

Kalamazoo Township News

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Keep it Nice

Everyone wants to maintain the value of their home, now that spring is here, this would be a good time to review some selected ordinances that help you do that:

- #15 parking of vehicles: Parking is allowed in the right of way as long as the vehicles are registered, operable and face the flow of traffic. No front yard parking in the township is allowed.
- #15 Garage/Yard sales: Must have a permit, No more than 2 sales a year, only 1 sign is allowed on the sight not on utility poles, and the sale can run for no more than three days.
- #305 Weed and grass control: Must not exceed 12" in height.
- #197 Rubbish collections: Garbage and recycling carts should be put out no earlier than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to your scheduled pick up and please remove cart from the curbside after being picked up.
- #350 Litter: It is unlawful to place or leave any litter or other materials on public or private property in the township except for the scheduled bulk pick up times.

For a full list of ordinances please go on line to [Kalamazoo Township.org](http://www.kalamazootownship.org). These ordinances are implemented and enforced to ensure the quality of life for the residents of the township and would appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Any questions feel free to contact the township ordinance officer at spgallagher@ktpw.org or call 381-8080 ext. 309.

Spring Fire Safety

As the weather is starting to break and you are preparing for your summer activities I would like to offer you some fire safety information to keep you and your family safe this summer.

- As you are pulling out your gas grill for this season, please look the grill over and make sure that the gas line is not checked or cracked. If it is, replace it.
- While using your gas or charcoal grill, make sure you maintain a safe distance to 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.
- A copy of the burning ordinance may be obtained at your local fire station or on line at www.kalamazootownship.org.



The Kalamazoo Township Fire Department wishes you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.

Todd Kowalski, Fire Marshal

New on the Web Site - <http://www.kalamazootownship.org>

Township board meeting agendas and packets are now available on the web site the Friday before each board meeting. Look under Documents and Permits.

Also under Documents and Permits is the garage sale permit. If you have scanning capabilities you can email the completed permit to deptreasurer@ktpw.org. Other permits and applications are available on line under the respective departments



Fireworks Ordinance

A fireworks ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees on May 13, 2013. Ordinance # 570 states that "A person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. The full ordinance is on the Kalamazoo Township web site.

You Have the Best and Most Experienced

- Deputy Fire Chief Weidemann was elected as 2013 President of the Western Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs.
- Kalamazoo Township Police Chief Timothy Bourgeois was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to represent local law enforcement on a 14-member Mental Health Diversion Council within the Michigan Department of Community Health. The goal of the council is to "develop a method of diverting individuals with mental illness or substance abuse problems out of the criminal justice system and into appropriate treatment."
- Treasurer George Cochran was recognized by proclamation by the Kalamazoo County Communication Action Board, for 6 years of Service.
- Clerk Donald Z. Thall was first elected as a trustee of the Charter Township of Kalamazoo in April of 1963. He has served continuously of the Board of the Charter Township of Kalamazoo for 50 years.

Waste Programs

Remember, your Bulk Trash, Leaf and Brush and Recycling should be out on the curb the night before the day of the week designated for pick up in your area of the township. Be sure to report missed pick-ups by the end of the next business day. The next bulk trash pick-up will begin the week of July 1, 2013. More information is available on the Township's web site or you may call or email molly@ktwp.org if you have questions.

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

Cleaning out your garage? Kalamazoo County recycles for **Free**: Gas, Car Batteries, Motor Oil & Filters, Antifreeze, Aerosol Cans and more. Also, bring in your TV or computer for recycling. Call our Hotline at (269) 373-5211 or get information on line at www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm

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 Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Board meetings are televised live on channel 98, and are rebroadcast on channel 98: Sun. 1 p.m., Mon. 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Wed. 1 a.m. & 2 p.m. and Sat. 2 p.m. Meetings may also be viewed online at <http://pmm.pegcentral.com>.

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.

Upcoming Township Office Closures

May 27, Memorial Day, July 4 & 5, and September 2, Labor Day.