

SPRING 2018 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/>.

2018 Elections

Registered voters who live in Olive Township will have an opportunity to vote several times this year. Here's a list of election dates:

- May 8 – School Election for Zeeland and West Ottawa districts
- August 7 – State Primary Election (including local millage)
- November 6 – State General Election

All elections will be held at the Olive Township Hall at 6480 136th Avenue. To see what is on the ballot, go to <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/>, type in your information, and click on sample ballot. Polls will be open from 7am – 8pm.

Absentee Ballots

If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, please call the township office at 616-786-9996 or email lona@olivetownship.com and an application will be mailed to you. State law requires absent voting to be a 2-step process. The township is unable to mail you an absentee ballot unless you first submit this application by mail, or drop it by the township office; and then a ballot will be mailed to you.

Filled out absentee ballots can be mailed back with a forever stamp—no extra postage is needed. Don't forget to sign the envelope! Make sure you mail your application and ballot back early enough—the Postal Service suggests allowing 3-5 business days for first class mail. The township hall will also be open from 9 am – 2 pm the Saturday before each election to allow you to vote by absentee ballot.

Permanent Absentee Voter List

If you are over 60 years of age and would like to be placed on a Permanent Absentee Voter list, just call 786-9996 or stop in the office and let us know. 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. When you request to be on the Permanent Absentee Voter list, you will automatically receive an **application** for every election. You must

submit an application for each election, and then you will receive and be able to vote your ballot.

Election Workers

Applications are being accepted for election workers for the August and November elections. Applicants must be registered voters, and available to work 14-16 hours on election day, which always falls on Tuesdays.

Millage Renewals

At the August 7th election, voters in Olive Township 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.

Cleanup Day

Our annual cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, **8am to 1pm**. This is a great opportunity to clean up your property and get rid of junk at little or no cost. Please bring the coupon below with you when you drop off your articles. Read the coupon to see what can and cannot be accepted. Students needing community service credits may volunteer by calling the township office.

Olive Township Clean Up Day
Saturday, April 28, 2018
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Old Township Hall
11768 Polk St., Holland, MI 49424

COUPON

Reminder--Please wait until 8 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.**

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. Please note that most demolition projects also require a permit.

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. We will be canvassing the township looking for junk, and sending letters about cleaning up properties.

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

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 middle of May, the middle of June, and the first of September.

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 2017 we completed about 400 reviews. We intend to visit about 400 parcels each year hereafter to reach all 2,000 parcels within a five year cycle.

This is the current property type mix by parcel count:

Agricultural	485	24.1%
Commercial	74	3.7%
Industrial	95	4.7%
Residential	1,360	67.5%

Property Tax Due Dates

2018 Summer Taxes: September 14, 2018

2018 Winter Taxes: February 14, 2019

We accept only checks or cash for payment.

U.S. Postmarks are accepted for payment date.

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at www.facebook.com/OliveTownship

Library Highlights

Residents pay 1/4 of a mill in property taxes for library services through Howard Miller Library in Zeeland. To obtain your library card, stop in the library (located at 14 S. Church Street) and show your ID. This library card allows you to check out books and other resources from the Zeeland library, as well as books from cooperating area libraries. For more information, check out the library website: <http://hmpl.org/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HowardMillerPublicLibrary/>

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 special 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.

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 Chief Wolters for details, or with any questions at 616-836-2398.

Help Us Find You

Green reflective address signs are available from several sources. These signs help us and other emergency services find your address. Please call the office for information on ordering the signs.

Applications for Firefighters are being accepted. Please contact Chief Wolters for more information.

Historical Society News

The Dandelion Festival will be held on May 5 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 28 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 116th & Taylor. Following the service will be the Memory Walk to the Olive Township Museum on Polk St. A "Women in the Military" 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 27 so far. If you are interested in participating please contact society member Sandy Karsten at 875-8036. Pigeon River Quilt Trail 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.

We need your help with our Women in the Military exhibit. If you have uniforms, photos, or anything we could use to display call 875-8036, or leave a comment on our Facebook page-Olive Township Historical Society.