

COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

We are anticipating four elections in 2012. The dates are as follows:



February 28, Presidential Primary

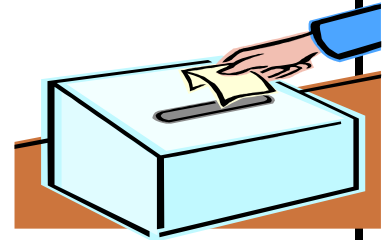
May 8, State and County proposals, and School Boards are possible.

August 7, Presidential Primary

November 6, Presidential Election, Township Board, County and Judicial Seats

Please check your voter registration card for your polling location, contact the Clerk's office, or go to Michigan Voter Center at: www.michigan.gov/vote.

Registered voters age 60 or older can be placed on our Permanent Absentee Voter List if they wish. An application for an absentee ballot will automatically be mailed to you before each election. Please contact the Clerk's Office if you wish to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Voter List.



Ordinances are established to improve the quality of life in our township. View your property as your neighbors may—courtesy is the key to a successful community! Please contact me directly with any questions or complaints at 269-382-0223, ext. 23
Ray Roberts, Ordinance Enforcement Officer



*The Cooper Township Board and Office Staff
wish all residents a safe and happy holiday!*

OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Friday, Dec 23rd, 2011 @ Noon
Monday, Dec. 26th, 2011 Closed
Monday, Jan. 2nd, 2012 Closed

Check out Library Websites for
current programs:

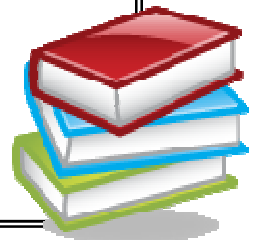
Ransom District Library:

www.ransomlibrary.org

Parchment Community

Library:

www.parchmentlibrary.org



2011 TAX REMINDERS

Your winter tax bill is enclosed. Taxes are due Feb. 14th, 2012. Not receiving your tax bill does not relieve you of the obligation of paying interest and penalty if applicable. Taxes can be paid with a credit card online or by phone (1-800-272-9829) through Official Payments (www.officialpayments.com). Our jurisdiction code is 7131. They charge a 3% convenience fee for this automated service. *Our office does not accept credit or debit card payments. Please review the due dates on the tax bills; interest & penalties are assessed after the due dates—no exceptions.* You can visit our website www.coopertwp.org to access tax information online and/or print receipts. Please remember to bring your bill with you This will help us control administrative costs.



* Note from the Township Supervisor*

Cooper Township has made some changes this year to be proactive and provide services more efficiently and cost effective. As you know by now the single stream recycling has been more successful than the small bins. The volume is up, the messes are fewer and the number of people recycling has increased. We commit to you that we, as your Township Board, will continue to look at every aspect of the operations of Cooper Township to be as fiscally responsible as possible, and continue to provide quality services to you.

I am taking input on 2012 road projects. If you have any suggestions for road improvements for next year, please call or e-mail Jeff Sorensen before the end of January 2012.

E-mail: supervisor@coopertwp.org Office phone: (269) 382-0223. Home phone: (269) 207-1156.



BUILDING PERMITS

Effective October 12, 2011 Associated Government Services will be providing all Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing permits and inspections. Permits issued prior to October 12th will be inspected and completed by Cooper Township.

Associated Government Services
8721 Gull Road
Richland, MI 49083
269-629-0600
1-800-627-2801



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

2012 Assessment notices will be mailed to all property owners in February. The March Board of Review is your time to appeal if you believe your assessment is incorrect. Dates and times for the March Board of Review will be printed on the Assessment Notice. The Assessing office is continuously reviewing property for new construction, alterations, or other changes that may affect property values. Our goal is to assess property at approximately 50% of the actual market value, per state law.

2012 Curbside Bulk Trash Pick-up Dates:

- *Monday, April 30th - May 4th 2012 East and West
- *Monday, October 1st - 5th, 2012 East and West
- *Note the change. Items may be put out the Saturday Before.

STYROFOAM RECYCLING DATES
1590 West D Ave.
8AM-NOON FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
Jan 7, 2012, March 24, 2012 & June 23, 2012
Volunteers Welcome



COOPER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Jeff Sorensen, Supervisor
Brenda Buiskool, Trustee

Bonnie Sytsma, Clerk
Deanna Janssen, Trustee
Fred Vlietstra, Trustee

Carol DeHaan, Treasurer
Bob Schiedel, Trustee

The Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00pm. These meetings are open to the public.