



Township News

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You May Need to Know...

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

The first Bulk Trash Pick-Up Starts on April 2. Know which day of the week you're slated for pick-up (Check the [map](#) on the [recycle page](#) or call the Township.)

- No black plastic bags. Use boxes or heavy duty clear plastic bags for smaller items
- If you think you've been missed, call the Township, NOT Republic Services customer service.
- Be sure to have it out the night before; they start picking up between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.
- Please keep items to 4ft - 8ft maximum size
- Items must be able to be picked up by 2 people
- No more than 3.5 cubic yards. (A cubic yard is about the size of a box that a dishwasher or dryer would come in.)
- If you have more, please save it for the July pick up or contact a commercial garbage service for a large bin.
- It's a good idea to put recyclable metal where it can be easily found and picked up.
- Because of the July 4 Holiday the July pick-up was moved to the 2nd week, July 9 through 13.
- Look for more detailed information on what can be set out on the Township's website and be prepared to make other arrangements to take care of items that aren't picked up.

NO YARD WASTE, TIRES, PAINT/CHEMICALS, NEEDLES OR HAZARDOUS WASTE - Contact the County Household Hazardous Waste Center www.kalcounty.com/hhw or 373-5211 for disposal information

Leaf and Brush Pick Up

Leaf and Brush Pick-up is MAY 7-11 and November 12-16 and November 26-30. **We have added a third week** due to the unpredictability of the leave fall. In the future we may move it back to the first week in December. This change will cost residents about \$4 more a year, about the cost of dropping 2 extra bags of leaves off at a composting facility.

Check the curbside pick-up map on our website to make sure you're putting it out on the correct day of the week

- Leaves must be in **paper yard bags**.
- Brush and branches, not to exceed four feet in length and two inches in diameter, must be securely tied in bundles.
- **No plastic bags of any color, size or style.**
- The 12-container limit does not apply to the leaf and brush pick-ups.
- **No loose leaves in the street.**

If you miss the leaf and brush pick-up or would like an alternative to bagging your leaves [Click Here](#) or got to our website to learn about backyard composting or contact Mulder's Landscaping about drop off. Don't forget that you also have the option of signing up for weekly yard waste pick up with Republic Service for a very reasonable price.



Election May 8

This election is only for those living in the Kalamazoo Public School District. Those who normally vote at Northwood Fire Station will be voting at Hillside Jr. High and there will be no voting for Sunnyside UMC for this election since all Sunnyside voters are in Comstock School district. If you aren't currently a registered voter you must register by April 9.

New 8 inch Mowing Enforcement Rule

Under our old ordinance weeds and grass had to be 12 inches or taller to be out of compliance with the Township's tall grass and weed ordinance. The height was changed to 8 inches because the time between when tall grass was reported and it was mowed could be almost 2 weeks. By that time the grass could be much higher and require a brush mower. The Township was receiving complaints about how the lawns looked after they were mowed. We're hoping that getting the lawns mowed sooner will leave them looking better once they're mowed. This ordinance is in keeping with most ordinances in surrounding townships.



Smart 911

Smart911 is a service that allows residents to create a free Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in the event of an emergency. Click the following links for more information. [Smart911 Fact Sheet](#) and [How does Smart911 Help?](#) It's easy and could save a life.

Back Yard Fire Safety

- Look over your grill to make sure the gas line isn't checked or cracked and replace it if necessary before grilling.
- While using your gas or charcoal grill, make sure you maintain a safe distance from your home and combustibles. We recommended a minimum of 10 feet clearance.
- Open Burning Requirements:
 - To burn in the open you are required to obtain a burning permit from your district fire station
 - Open burning is limited to Wednesday through Saturday, weather permitting. You are also limited to yard waste only (leaves and brush)

The permits are free but for the sake of people with respiratory illness or asthma we suggest you call Republic Services at 216-8000 to subscribe to weekly yard waste pick up, or start a compost pile instead of burning. A copy of the burning ordinance may be obtained at your local fire station or online.

Order Address signs

When seconds count, assist the emergency medical services, fire and police departments by making a house number easy to read in the dark or in adverse weather conditions by installing a reflective address plate. The plate is pre-drilled to allow for horizontal or vertical display on a mailbox or post by the road. The address plate is green with reflective white numbers. The cost for these address plates are \$10.00. Please contact either Fire Chief Obreiter (firechief@ktpw.org) or Fire Marshal Kowalski (tckowalski@ktpw.org) or by calling 381-8080 with any questions or to order your address signs.



Bike and Pedestrian Safety

Warmer weather will be bringing out more bicyclist and walkers. Here's a link to a great video explaining bike safety and rules of the road for bicyclist. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5s5hJhLBUec>
It's good for motorists to watch too so you're more able to predict what a bike might do.

Marijuana Update

A small number of businesses have begun the lengthy and detailed process of filling out applications, purchasing or leasing property and going through the site plan review process to open a medical marijuana facility in Kalamazoo Township. More information on the zoning rules that medical marijuana facilities must comply with can be found on the Township's homepage.

