

SPRING 2019 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 and meeting minutes please join our mailing list. The sign up is on our website.

2019 Elections

Registered voters who live in Olive Township will have just one opportunity to vote this year:

May 7 – School Election for Zeeland (operating millage) and West Ottawa (operating millage and \$97 million bond proposal)

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

Voter Registration:

In order to vote in an election, you must be registered to vote. Once you have registered to vote, you do not need to re-register for each election unless you have moved. To find out if and where you are registered, go to www.michigan.gov/vote

To register to vote in Olive Township (you must be at least 18 years old by election day and a resident of the Township and a citizen of the United States):

- Bring a current, valid driver's license or Michigan ID card to the township office between 8 and 4 Monday through Friday. You can also register to vote at any Secretary of State office or the County Clerk's office on Fillmore Street.
- You may download a voter registration form and **mail it in** to the township office.

The last day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person with the township clerk is Monday, April 22, 2019. In order to register for the May election after that date, you **must** register at the township clerk's office and also provide proof of residency.

Absentee Ballots:

Registered voters no longer need a reason to vote by absentee ballot. If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, please stop in the office M-F from 8 am – 4 pm to fill out your ballot application form. Or you can call or

email the office and we will mail you a ballot application. Once we have your filled-out application, we will mail you a ballot.

Completed absentee ballots can be mailed back with a forever stamp—no extra postage is needed. Don't forget to sign the outside of the envelope! The township hall will also be open from 8 - 4 the Saturday before the election to allow you to vote by absentee ballot.

Permanent Absent Voter List:

There is more confusion about this than almost any other part of voting. State law requires absent voting to be a **2-PART PROCESS**, even if you are on the permanent list: You must: 1) Fill out an absent voter application. 2) Vote your ballot. **We cannot issue a ballot to ANYONE without a filled-out application.**

So 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.

Any registered voter can ask to be placed on the Permanent Absent Voter List at any time for any reason.

New Millage

At the November 2018 General Election the electors of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, which includes Olive Township residents, approved a 0.90 mill (\$0.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) increase in taxes for Regional Enhancement for a period of 10 years. This new millage will be levied beginning with the 2019 summer tax bill.

Property Tax Due Dates

2019 Summer Taxes: September 16, 2019

2019 Winter Taxes: February 14, 2020

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 27, **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 or proof of residency 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 27, 2019
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. 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.

Planning & Zoning News

Get Ready for Construction Projects

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. So before you begin any project please 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.

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.

Outdoor Storage of Junk

Olive Township prohibits the outdoor storage of junk or junk vehicles on any property. Keeping our property clean keeps the township safe and attractive. We will be canvassing the township looking for junk, and sending letters about cleaning 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 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 2018 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.

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This is the current property type mix by parcel count:

Agricultural	483	24.16%
Commercial	70	3.50%
Industrial	87	4.35%
Residential	1,359	67.99%

Fire Department News

Burn Permits

If you have a brush pile that you would like to burn the township office 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. Call the office for details. Only brush and wood may be burned.

Fire Rescue Calls

During the period of March 2018 through February 2019 the department responded to 304 alarms. 151 of those were medical related. The rest were fires and various other types of calls.

Training Buildings Needed

We are seeking buildings to use for firefighter training and live burns. If you have a structure 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.

Applications for Firefighters are being accepted. Please contact Chief Wolters for more information. Applications are available on our website.

Olive Fire Rescue Equipment Millage

The Olive Township Board along with the Olive Fire Rescue Board is grateful for the support that township residents have shown for the Fire Rescue Department over the years. Due to having sufficient funds in the Fire Rescue Equipment account at this time the Township Board is looking at levying a reduced Fire Equipment millage for 2019. The tax rate may be reduced from 0.75 mills to 0.25 mills.

Historical Society News

The Dandelion Festival will be held on May 4 in Borculo with the parade starting at 11am. Local veterans riding in antique cars and the Smeyers family fly wheel engine collection will be part of this fun community event!

The May 27 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 Vietnam War Exhibit will be on display. Lunch served from 11 - 2 by the South Olive CRC Mission Group. Free dessert and coffee provided to all veterans. Ottawa School House on Stanton will be open from 11 - 2 with handcrafted wooden replicas and local history exhibits on display.

Pigeon River Quilt Trail promotes our community by providing a tour to view quilt boards on area barns and outbuildings. Travel the trail to view 31 colorful quilt patterns! Go to olivetownship.com to look for photos and a map of all the locations. If you are interested in participating or want more information contact 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 historic homes and barns. Local history books and school house replicas are available for sale. Call 399-6939 or 875-8036 for information.

We need your help with our **Vietnam Veteran Exhibit**. If you have uniforms, photos, or memorabilia we could borrow for display call 875-8036, or leave a comment on our Facebook page-Olive Township Historical Society.