

SPRING 2022 OLIVE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Township Board of Trustees Meetings
are the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meetings
are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Website

There is a wealth of information about the township and community on our website. Please visit us at <http://www.olivetownship.com/>. Be sure to check out our Facebook page too for current articles of local interest. If you would like to receive emailed notices, newsletters, and meeting minutes, please sign up for the email list on the website.

Elections

Registered voters who live in Olive Township will have the opportunity to vote at three elections this year:

- May 3 – School Election for Zeeland (operating millage and Zeeland Recreation bond proposal) and West Ottawa (operating)
- August 2 – Primary Election
- November 8 – General Election

Polls will be open from 7am – 8pm, or you can vote (apply early!) by absent ballot.

Register to vote, change your address, check your registration, view a sample ballot AND MORE here: <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/>

Absentee Ballots:

Registered voters no longer need a reason to vote by absentee ballot. If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, please contact the office and we will mail you a ballot application. Once we have your filled-out application, we will mail you a ballot. Return your completed absent ballot to the township office. Don't forget to sign the outside of the envelope! The township hall will also be open from 8 - 4 the Saturday before each election to allow you to vote by absentee ballot.

Permanent Absent Voter List:

If you ask to be placed on the Permanent Absent Voter List, you will automatically receive an **APPLICATION** for every election. You will have to fill out and mail in (or drop off) an application for every election in which you want to vote by mail.

If you receive an application but want to vote in person at a particular election, or you don't want to vote at all, just throw your application away. Please do not request an absent ballot and then ALSO try to come and vote in person—this is a major pain for the election workers and an extra expense for the township.

Planning & Zoning News

Get Ready for Construction Projects -- Building projects on your home or farm, a new pole barn or any other new structures on your property require a permit from the township prior to construction. Before you begin any project please check with the township at least seven days prior to when you wish to begin to allow for enough time to receive a permit, if required. Please note that most demolition projects also require a permit.

Land Divisions -- If you are interested in selling part of your property you need to receive approval from the township to divide the land prior to the sale of the property. Inquiring with the township prevents the sale of a parcel that is unbuildable. In addition, we can help ensure structures are appropriately setback from proposed property lines. Contact Steve Kushion at skushion@pcimi.com, or phone 616-895-5143.

Outdoor Storage of Junk -- Olive Township prohibits the outdoor storage of junk or junk vehicles on any property. We continue canvassing the township looking for junk and sending letters about cleaning up properties.

2022 Property Tax Due Dates

Summer Taxes: Mailed: July 1, Due: September 14, 2022
Winter Taxes: Mailed December 1, Due February 14, 2023

We accept only checks or cash for payment.

U.S. Postmarks are accepted for payment date.

Cleanup Day

Our annual cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, from **8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to clean up your property and get rid of junk at little or no cost. Read the coupon to see what can and cannot be accepted. **Please be prepared to unload your own items. Bring friends or family who can help you.**

Olive Township Clean Up Day
Saturday, April 23, 2022
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Old Township Hall, 11768 Polk St., Holland, MI

COUPON

Reminder--Please wait until 8 a.m. on Saturday to bring your items. No items are to be brought the night before.

Accepted recyclables include: aluminum, glass, paper, tin, and batteries (including car). Appliances will be accepted with a \$20 charge for Freon removal.

We will not accept tires, whole cars, paints, oil, or solvents of any kind. The county has drop off points for solvents and paints. We are **not** offering electronics recycling. Lawn & yard waste is not accepted—please bring to a composting site.

Please present this coupon or proof of residency at the entrance to the clean-up day.

Water Main News

The City of Wyoming has begun preliminary survey work on a potential water line that will run through the township down Van Buren Street. We will post more information on the website as it becomes available.

