



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018

Township Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm

We will be CLOSED

December 24 & 25—Christmas Eve & Day

January 1—New Years Day

February 18—Presidents' Day

May 24 & 27—Memorial Day Weekend

How to contact your Cooper Township Officials & Staff

Supervisor Jeff Sorensen supervisor@coopertwp.org

Clerk DeAnna Janssen clerk@coopertwp.org

Treasurer Carol DeHaan treasurer@coopertwp.org

Assessor Kim Kars-Bos kkars@coopertwp.org

Planning/Zoning Russ Wicklund Preim Group @ 269-781-4999

Building Dept SMBA @ 269-585-4150 or www.swmiba.org

Fire Chief Terry Emig temig@coopertwp.org

Many questions can be answered at our website www.coopertwp.org. In addition, please feel free to email or call the office anytime at 269-382-0223.

DRAIN ASSESSMENTS ON THE WINTER TAX BILL— Four drainage districts have been placed on the winter tax bill this year. Rollridge Pines, Walker Trails, Walker Meadows 2 and the Otsego/Alamo ICD. Residents in these districts were notified by the Kalamazoo County Drain Office earlier this year. If you have any questions, please contact the drain office at 384-8117.

REMINDERS: Consumers Energy will purchase your old energy-wasting fridge or freezer for \$50 should you be making a change. Schedule your free and easy pickup at [1-888-990-2246](tel:1-888-990-2246).

The **2018 Winter Tax Bill** you're receiving with this newsletter is due by February 14, 2019 **interest and penalties will be assessed on February 15, 2019.**

If you plan to mail your tax payment, please consider using our drop box (located to the right of our front door) or drop it off at the post office in a secure receptacle. We have all read the stories about criminals stealing mail out of rural mailboxes in order to commit different types of check fraud.

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. Our jurisdiction code is 7131. Please be aware....**Official Payments charges a 3% convenience fee for this service.**

Whether you send in a check or initiate an online payment through your bank, please call our office or check online at www.coopertwp.org to confirm that your payment was received. We have had several instances recently when our office has not received the payment. This results in your account being turned over to the Kalamazoo County Treasurer's Office as delinquent which means additional interest and penalty that you will be responsible for.

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! If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Carol DeHaan, Treasurer, at 269-382-0223.

ELECTION UPDATE - Stats from November 2018 General Election!!



Cooper Township saw a stellar turnout for this years' General Election. Out of 7,865 registered voters, Cooper precincts were visited by 3,771 voters exercising their right to vote while 1,264 residents utilized the Absent Voter ballot process!!

That is an amazing 64% turnout for a midterm election!!

Thank you to all the Precinct Inspectors that spent a very long and busy day ensuring that voting in Cooper Township went smoothly!!

Anyone interested in joining the ranks of "Cooper Precinct Inspector" please visit the clerk's office or send in a completed election worker application found at <http://www.coopertwp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Election-Inspector-Application-and-Addendum.pdf>.

An extra big **THANK YOU** to Bethel Baptist Church, Northbridge Community Church, and Coopers Landing for your donation of precinct locations. Cooper Township staff and residents truly appreciate your generosity!

If you have questions about your voter registration, signing up for Absent Voter Ballots, or becoming an Election Inspector please contact DeAnna Janssen, Clerk or Debbie Holtman, Deputy Clerk at 269-382-0223!



2019 SPRING CURBSIDE BULK PICK-UP!!

Week of April 15th

ITEMS SHOULD BE PUT OUT TO THE CURB NO LATER THAN SATURDAY THE 13TH OR SUNDAY THE 14TH!! Curbside Reminder: Properties with-

out 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!

Golf Outing Anyone??

Cooper Township firefighters would like you to mark your calendars and plan to join them for 18 holes on May 18, 2019. Location will be Crestview Golf Club and will include lunch. To reserve your spot or for more info, please call Terry Emig @269-806-5123

Republic Services Acceptable/Unacceptable Items for Spring & Fall Clean Ups!!

ACCEPTABLE:

- All bagged (CLEAR BAGS ONLY) and containerized solid waste—must weigh less than 50lbs each.
- Larger items such as: Furniture, toys, bicycles, appliances*, home fixtures and any other items as long as they are considered non-hazardous. Mattresses, if they have bedbugs, have to be wrapped in plastic and labeled.
- Small amounts of building materials—door, window cabinet—must be cut down to fit into the truck and be lifted by one person! NO DEMOLITION STYLE LARGE VOLUMES.
- Latex Paints—paint must be dried up in containers (use sawdust, kitty litter, or just leave the can open for a few days).
- Wheel rims and small car parts.
- Tires (tires may be accepted if they are cut up in flat pieces—like a bagel).
 - **PICK UP VOLUME IS LIMITED TO 3 CUBIC YARDS PER RESIDENCE (EQUAL TO A PICK-UP TRUCK BED)**
 - **REPUBLIC WILL BASICALLY PICK –UP MOST EVERYTHING PLACED AT THE CURB (SEE EXCEPTIONS BELOW) AS LONG AS IT IS PREPARED IN “MANAGEABLE BUNDLES”, BAGS, BOXES AND CONTAINERS.**
 - **REPUBLIC EMPLOYEES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO UNLOAD VEHICLES OR TRAILERS.**

UNACCEPTABLE:

- Large plastic drums, concrete, large pieces of metal, yard waste, liquid waste, hazardous waste
- Whole tires and tires on rims
- Non-latex paints and varnishes, motor oil, solvents, any batteries
- Regulated medical waste
- Large car parts such as: engine blocks, bodies, oversize hoods & doors
- Building demolition: while they will take certain amounts of building material (see above), they will not be able to remove loose material or large volumes such as: Garage, Room or House demolition that would normally require a construction style dumpster.
- Appliances that contain Freon, such as: Refrigerators & Air Conditioners. *These items can be accepted if the Freon has been removed and the appliance is “tagged” by a licensed facility that the Freon has been removed.

2019 STYROFOAM DROP SCHEDULE

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

January 5, March 23, June 22, September 28



CLEAN/SEPERATED PEANUTS, EGG CARTONS, CLEAN/DRY TO-GO FOOD CONTAINERS, PACKING STYROFOAM, ETC.

Used oil is no longer accepted.

CONSIDERING LAND DIVISION?

If your thinking about dividing and/or selling off a portion of your property, please remember to visit the township office or website for a Land Division Application.

The Land Division process will require **you** to complete the application, pay the fee to the Township, acquire a survey, obtain new legal descriptions from the surveyor, and provide the township with new deeds where applicable. Driveway permits, Well & Septic permits and Perk tests are other items that you may need to consider when considering Land Division.