



# NEWSLETTER

Winter 2017

### How to contact your Cooper Township Officials & Staff

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Many questions can be answered at our new and improved website [www.coopertwp.org](http://www.coopertwp.org). In addition, please feel free to email or call the office anytime at 269-382-0223.

### Township Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm

**We will be CLOSED**

- December 22—1/2 Day**
- December 25—Christmas Day**
- January 1, 2018—New Years Day**
- February 19—Presidents Day**
- May 25 & 28—Memorial Day**
- July 4—Independence Day**

### 2018 Spring Curbside Bulk Pickup!!

April 16—20

ITEMS SHOULD BE PUT OUT TO THE CURB  
NO LATER THAN SATURDAY THE 14TH OR SUNDAY  
THE 15TH!!

Curbside Reminder: Properties without a residence are **NOT** eligible to use the curbside recycling or participate in the Bulk Pick-up in the spring and fall.

The recycling assessment is assessed on residences only!

### 2018 STYROFOAM DROP SCHEDULE

Township Hall Parking Lot  
1590 West D Ave 8am—12pm

Jan 6, March 24, June 23, Sept 22

Clean separated peanuts, egg cartons, clean/dry to-go food containers, etc. Used oil is no longer accepted.



### Are you a City Water User?

Parchment City has instituted a quarterly demand charge of \$30/quarter if the property has a water meter but is not currently using city water. This charge is to sustain the infrastructure within the City of Parchment. The only way to avoid this charge is to pay \$30 to have the water meter removed.



### Building Permits for Roofing and Siding Jobs??

Cooper Township is a member of the Southwest Michigan Building Authority (SMBA). This authority was formed in 2016 by Cooper Township and Oshtemo Township in a joint effort to combine resources, keep costs down, and to continue acting for the safety and welfare of our residents. One of the big changes with this collusion is that residents and contractors are now required to take out building permits for roofing and siding projects. Michigan winters can create havoc on our homes and many products available for warmer climates are not practical for the severe weather protection our homes require. The inspections that go along with a building permit are what keep us all protected from ineffective products that are not allowed per the Michigan Building Code. To inquire about rules and regulations or to obtain a permit, please visit the SMBA website [www.swmiba.org](http://www.swmiba.org) or call at 269-585-4150.



**Wiersma-West Drainage Assessment:** There is a drainage assessment on the winter tax bill for the Wiersma-West Drain. This assessment is only on 11 parcels in Section 33 of the township, and all residents included in the drainage district should have received notification from the Drain Commissioner.

## Township Embarks on Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study—

Township leaders are continually seeking ways to maximize the community's tax dollars while minimizing cost and waste. In addition, leveraging spending and grants from outside agencies is another strategic tool for the Township to do the most with as little local funding as possible.

The Township is aware of not only an upcoming road resurfacing project in the Riverview and Keyes Drive area to be completed by the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) in 2019, but also of the long-standing sanitary sewer service needs in this and other nearby portions of the township.

Understanding the RCKC road funding investment within Cooper Township has the potential to reduce costs of a sanitary sewer project by as much as \$1,000 per property, the Township has engaged Wightman & Associates, Inc. to study the feasibility of implementing a sanitary sewer project at the same time as the RCKC road project. Among other things, the study will entail reviewing several different project alternatives and pursuing grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture. The Township's objective in evaluating study results will be to implement the most cost effective project (maximizing funding opportunities) that best meet as many wastewater service needs as possible while improving the quality of life for residents and businesses.

The study is set to kick-off in the very near future. As study data emerges in spring-2018, the Township intends to utilize a web-based media platform and hold informational meetings to share details and receive feedback from property owners. Leaders aim to make decisions in the best interest of our community and know a collaborative effort will greatly increase the likelihood of building consensus around a selected project alternative.

If you have any comments or questions about the study, please feel free to contact the office!

### **WINTER REMINDERS!!**

1. Snow removal is fast approaching and objects that impede snow removal (trash cans, basketball hoops, cars etc) should be moved away from the curbside. Please Keep your sidewalks clear!
2. You may **NOT** push snow out of your driveway into the road right of way!
3. Remember to check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; change your furnace filters; limit your use of space heaters; and keep fire hydrants cleared of snow!

**RECYCLE not TRASH** household hazardous WASTE

**HOME & AUTO CLEANERS/CHEMICALS ELECTRONICS • BATTERIES FLUORESCENT & LED BULBS**

BUSINESS WASTE for a FEE • NOT ACCEPTED LATEX PAINT

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE OR CALL HOTLINE FOR DETAILED LIST OF MATERIALS ACCEPTED

**www.kalamazoo.com/hhw • 373-5211**

1301 Lamont Ave. | Kalamazoo, MI 49048 | (Next to the Fairgrounds)

Tuesday & Friday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
2nd Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (closed in Aug. & Sept.)

### **Planning / Zoning Questions?**

Russ Wickland is the Cooper Township Planning/Zoning Administrator. His office hours are Wednesdays from 1-3pm. You can drop in to see him or call the Township Office to make an appointment! Otherwise you can reach him by phone at 269-781-4999.

## **2017 Winter Tax Bill**

Enclosed is your 2017 winter tax bill. Please be sure and review the tax bill due dates. **Interest and penalties are assessed after the due date.**

If you mail your check or pay through your bank with an online payment, please consider confirming, before the due date, that your payment was received by our office. We have had cases of online payments taking up to two weeks before we receive the payment or payments never arriving at all. You can call our office for confirmation of payment or visit our website to access tax information online.

At this time Cooper Township Office doesn't accept credit or debit card payments. Online payments can be made through Official Payments at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com). Our jurisdiction code is 7131. Please be aware.....**Official Payments charges a 3% convenience fee for this service.**

When paying in the office, if possible please remember to bring your bill with you. We make every effort to save money and trees by re-printing as few bills as possible!