



## Township News

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### Fall Edition 2017

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## You May Need to Know...

### Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Starts on October 2.

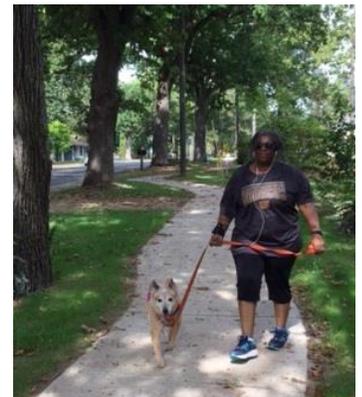
- Know which day of the week you're slated for pick up (Check the [map](#) on the [recycle page](#) or call the Township.)
- **No** black plastic bags. Please use boxes or heavy duty clear plastic bags.
- If you think you've been missed, call the Township, NOT Republic Services customer service.
- Be 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 bucket loads (loading bucket on the front of the truck) about 3.5 cubic yards. If you have more, please save it for the April 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.
- **NO YARD WASTE, TIRES, PAINT/CHEMICALS, NEEDLES OR HAZARDOUS WASTE** - Contact the County Household Hazardous Waste Center [www.kalcounty.com/hhw](http://www.kalcounty.com/hhw) or 373-5211 for disposal information.
- Please go to our website for more information

### Road and Sidewalk News

Road and sidewalk work is wrapping up for the year as the newsletter is going out. There are just a few roads in Eastwood and Lakewood to finish this fall. Sidewalks on Sunnyside and Nazareth may be done by the time you get this newsletter and work will begin on the sidewalk on Olmstead.



The Township's goal is to bring all of the roads in the Township up to good condition and put them on a regular maintenance program to make sure they never get as bad as they were. Our priority for sidewalks is to make sure students can walk to school and people don't have to walk on busy streets to get to local stores, restaurants and parks.



There are two roads, Dayton and Stewart Drive that were put off until next year because of other work that needed to be completed first. (Photos: new road and sidewalk on Gertrude in front of the school and former Trustee Goodacre walking her dog on Nazareth.)

## Leaf and Brush Pick-Up Starts November 13

Check our website to make sure you're putting it out on the correct day of the week

- Leaves must be in **paper yard bags** and set on the curb lawn.
- Brush and branches must not exceed four feet in length and two inches in diameter and must be neatly and securely tied in bundles.
- **No plastic bags of any color, size or style.**
- **No loose leaves in the street.**

If you miss the leaf and brush pick-up or would like an alternative to bagging your leaves, learn about [backyard composting](#) or contact a local landscaping company to drop off.



## Open Burn Ordinance

As summer begins to fade to fall, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the Kalamazoo Township Open Burning Ordinance number 515. Per the ordinance, you may open burn leaves and brush on Wednesdays through Saturdays after obtaining a burn permit from your district fire station. The permit is free of charge. The burn pile is limited to 3 feet in diameter and **MUST** be at least 25 feet from any structure. The fire shall be a minimum of 10 feet off any roadway and has to be tended at all times.

Please feel free to contact the Fire Marshal by phone at 269-888-2171 or email [tckowalski@ktpw.org](mailto:tckowalski@ktpw.org). You may also obtain the full [Open Burning Ordinance](#) by visiting your district fire station or by going to quick link on our web site [www.ktpw.org](http://www.ktpw.org)

Please keep in mind that burning should be the last resort for your leaves. The smoke from burning leaves can irritate the eyes, nose and throat of healthy adults. But it can be much more harmful to small children, the elderly and people with asthma or other lung or heart diseases Please first consider using our leaf and brush pick-up, composting or getting a yard waste cart from Republic Services before you burn.



## Keep Sidewalks Clear

It's hard to imagine with temperatures so recently in the 90s, but we will have snow and ice again. 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.

## Your Community

### Park Improvements

Many improvements to Kalamazoo Township parks have occurred in recent months, including:

- A new playground piece in Stroud Family Park,
- Added wood chips under play equipment in Wilson Recreation Area, Lakewood Park and Stroud Family Park,
- A re-painted sign for Wilson Recreation Area and
- A new fence at Lakewood Park and new paint on the firetruck play equipment.

Three parks will be getting signs for the first time.



There are several volunteers that have been helping to maintain and beautify the Township parks and we want you to know you are greatly appreciated. If you would like to help out at one of the parks please call Trustee Leuty at 345-6981.

## Northwood

Check out the Northwood Neighborhood Association! Our goals include bringing our community closer, keeping everyone updated on current and upcoming events and local resources. Find us on Facebook to stay connected and see what else we have in store!

