

# SPRING 2017 OLIVE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## **Township Highlights**

### **School Election**

West Ottawa and Zeeland School Districts will hold elections on May 2 at the Olive Township Hall. To see what is on the ballot type in your information at <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/> and click sample ballot. Polls will be open 7am – 8pm. Please enter through the front office door.

### **Terry Hossink Retires**

The Board would like to thank Terry Hossink for his many years of service on the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission. Al Nienhuis replaces Terry on the Planning Commission and Matt Nienhuis replaces Terry on the Board of Trustees.

### **Cemetery**

Olive Township has two cemeteries—the Olive Township Cemetery, located at the corner of 116<sup>th</sup> and Taylor and the West Olive Cemetery, located just south of Stanton Street on 136<sup>th</sup>. Graves may be purchased by township residents (or landowners), and the cost is:

1 grave - \$150, 2 graves - \$300, 4 graves - \$500

Additional costs apply at the time of burial, and only immediate family members of deed-holders may be buried in the Olive Township Cemetery: parents, spouse, children and/or grandchildren.

### **New Cemetery Sexton**

The Board would like to thank Judy Wolters for her years of faithful service as Cemetery Sexton. We welcome Brian and Deb Raak, who replace Judy as the Olive Township Sexton.

### **Andy Machiela Retires**

Andy Machiela has served for 14 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, 13 years on the Planning Commission, and as the Township Supervisor for 14 years--from 1986-2000. We thank Andy for his many years of service to Olive Township. Jerry Geertman has taken Andy's position on the Planning Commission, and Dwayne Dreyer replaces Andy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

### **PA116 Farmland Agreements**

Applications for new agreements should be turned in to the township office by August if possible. If you have bought or sold land that has a PA116 agreement on it, the agreement stays with the land, and paperwork must be filed to transfer the agreement to the new owner. This is done by contacting The Michigan Department of Ag & Rural Development at 517-284-5663. More information about applying, transferring, splitting or releasing land is available at [www.michigan.gov/farmland](http://www.michigan.gov/farmland). PA116 agreements are very restrictive, and should not be entered into without clear planning and advice from your financial planner/accountant.

**Olive Township Clean Up Day**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Old Township Hall**  
**11768 Polk St., Holland, MI 49424**

## **COUPON**

Reminder--Please wait until 9 am 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.

**Please present this coupon  
at the entrance to the clean-up day.**

**Students who need community service credits may volunteer during cleanup. Call 786-9996 to volunteer.**

### **Cleanup Day**

Our annual cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, April 22. This is a great opportunity to clean up your property and get rid of junk at little or no cost. Please bring the coupon on this newsletter with you when you drop off your articles. Read the coupon to see what can and cannot be accepted. Township officials will be canvassing the township this year looking for junk, and sending letters about complying with the zoning ordinance to clean up properties.

### **Road Brining**

We anticipate having the township's gravel roads graded and brined three times this coming season. Weather permitting we will apply brine the first of May, mid-summer, and in the fall.

### **Road Work**

Our road millage brought in approximately \$325,000 in revenue from 2016 taxes that will be used to improve township roads.

These roads will be resurfaced:

- 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Tyler to Polk Streets
- Blair Street from 96<sup>th</sup> to 104<sup>th</sup> Avenues
- Crosswell Street from 120<sup>th</sup> to 124<sup>th</sup> Avenues

Polk Street will be paved from 120<sup>th</sup> to 124<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

These roads will be re-graveled:

- Blair Street from 128<sup>th</sup> to 136<sup>th</sup> Avenues
- 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Tyler to Bagley Streets

If you are interested in viewing the Ottawa County Road Commission construction projects for this year go to <http://www.ottawacorc.com/construction-projects>.

### **New Website**

There is a wealth of information about the township and community on our new website. Please visit us at <http://www.olivetownship.com/>.

**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

## Planning & Zoning News

### **Getting Ready for Construction Projects?**

We are approaching the Summer construction season. New building projects on your home or farm, a new pole barn or other new structures on your property require a permit from the township prior to construction. Most improvement projects also require a permit from the township. Given this, 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, if required.

### **Did You Know?**

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.

### **Got Junk?**

Olive Township prohibits the outdoor storage of junk or junk vehicles on any property. While we have a lot of open space around us, keeping our property clean keeps the township safe and attractive to its residents and visitors.

### **Planning & Zoning Administrator Contact Info**

My office hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 8am-5pm. I can return calls and emails from Saugatuck Township Monday-Wednesday as well. Feel free to contact me at [Steve@olivetownship.com](mailto:Steve@olivetownship.com)

## Property Tax Due Dates

2017 Summer Taxes: September 14, 2017

2017 Winter Taxes: February 14, 2018

We accept only checks or cash for payment.

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## 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. In 2016 we completed about 180 reviews to get the process underway. We intend to visit about 400 parcels each year hereafter to reach all 2,000 parcels within the five years.

This is the current property type mix by parcel count:

Agricultural	486	24.3%
Commercial	75	3.8%
Industrial	92	4.6%
Residential	1,347	67.3%

## Fire Department News

### **Burn Permits**

If you have a brush pile that you would like to burn, call the township office and they can issue you a permit over the phone. The burn season runs from November 1 to May 31 with provisions from June 1 to October 31. In the off season a \$500 deposit is required and should only be used if you can't wait for the regular burning season. Only brush and wood may be burned.

### **Green Reflective Address Signs**

Help us locate you in an emergency. Order forms are available at the township office, or call Guelda Saylor at 616-399-5670. Cost is \$22 plus shipping.

### **Training Buildings Needed**

We are seeking buildings to use for firefighter training and live burns. If you have a house, mobile home or outbuilding you are going to demolish and would be interested in allowing us to use it for training, please call me for details, or with any questions at 616-836-2398. Thank you for your continued support.

*Duane Wolters, Fire Chief*

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## Historical Society News

**The Dandelion Festival** will be held on May 6 in Borculo with the parade starting at 11am. We will have antique cars carrying local veterans and the Smeyers family display of fly wheel engines.

**The May 29 Memorial Day Observance** will honor past and present veterans, and those currently serving our country. The ceremony begins at 10:30 at the Olive Township Cemetery on the corner of 116<sup>th</sup> & Taylor. Following the service will be the Memory Walk to the Olive Township Museum on Polk St. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WWI exhibit will be on display. Lunch served from 11 - 2 by the South Olive CRC Mission Group. Free dessert and coffee served to all veterans. Ottawa School House on Stanton will be open from 11 - 2 with several handcrafted wooden replicas on display.

**Pigeon River Quilt Trail** promotes painted quilts on our area barns and outbuildings. We have 16 so far. If you are interested in participating please contact society member Sandy Karsten at 875-8036. Painted Quilt Tour brochures are available at the township office.

**Historic Heritage Plaques** are available free to owners of homes over 100 years old. We also have history books and school house replicas for sale.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ottawa Station School** will be celebrated this summer. Watch for more information.

**OTHS always welcomes new members!**