Your Community

Eastwood

- Nature Recycles! Tike Hike April 8, Earth Day Work Day April 21 and Invasive Plants Field Trip June 5 at Bow in the Clouds Nature Preserve on Nazareth Road <https://www.facebook.com/events/1684588478230330/>
- Eastwood Neighborhood Association Open House/Members Appreciation April 19 7:30-8:30 p.m., Eastwood Community Room, 1211 Woodrow Dr.
- Saturday, April 21 is the Eastwood Little League Parade
- The Eastwood Neighborhood Garage sale is on Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact Rosemary at (269) 234-3589, email rknox1427@gmail.com or check out the [Eastwood Neighborhood Association](#) on Facebook.

Westwood

- Saturday, April 21 is the Westwood Little League Parade starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Westwood Neighborhood Garage sale is Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information go to the [Westwood Neighborhood Association](#) Facebook page.



Northwood

- The Northwood Neighborhood Association is taking a tour of the fire station on the corner of Mosel and Burdick on Thursday April 12th at 6 p.m.
- Northwood Neighborhood Garage Sale May 19. Get more information on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/northwoodkzoo/about/>

Lakewood

Portions of Lakewood were hit hard by the recent flood and recovery for residents is ongoing. In spite of that, good things are still happening in the Lakewood Neighborhood, home of the Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds. There are dog shows, horse shows, gem and mineral shows, craft sales and flea markets. A favorite for kids and maybe some adults you know is the Touch a Truck event on May 12 where you have a chance to climb into some really big trucks. You can find a list of events at www.kalcounty.com/parks/expo/index.htm

Other Events in and around the Township

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month www.kalamazoocan.com/
- April 22 Earth Day – Think about organizing a trash pick-up in your neighborhood, planting some native plants or trees, replacing old light bulbs with LEDs or attending events at the Kalamazoo Nature Center or other venues that we'll share on Facebook as we hear about them.
- May 6 Borgess Run for the Health of It www.borgessrun.com
- May 12-20 is Kalamazoo Bike Week www.kalamazoobikeweek.com/

If you know of events happening in the Township let us know and we may be able to create a link to your event on our Facebook page.

2018 Road and Sidewalk Improvements

There were two streets left to be repaved at the end of the Township's three year road improvement project. Stewart Dr. and Dayton Ave. were having other work done last summer that had to be completed prior to doing the road work. They will be repaved this summer. Maintenance will be done on several other roads in the township. A list of work to be done will be posted on the Township's website and regular updates will be posted on the Township's Facebook page.

The Township will be repairing more uneven sidewalks this summer. We are also looking into additional sidewalks to give easier access to parks and the River Valley Trail.

Recognition and Thanks

Helping Flood Victims

Although the job isn't done until everyone is safely back in their homes, with furniture and working appliances, we would like to thank all of those who helped out during the flood and are continuing to help with the recovery. Countless individuals, businesses and agencies pitched in to help get people out of their homes safely, into safe shelter, and fed. Others provided discounted or free services to help remove damaged household goods and floating tires and garbage. Still others are helping to get people back into their homes by getting utilities back in order and providing replacements for damaged appliances and furnishings. Gryphon Place's 211 line has been the central clearing house for getting help for whatever is needed.

211 is also the number to call if you would like to help. There is still a lot of work to be done to restore people's homes and lives. You can call 211 and let them know what resources you have to contribute. If you have skills, money or goods to contribute, 211 will be able to direct you to the agency that's the best fit.



Communications from the Office

No Room for Native Plants? We have some you can tend.

The Township is looking for a volunteer to help with maintenance of a native plant area along the creek behind the Township Hall. Contact Molly at molly@ktwp.org if you are interested.

Subscribe to the Newsletter and Like Us on Facebook

If you aren't a subscriber yet be sure to go to www.ktwp.org to subscribe to the newsletter. You'll receive it quarterly in your email. You can also like us on Facebook at Kalamazoo Charter Township.

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ELECTRONICS • BATTERIES
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NOT ACCEPTED LATEX PAINT
PLEASE SEE WEBSITE OR CALL HOTLINE FOR DETAILED LIST OF MATERIALS ACCEPTED

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373-5211 • kalamazoo.com/hhw
TO SEE IF YOUR AREA QUALIFIES FOR FREE RECYCLING:
hhwcenter@kalamazoo.com
1301 Lamont Ave. • Next to Fairgrounds

HOURS: Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Wed. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. • 2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (closed Sat. & Sun.)

Dispose of Drugs Safely



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).

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.

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

Watch Board Meetings from Home

Board meetings are broadcast live on Charter Communications channel 190 and AT&T U-verse channel 99: Replays are on Mon. 8 a.m., Thur. 1 a.m. and Fri. 3:00 p.m. Meetings are also online at <http://pmm.viebit.com/> Also, check out "Kalamazoo Township Roundtable" on channel 190: Sun. at 2:30 p.m., Wed. at 7:00 a.m., and Thurs. at Midnight.

Upcoming Township Office Closures

Memorial Day, May 28, 2018

Independence Day, July 4, 2018

Labor Day, September 3, 2018

The mission of Kalamazoo Township is to provide government services that promote a safe, healthy, accessible, and economically viable community to live, work, learn, and play.