Assessor's Office Information

Staff from the Assessor's Office will be out visiting properties again this spring and summer. Our goal is to visit each property every five years. We review building measurements, take updated exterior photos, and interview property owners. We intend to visit about 400 parcels each year to reach all 2,000 parcels within a five year cycle. We will be sending postcards to the 400 properties we intend to review this year.

This is the current property type mix by parcel count:

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| Agricultural | 481 | 22.6% |
| Commercial | 69 | 3.2% |
| Industrial | 89 | 4.2% |
| Residential | 1,485 | 70.0% |

Fire Department News

Burn Permits -- If you have a brush pile that you would like to burn the township office can issue a permit over the phone. Permits are sent to Central Dispatch which eliminates false calls for the department. The burn season runs from November 1 to May 31 with special provisions from June 1 to October 31. Call the office for details. Only brush and wood may be burned.

Fire Rescue Calls -- During the period of March 2021 through February 2022 the department responded to 303 alarms. 166 of those were medical related, 42 vehicle accidents, and 15 structure fires. The rest were various other types of calls.

Training Buildings Needed -- If you have an old house, mobile home, or other structure you want to demolish we are interested in using it for training and burn exercises. Please call Chief Wolters with any questions at 616-836-2398.

Applications for Firefighters This a great way to help in the community. We are a paid-on-call department. If you like adventure and helping people

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Historical Society News

The Olive Township Museum & Ottawa Station Schoolhouse will be open Memorial Day from 11 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be served. Free coffee & dessert for veterans. The 10:30 am Memorial Day service at the Olive Township Cemetery has been ongoing for over 100 years.

The WWII Monument located on the corner of Polk St. & 120th Ave. celebrates 75 years of honoring our veterans. We invite you to come pay your respects to these hallowed warriors. A wreath will be placed in their honor.

Ottawa County Historic Schoolhouse Tour will be held June 5 from 11 am to 5 pm. Six schoolhouses countywide will open their doors free of charge to the public. Donations are welcome. A drawing will be held for those visiting all six schools. Programs & maps will be available at the Olive Twp Museum & Ottawa Schoolhouse on the day of the event. More details will be available on our Facebook page.

The book, "Barns of Olive Township" is available to purchase for \$45 at the township office, or by calling 616-875-8036.

The next book, "Farm Life, Skills and Voices of Olive Township" is in the works. Writers are wanted to share their memories about life in Olive Township. Call 616-875-8036 for details. Send stories to polk.pennies@gmail.com

Pigeon River Quilt Trail Update: There are 43 quilt boards at 37 locations with more coming this spring. Go to the Community tab on the township website for photos, stories and a map.

please turn in an application. Please contact Chief Wolters for more information. Applications are available on our website under Fire Rescue Department.

New Rescue Truck Our new Rescue Truck has arrived and is in service at the 136th Avenue station. See pictures on our Facebook page. Our thanks to the people of Olive Township for supporting the funding of this truck.

Roads

We anticipate having the township's gravel roads graded and treated for dust control three times this coming season. Late April, mid -July and late August.

Make Burial Plans Now

Only Olive Township residents or landowners may buy gravesites in the **Olive Township Cemetery**. Only Olive or Port Sheldon Township residents or landowners may buy gravesites in the **West Olive Cemetery**. If you want to be buried in one of our cemeteries, give some thought to purchasing your gravesites now. Once you move out of the township, you are no longer allowed to purchase gravesites. If you already own gravesites and move out of the township, you are still able to be buried in those graves. Now is a great time to think about these things. Other important information about the cemetery is available on the township website.

Millage Renewals:

At the August 2 election, voters will be asked to vote on two millage renewal proposals. The first is for the Fire Department equipment, and will be levied for four years, if approved, at .75 mill, the millage will cost taxpayers \$.75 per \$1,000 in taxable value. The second is for the Road Fund, and will be levied for four years, if approved, at 2 mills, the millage will cost taxpayers \$2.00 per \$1,000 in taxable value. This money will be used to pave, repave, repair and maintain township roads.

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