

Kalamazoo Township News

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If you received this newsletter in an email, chances are you recently received an email from tech@itright.info letting you know you've been added as a registered user to Kalamazoo Charter Township. This was just part of the process of adding you to the email list to receive the newsletter. If you picked up a copy of the newsletter at the township and would like to receive it by email click the register button just under the flag on the home page of our web site.

Township Assessor, Ruth Blake, Retires

Assessor Ruth Blake retired in June of this year after 14 years of service to Kalamazoo Township. She was previously assessor at Comstock Township. Jim Yonker, who has been working as the Township Appraiser will be Acting Assessor until a replacement is hired. Assessing Assistant Bette Zawacki described Ruth as "Courteous and accommodating to Township residents, business partners, anyone requesting help or information." Enjoy your well deserved retirement Ruth.

Operation School Supplies

Kalamazoo Township is participating in Operation School Supplies by being one of the drop off locations on behalf of Public Media Network. All of the items we collect from June through September will be donated to local elementary schools in our community. Along with the collection box, you have a chance to win an Ultimate Prize Package from the Hallmark Channel at WinwithCharter.com.



Police Officers Assist with Youth Leadership Academy

From June 23rd to June 28th, Sergeant Scott Jackson and Officer Josh Staggs from the Township of Kalamazoo Police Department assisted the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety with the fifth annual Youth Leadership Academy at Fort Custer National Guard Base in Augusta. During the week-long event officers lived with and mentored young men, ages 13-16, from the community.

The goal of the academy is to equip the youth with skills that will assist them in becoming leaders within the community. Some of the training sessions throughout the week included classroom exercises in local government operations, personal finance, communication skills, problem solving, resume building and completing job applications.

The youth had the opportunity to apply some of the new skills on the camp's leadership training course. These military obstacle courses made the young men apply their communication, problem solving and leadership skills in a group setting to accomplish a goal. Although many of the obstacles went unsolved, the participants said they came away with a better understanding of teamwork and personal fortitude. All the boys said they will use their new skills to make better decisions for themselves and the community.

Thank You Park Volunteers

Your elected officials would like to thank all of the Kalamazoo Township residents who work to keep the shared spaces in the Township looking good. To all of you who trim brush, pick up trash and clean up in other ways around The Township, **THANK YOU!**



Ever Dream of Being a Firefighter?

Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity to serve your community? The Township of Kalamazoo is seeking applications for the position of paid on-call firefighters. This paid, part-time position is responsible for responding to fires, emergency medical calls and other various calls for service. This position requires a modest time commitment for scheduled training as well as unscheduled response to emergency situations. Minimum requirements are: valid State of Michigan drivers license, high school diploma or equivalent and be 18 years of age or older. Within two years of employment, all paid on-call firefighters must obtain the following certifications: Michigan Firefighters Training Council (MFFTC) Firefighter I/II, MFFTC Hazardous Materials Response Operations level and Cardio

Pulmonary Resuscitation Healthcare Provider level. Paid training opportunities are available to obtain the required certifications. If you are interested or have any questions, you can contact the Township of Kalamazoo Fire Chief at 381-8080 ext. 124.

Neighborhood News

Westwood

It's that time of the year again! **The 72nd Annual Ice Cream Social** will be held at the Westwood Fire Station, 1310 Nichols Road on Friday, July 26, 2013 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. As usual, there will be plenty of ice cream, cupcakes, food and games to keep the kids occupied while you visit with your friends and neighbors. We will be providing live musical entertainment beginning at 6:30, with the door prize raffle starting at about 8:00. You do not need to be present to win the raffle, so stop by and join the fun even if it is for a short stay! Please contact the Westwood Fire Station at 343-1811 if you have any questions.



The **Neighborhood Association** would like to invite the Westwood Community to its 1st Neighborhood Association Meeting to be held on August 6, 2013 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Westwood Fire Station, 1310 Nichols Road. We invite all to come and bring your neighborhood issues and ideas.

Please stop by our informational table at the ice cream social.

Contact: L'Shawn Phillips at (269) 491-3144

Scheid Park Volunteers

If you live in the area of Pinehurst Blvd. and Hillsdale you may not be aware of a new shared space located at 1017 Pinehurst Blvd. The Scheid Park committee has a master plan and is looking for more volunteers to help bring it to life. If you're interested, contact Molly for a volunteer form.

Eastwood

The Eastwood Neighborhood Association is beginning the planning for a community garden for next summer. Watch for a push for new members in the fall newsletter. If you'd like to help with that push contact Molly at molly@ktwp.org or 381-8083.

Lakewood and Northwood

The Lakewood and Northwood neighborhood associations are both looking for new leadership. If you are interested, please contact The Township and ask for Molly. We'll do what we can to help you get rolling.

Block Parties

Remember, if you want to get your neighborhood together for a block party be sure to get a permit filled out and back to us in time to get it approved at one of our board meetings, (see schedule below) and give us time to get it in to the road commission for their approval. Permits are available by contacting Molly@ktwp.org.

Township Open House Tour

If you weren't able to make it to our open house at the township you can take a virtual tour with Public Media Network by going to <http://kzootv.com/permalink/connectktwpopenhouse.html>.

Waste Programs

The next Bulk Trash Pick Up will be the week of October 7 through 11. 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 before the end of the next business day. 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

Working in your yard and finding outdated or hazardous chemicals you no longer want to use in your basement or storage shed? Kalamazoo County recycles for **Free**. Also, bring in your TV or computer for recycling. Call the 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://pmn.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. Check the website for any schedule changes.

Upcoming Township Office Closures

Labor Day, September 2, 2013.

Have a great rest of the summer!