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Your Knowledge and Ideas on Non-Motorized Transportation are Needed



PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014 AT 6:00 PM

Kalamazoo Township Hall, 1720 Riverview Drive

The public is invited to discuss the non-motorized transportation needs of Kalamazoo Township. We want to hear from the people who walk, bike or take transit as well as those who do not. Help develop the plan for providing and improving sidewalks, bike paths and similar non-motorized facilities within the Township. Design team members will be present to take your comments, answer your questions and address your concerns. Map displays will be available for viewing and marking.

Contact Supervisor Ron Reid at 381-8083 or supervisor@ktpw.org for more information.

If you cannot make it to the meeting, please send your comments to john@virdg.com or send them to the Township.

[You May Need to Know...](#)

[Storm Damage Pick-up](#)

Pick-up of limbs and trunks brought down by the recent wind storm will begin on October 6. The wood should be set at the curb such that it is not blocking sidewalks or roadways but close enough to the road to enable equipment to pick up logs without having to drive on lawns. Please be sure to keep wood from the storm damage separate from items set out for bulk trash. It is anticipated that after pick-up there will still be some small debris. That should be raked up by the resident and put in bags or bundled and be removed from the curb until leaf and brush pick-up.

[Bulk Trash](#)

The last bulk trash pick-up of the year begins October 6. Know which day of the week your trash is scheduled to be picked up. Please put smaller items in containers, bags or boxes that weigh no more than 50 pounds. The next pick-up will be in April 2015. For all the rules on what you can set out for bulk trash pick-up please go to the recycling and waste page on our web site. <http://kalamazootownship.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1646>

[Leaf and Brush Pick Up](#)

Leaf and Brush pick-up is the week of November 17, the week before Thanksgiving. Again be sure you know which day your leaves will be picked up and have them set out in advance. Leaves and twigs must be in paper yard waste bags. Sticks not more than 4 feet long and no more than two inches thick should be tied securely in bundles. No boxes. Please see the recycling and waste program page on the web site for more information.

[Important Elections on November 4, 2014](#)

Be sure to make your voice heard by voting in this important election on November 4. If you're new to voting, **the last date to register to vote in this election is October 6**. If you don't think you'll be able to make it to the polls on November 4 it's not too late to request an absentee ballot. The Clerk's office at the Township will be open on Saturday, November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All 12 precincts will be open for this election. If you need more information on elections go to the Clerk's page on our web site. <http://kalamazootownship.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1631>

[Your Community](#)

[Drive with care, children are back in school](#)

The Police Department would like to remind you to be particularly careful when driving the familiar streets of your neighborhood. As local schools go back into session, children are regularly walking through our neighborhoods. They often walk to school or bus stops even before the sun comes up. We also remind you that you must stop for school busses when their red lights are flashing. Officers are out in our neighborhoods paying special attention to school bus violations and speeders in school zones.

[Eastwood](#)

The Eastwood Community Association was formally incorporated under Michigan laws February 26, 1921. Known as Eastwood Community Club, The Association's aims are working together toward civic responsibility and community betterment. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Except July and August) in the Community Room of the Eastwood Fire Station, 1211 Woodrow Drive. Membership dues are \$5 single, \$8 family and \$10 Business. Memberships sold now are for year 2015, the balance of 2014 no charge. All Eastwood residents are welcome.

[Lakewood](#)

The I-94 BL Gateway Enhancement Project has been completed. The project includes a decorative sign and landscaping at the Olmstead and I-94 BL intersection and stamped concrete and landscaping at the Lake and I-94 BL intersection. For pedestrians, bicyclists and those who use transit, the improvements in this area make travel to work and nearby businesses safer. It also improves that important first impression for people considering moving to or investing in our community.



Northwood

The section of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail that runs through the Northwood Neighborhood of Kalamazoo Township is a great section of trail for all kinds of users. Because it is fairly flat and straight it's a good place to take youngsters for their first "long" bike ride. It's utilized by track teams, competitive runners, friends going out for leisurely strolls and commuters biking to and from work. It's a wonderful place for nature lovers to view the river and look for turtles, wildflowers and birds. Take time to check out this the gem in Northwood while the leaves are turning.



