

OLIVE TOWNSHIP SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Township Clean Up Day

(COUPON)

Please reserve April 25th. For the Olive Township Clean Up Day. The hours will be 9AM to 2 PM. The event will be held at the old Township Hall, @ 11768 Polk St. As a reminder, Please wait until 9 AM on Saturday to bring your items.

We will again have a recycle station for glass, paper, tin, aluminum, car and other type batteries.

We will not accept tires, whole cars, paints, oil, or solvents of any kind. Appliances will be accepted with a \$ 20.00 charge for Freon removal. The county has drop off points for solvents and paints.

A post card will not be sent at a later date reminding you of the date and time. Please present this COUPON at the entrance to the Clean Up Day.

School Election News:

The school election will be held on Tuesday, May 5 this year. Both West Ottawa and Zeeland school districts have school board member elections and millage renewals on the ballot. Both precinct 1 and 2 will vote at the Olive Township Hall, 6480 136th Avenue.

If you would like to vote this election by Absentee Ballot, please stop in the office M-F from 8 am – 4 pm to fill out your ballot application form. If you are over 60 years of age and would like to be placed on a **permanent** Absentee Voter list and receive an Absentee Ballot for every election, just call (786-9996) or stop in the office and let us know that. Just voting once by Absentee Ballot does not mean you will be placed on the permanent list—you must make a special request for this.

Filled out Absentee Ballots can be mailed back (don't forget to sign the envelope!) or dropped off at the township hall. The hall will be open from 9 am – 2 pm the Saturday before the election (May 2), as well, to take your drop off absentee ballots.

For new voters, or those who have just moved into the township, the voter registration cut-off date is April 6. You will not be able to vote unless you have registered to vote by April 6th. You can register to vote at any Secretary of State office, at the County Clerk's office on Fillmore and 120th, or at the township hall.

Lona Bronkema, Clerk

ALTERNATIVE ENERGIES

Planning & Zoning Department

Outdoor Wood Boilers

Many of you have contacted our office regarding the permitting process for Outdoor Wood Boilers, which are also commonly referred to as Outdoor Wood Burners. While we do allow these structures within the township, there are specific requirements that must be met and a permit must be issued from the township before their installation.

The township recently spent numerous months designing ordinance language to accommodate these Boilers but to also ensure the protection of neighboring parcels. As you likely know, these Boilers can emit significant smoke, especially in the instance prohibited material is burned. The permitting process not only locates and elevates the structure accordingly, it also educates the owner regarding its proper use.

If you are interested in installing an Outdoor Wood Boiler on your property, please make sure to contact our office to review the rules as well as receive the appropriate permit application.

Wind Turbines

Many of you have also contacted our office regarding the permitting process for Wind Turbines, which are also commonly referred to as windmills. Wind Turbines are becoming an increasingly popular discussion item within the County. While Wind Turbine technology is advancing, especially with the design of those that can be mounted on your home, they have yet to provide a payback for the typical residential dwelling. Nonetheless, it seems as if a payback may not be as far out in the future as some may believe.

As a result and because areas in Olive Township has potential to benefit from wind energy, we are currently working on ordinance language to accommodate Wind Turbines and ensure the protection of neighboring parcels. While the technology is becoming more advanced, concerns remain regarding shadowing, noise, structure failure, height and aesthetics, among other attributes, that could affect neighboring parcels. Consequently, if you are interested in the prospect of a Wind Turbine, please feel free to join in the discussions.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Planning & Zoning Department

We are approaching the spring construction season. Please remember that any new building, addition or structure as well as some remodels requires a building permit from our office. As a result, before you begin any project, be sure to check with the township at least seven days prior to when you wish to begin the project to allow for enough time to receive a permit.

Greg Ransford
Planning & Zoning Director

Olive Township Historical Society News:

The memory walk will occur after the Memorial Day service at the township cemetery. The walk ends at the museum which will be open for touring with patriotic displays. Ottawa Reformed Church young adults group will again serve hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixing's at the museum during the time it is open. This has become a real crowd pleaser in the last couple of years.

Our old settlers' picnic is scheduled for August 15 at Harlem Reformed Church. We will feature a blues fest honoring all the blueberry farmers from the area. We are especially interested in displaying family history boards as was done at the last old settler's picnic in 2007. If you are interested in making a family history board for the Blues Fest please call 875-8036. Especially welcome would be pioneer families of the area-both Olive and Port Sheldon Township.

Ottawa County Breathes Life into Broadband Dead Zones:

A high-speed, fully-mobile wireless broadband network is now available in Ottawa County that provides fully-mobile broadband Internet access to more than 95% of the County's population. The countywide network is the result of a public-private partnership between Ottawa County and iPCS Wireless Inc., a Sprint® affiliate. Although the wireless signal cannot reach every household in the County, it does provide a broadband option to many residents of Ottawa County who previously had no broadband access.

If you are one of those residents of Ottawa County who does not have broadband access, please stop by the Olive Township Offices between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 28, 2009** for a Broadband Open House. Attendees will be able to test the wireless broadband technology and also sign-up for the wireless service. The cost for the broadband service is \$59.99 (per month) for an unlimited use plan. If a subscriber is not satisfied with the broadband service within 30-days after activation, they will receive a 100% refund of any activation, equipment, and service fees.

Please contact the Township Office (616-786-9996) or the Ottawa County Planning and Performance Improvement Department (616-738-4852) if you should have any questions about the EVDO Open House or the EVDO network in general.

Olive Township Dust Control Dates:

Last week of April:
First week of June:
First week of July:
Last week of July / or first week of August:
Last week of August:

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OLIVE TOWNSHIP FIRE RESCUE

We would like to welcome new members Matthew Padding, Chris Storey and Randy Warren to Olive Township Fire Rescue.

The winter months have been busy with fire training, continuing education credits, TB testing, fit testing and other mandated hands on training. As the mandated training continues to increase, I would like to thank our members for their dedication to the fire service that we can continue to provide the citizens of Olive Township the quality of service they have come to expect.

If you are interested in joining our team please pick up an application at the Township office or the Fire Chief.

Please remember you must have a burning permit when open burning in Olive Township, no open burning May thru October.

Russell D. Hirdes
Fire Chief

RECYCLE it:

Your used cell phone donation will help the OC Sheriff's Office and the 911 Cell Phone Bank provide emergency communication to seniors and victims of abuse in our community.

Drop off your used cell phone @ the Township Office during regular business hours.

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The web site includes township contacts, meeting times, and a calendar of events, Historical society info and more. Links to Ottawa counties web site including information on hazardous waste collection sites and times of operation. They know have a collection station at 14053 Quincy St. Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday 8-1 & 2-5 and the 2nd Saturday of the month 8-1& 2-5