordinance Officer Gallagher at 381-8080 ex. 309. We thank everyone who helped last winter.



Keep Fire Hydrants Visible - Please keep the fire hydrant near your home free from snow and vegetation (a 3 foot circle around hydrant and a path to the street). This will help keep you and your neighbors safer, every minute that a fire burns it doubles in size. The help you give the firefighters could save your life.

Survey Results

The results of a random survey of Kalamazoo Township Citizens are in! Overall satisfaction with your township government scored 72 out of a maximum 100 – slightly better than the average score of 64 for other Michigan communities of a similar size. Citizens' satisfaction included components ranging from office hours of operation (rated at 7.6 of a maximum 10) to wisely spent money (rated 6.4 of 10). Survey results indicate citizens particularly value the Township's fire and EMS services, recycling and police services.

The lowest scoring area was Transportation Infrastructure. In that area public transportation options was rated 6.8, accommodation for bicycle and foot traffic was rated 5.8 and street maintenance and repair were rated 5.4, the lowest score of the entire survey. Road repair was also a priority for public funding of improvements. Questions regarding the Township's Parks and Recreation ranked from 6.6 to 7.1. While respondents could see room for improvement, including making more information available about the locations of the parks, they were not a high priority for public spending. The main priorities and to a lesser extent, for public funding, appeared to be public safety and road maintenance, sidewalk repair, economic development, code enforcement, and the addition of more bike/walking paths.

The survey results indicated support for increasing restrictions concerning properties in disrepair (blight) and to a lesser extent grass/noxious weeds and noise nuisances. The survey results, along with findings from a spring 2013 board retreat, will be used to develop a strategy to guide Board activities in 2014. For many more details concerning the survey results, see www.kalamazootownship.org.

Westwood Neighborhood Association

Meetings of the Westwood Neighborhood Association (WNA) are the third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. in the Westwood Community Room at the Westwood Fire Station, 1310 Nichols Rd.

Have You Looked at the Web Site?

If you want to know exactly what happens to your local tax money go to The Township web site. On the dashboard you can find graphs and pie charts showing you the general categories of spending or if you click Budgets you can find monthly budget updates. Under documents and board agendas you can find a list of bills to be paid. Explore the Township's web site and feel free to give us your suggestions for other information you would like made available at www.kalamazootownship.org.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Check with your garbage service company regarding disposal of your Christmas tree. Some offer a one-time pick up and most have a drop off site for a small fee.

In with the New and Out with the Old

Per capita the U.S. dumps an average of 66 pounds of electronics trash per year, more than any other country. Much of the waste contains harmful substances and rare natural resources. You can recycle responsibly at the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste drop off site at 1301 Lamont Ave.



Recycling Overflow a Problem?

If you're having trouble fitting everything in your recycle cart consider revisiting some of the strategies you used when you were using the smaller boxes: put paper neatly in paper bags before putting it in the cart and flatten cans and milk jugs. If you have large pieces of cardboard you can drop them off at Republic Services at 3432 Gembrit Circle. The best solution is to reduce your consumption of materials, buy items with less packaging, request to be taken off junk mail lists, share magazines, use paper with a blank side for scratch pads. For details about the pick-up schedule and accepted materials, see www.kalamazootownship.org.

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). Board meetings are televised live on channel 98, and are rebroadcast on channel 98: Sun. 8 p.m., Mon. 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Wed. 9 a.m. and Fri. at 3:30 p.m.. Meetings may also be viewed online at <http://pmn.pegcentral.com>.

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.

Upcoming Township Office Closures

Christmas Day, December 25, 2013.

New Year's Day, January 1, 2014

Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2013

President's Day, February 17, 2014