Westwood

The Westwood Neighborhood Association has increased the size of its board and has formed committees to take on several issues including a strategic plan for the neighborhood, non-motorized transportation and getting volunteers to help shovel sidewalks in the winter. More information is available on the WNA web site at <https://m.facebook.com/WestwoodNeighborhoodAssociationKzoo>

Drake Road in Kalamazoo Township is open again with a left turn lane at Grand Prairie, bike lanes, and a sidewalk to make getting to school, the store, or the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail safer and more inviting for everyone.

Keep Sidewalks Clear

The weather is still good and many don't even want to think about snow ever again after last winter but in case we get some of that white stuff before the next newsletter, the ordinance officer would like to remind you how important it is to keep your sidewalks clear so children, the disabled and all of your neighbors can make it to bus stops, grocery stores and other places safely. Again this year we'll be looking for Snow Heroes, individuals or groups of people who would be willing to help out people in their neighborhoods who are unable to clear their own sidewalks or pay someone to do it for them. If you or a group you belong to would be interested in helping out, please contact our ordinance officer. You can see a program about one of our snow heroes at <http://www.publicmedianet.org/blog/connect-february-2014/>

Recognition and Thanks

Storm Calls

The Township employees who answer the phones would like to thank the people of Kalamazoo Township for being so patient while waiting for the board to make their decision on the storm damage pick-up. We appreciated you taking time to understand the issues involved.

People Who Care

A thank you goes out to the Kline Family on North Westnedge for doing such a great job of making this entrance to the Township look so good. They've placed flowers under this township sign for many years and keep it looking nice through the whole season. Do you know someone who deserves a thank you for something they're doing to improve Kalamazoo Township, let me know and we can put it in the newsletter.



Communications from the Office

What's New on the Web Site?

The approved version of the Township Master Plan can be found under News and Alerts or on the Planning commission web page. Information about the non-motorized planning process and funding for road improvements are being updated on the web site as information is available.

Subscribe to the Newsletter

If you picked up a copy of this newsletter and aren't a subscriber yet be sure to go to the homepage to subscribe so you can receive it quarterly in your email, www.kalamazootownship.org or send 4 self-addressed stamped envelopes to Kalamazoo Township.

FALL CLEANING?
GREAT TIME TO GET OF RID OLD STUFF FOR FREE!!!

household hazardous WASTE

MATERIALS ACCEPTED
 BATTERIES - CELL PHONES - COMPUTERS - CLEANERS
 FLUORESCENT BULBS - GASOLINE - MERCURY
 OIL-BASED PAINTS - PESTICIDES - STEREOS
 USED MOTOR OIL - TELEVISIONS
 BUSINESS WASTE for a FEE
NOT ACCEPTED - LATEX PAINT

373-5211
 www.kalcounty.com/hhw

HOURS
 Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Wednesday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
 2nd Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • *Open Year Round*

Red Med Box

Properly disposing of unused and unwanted medications helps to protect the environment. It also helps to protect our community against prescription abuse, addiction and accidental or intentional overdose. Red Med Box is an easy and secure way to dispose of your unused or expired medication. There is a Red Med Box located in the entryway to the Police Department on the Mt Olivet side of the Kalamazoo Township Hall. It is available for you to drop off your expired and unused medications from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Meeting Dates and Times

Board of Trustees - 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

Note new Channels.

Board meetings are on Charter Communications channel 190 and AT&T U-verse 99: Sun. 8 p.m., Mon. 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Wed. 9 a.m. and Fri. 3:45 p.m. Meetings may also be viewed online at <http://pmn.pegcentral.com/>

(Also check out Kalamazoo Township Roundtable on Channel 190: Mondays at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday at 7:00 a.m., Thursdays at Midnight and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. as well as Connect at 7:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 12:30 a.m. each day of the week, to understand what's happening in your community.)

Planning Commission - first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals - third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Unsafe Building Hearing - every other month, beginning in February on the third Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

All meetings are at the Township Administrative Offices located at 1720 Riverview Drive. Check the website for any schedule changes.

Upcoming Township Office Closures

Veterans Day, November 11, 2014 Thanksgiving Day, November 27 & 28, 2014
 Christmas, December 25 & 26, 2014 New Year's Day, January 1 & 2, 2015



Have a wonderful fall!

View from the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail between G Ave. and Mosel in the Northwood Neighborhood.