[Facebook.com/groups/northwoodkzoo](https://www.facebook.com/groups/northwoodkzoo) [Northwoodkzoo@yahoo.com](mailto:Northwoodkzoo@yahoo.com)



## Lakewood

The Stewart Drive bridge is finally going to be replaced. We wish we could have made this process happen faster, (and before the fall trash pick-up), but by the end of October it should be done and services will be able to be delivered normally. Until then those on the far side of the bridge need to take their trash and recycling across the bridge.

Olmstead Road will be getting some new sidewalk yet this fall. We want to thank KPEP for the bridge they're building to take it over the creek.

## Eastwood

Eastwood Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a free Halloween Trick or Treat event Tuesday, October 31, 2017 starting at 5:45 p.m. in the Eastwood Community Room located on 1211 Woodrow, Kalamazoo, MI.



## Westwood

The Westwood Neighborhood Association wishes to thank the Township for the sidewalk updates being done. It's great to be able to walk on a sidewalk all the way to the street instead of walking across 20 feet of lawn to get there.

We are gathering neighbors together to help do fall clean-ups of some of the park-type areas in Westwood.

At our October 18th meeting we will have a representative from Republic to discuss recycling with us. We will get more in depth as to what can and what cannot be recycled. The meeting is at 7p.m. at Westwood Fire Station, 1310 Nichols Road. Like us on Face Book or e-mail [ronhuster@aol.com](mailto:ronhuster@aol.com)

## Communications from the Office

### What happens behind the counter and in the offices at the Township?

Many of you have met Assessing Assistant Bette Zawacki at the front desk where she helps people:

- applying for Hardship or Disabled Veterans Exemptions,
- inquiring about property lot lines,
- requesting copies of deeds or
- taking in Principal Residence Exemptions and Property Transfer Affidavits.

When she goes back to her office she works at:

- keeping all property records current as to ownership, purchase dates and legal descriptions
- ensuring that qualified Principal Residence Exemptions are in place for the homeowner, including Military and Conditional Rescission Exemptions and
- handling requests for property owners who want to split or combine their property.



Bette has been greeting Kalamazoo Township Residents with a friendly smile and cheerful voice for almost 38 years.

Outside of work Bette is a long standing Board member of the Kalamazoo Humane Society and a KHS Animal Adoption Counselor at Kalamazoo County Animal Services and Enforcement (30 years).

## Recognition and Thanks

### Why do fire trucks and paid-on-call firefighters show up when there's no fire?

It's not possible to have enough ambulances stationed around the community to reach people during those first few minutes of a cardiac arrest or overdose. All of the Township's firefighters are trained in emergency first aid and because fire stations and firefighters are located throughout the community they can often respond as quickly or quicker than the ambulance. There is no way to know who will be closest and able to get there fastest so when there are enough people on site to handle a situation the rest are dismissed. Firefighters also help the ambulance companies with lift assist when more than two people are needed to safely move a patient. Michigan was one of the first states to develop this type of first responder program and is one of the leading states for full cardiac arrest saves. In addition Kalamazoo Township had the first pilot program to equip all of its fire trucks with a defibrillator, a practice that is now standard across the nation.

You can take pride and reassurance in the fact that your fire department, under the leadership of Fire Chief David Obrieter, is keeping up on training and equipment including the Jaws of Life, now available at all three fire stations. Much of the fire equipment is purchased used but is sent to a third party for inspection before putting it into use. All equipment is tested regularly. This saves you money but more than that the fire department wants to make sure that when you're in desperate need they won't let you down. Thank you firefighters for all you do.

### Subscribe to the Newsletter

If you just happened across this newsletter online or picked one up at the township hall and aren't a subscriber yet be sure to go to [www.ktwp.org](http://www.ktwp.org) to subscribe so you can receive it quarterly in your email.

### 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.

An advertisement for "Clean Out..." services. The top part says "clean OUT..." in a stylized font. Below that, it lists "HOME & AUTO CLEANERS & CHEMICALS", "ELECTRONICS • BATTERIES", and "FLUORESCENT & LED BULBS". The middle section shows various household products like Prestone, Fram, and 3M. A "household hazardous WASTE" logo is in the bottom left. The bottom right contains contact information: "373-5211 • [kalamcounty.com/hhw](http://kalamcounty.com/hhw)", "TO SEE IF YOUR AREA QUALIFIES FOR FREE RECYCLING", "hhwcenter@kalamcounty.com", and "1301 Lamont Ave. • Next to Fairgrounds". Hours are listed as: "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 Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29)"/>

### 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://pmn.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

Veterans Day Observed, November 10, 2017

Day after Thanksgiving, November 24, 2017

Thanksgiving, November 23, 2017

Christmas, December 25, 2017

*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.*