



## Cooper Charter Township

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[www.coopertwp.org](http://www.coopertwp.org)

# NEWSLETTER

### Summer 2021

#### Township Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm

**We will be CLOSED**

**July 5—Independence Day**

**September 6—Labor Day**

**November 11—Veterans Day**

**November 25 & 26—Thanksgiving**

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

**Supervisor** Jeff Sorensen [supervisor@coopertwp.org](mailto:supervisor@coopertwp.org)

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**Assessor** Kim Kars-Bos [kkars@coopertwp.org](mailto:kkars@coopertwp.org)

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

#### **Problems with bi-weekly recycling curbside pick up?**

Please call 1-888-249-5112 and the Republic Waste Customer Service Dept will help with missed pick-ups and Herbie replacements!

#### 2021 Fall Curbside Bulk Pickup!!



October 11-15

ITEMS SHOULD BE PUT OUT TO THE CURB NO LATER THAN SATURDAY/SUNDAY BEFORE THAT MONDAY!!

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!

For Additional information about what you can and CAN'T put at the curbside, please call the office or refer to the townships webpage at

<http://www.coopertwp.org/curbside-pick-up-and-recycling/>

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

Julie Johnston is the Cooper Township Planning/Zoning Administrator. You can call the Township Office to make an appointment with Julie! She holds office hours on Friday afternoons.

**Cooper Fire Department...** responds to several water rescue incidents each year. The weather is warming up outside and people are starting to utilize the Kalamazoo River. We encourage boaters and kayakers to practice water safety by wearing a life jacket or have it close by. It's important to have a cell phone to call 911 if you



become stranded and pay attention to landmarks and river markers so you know your location. We are available and prepared to assist during water emergencies. For additional monthly Fire Department Stats....check out the Fire Department page on the Cooper Township Website at <http://www.coopertwp.org/fire-department/>

#### Road Projects Planned for 2021

14th Street—E Ave to D Ave = HMA Overlay

AB Ave—12th St to Douglas = Crack Fill, HMA Wedge, Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Hunters Crossing—D Ave to Woodview Grove = Crack Fill, Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Woodview Grove—Hunters Crossing to 150' east of Hunters Crossing = Crack Fill, Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Wild Flower Path—Hunter Crossing to 953' east of Hunters Crossing = Crack Fill, Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Sparrow Ave—Oriole Street to 407' east of Wren Street = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Oriole St—Rollridge Ave to Sparrow Ave = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Wren St—Rollridge Ave to Sparrow Ave = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Rollridge Ave—Oriole Street to 24th St = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Stony Ave—Rocky Rd to Quartz St = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Quartz St—Granite Ave to Stony Ave = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Granite Ave—Rocky Rd to Quartz St = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Rocky Rd—Rollridge Ave to Stony Ave = Crack Fill, Double Chip Seal, Fog Seal

Check <https://www.kalamazocountyroads.com/news.php> for Road Project updates!

#### 2021 STYROFOAM DROP SCHEDULE

Township Hall Parking Lot,  
1590 West D Ave, Sept 25  
from 8am-12pm

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



## ELECTION UPDATE -

On May 4th this year Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) posed a question to the people regarding a millage renewal. Their proposal passed the entire district 18,670 to 10,645. In Cooper Township the proposal passed 404 to 359. Cooper Township voter turn-out was 16% with 88% of those voters choosing to vote via mail in ballot.



The only other election scheduled for Cooper Township residents in 2021 is on November 2nd. Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority is currently the only entity on that ballot and this question will affect all Cooper Township Residents.

As always, visit <http://www.coopertwp.org/elections/> not only for a link to election results, but also a link to the state that allows you to preview your ballot, change your address, check your voter registration information and status, follow the progress of your mail in ballot application/ballot, find out where you vote, and lots of other information.

I'm always looking for more election workers, but small elections like this one need less Precinct Workers than the bigger elections. If you would like to join our roster of excellent election workers, please find the application on the site above and get it to me here at the township hall. We probably won't need you for November, but the Gubernatorial Election is right around the corner!!

Stay safe....DeAnna Janssen, Clerk



In Cooper Township there are requirements that need to be met when considering **dividing or combining your property.**

We receive many calls regarding the process and are here to help where we can with the

application process, printing aerial views and allowable divisions. If you are considering dividing some property or purchasing additional property from a neighbor, please give us a call or get on the township website at [www.coopertwp.org](http://www.coopertwp.org). Look over the applications (located by going to the "government" tab at the top then to "applications" & "assessing applications") which break down the types of land division and the requirements for each. Having approval from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for a driveway is one of the top items, in addition to approval for well and septic from the County Health Dept (if applicable) and a certification of taxes paid from the Kalamazoo County Treasurer. The costs involved are based on the townships cost for updating maps, processing the application, allocating values, review by the planner, and in some cases being heard by the Township Board. There are a lot of things to consider in this process, please remember that we are here to help! Kim and Starr, Assessing

**Street lighting** provides a number of important benefits. It can be used to promote security and to increase the quality of life by artificially extending the hours in which it is light so that activity can take place. Street lighting also improves safety for drivers, riders, and pedestrians.



Is your neighborhood street too dark? The township is looking at areas of Cooper in need of street lights and we want to hear from you. Please call the township and add your name and address to the list if you are interested in being considered.



## 2021 Summer Tax Bill

The summer tax bill you're receiving is due by September 14, 2021. Additional interest of 1% per month accrues beginning September 15, 2021.

If you plan to mail your tax payment, please consider using our drop box (located to the right of our front door) or dropping 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 [www.pointandpay.com](http://www.pointandpay.com). Please be aware.....**Point and Pay 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](http://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.

The Federal Government has extended the deadline for REAL ID to May 3, 2023. When it does go into effect, this federally required standard for identification means anyone who travels by air within the United States will be unable to board a plane without a REAL ID compliant document. A REAL ID will also be required to enter certain federal facilities. Make an appointment now at a



Secretary of State office to turn your standard drivers' license or ID into a REAL ID!

Learn more at [Michigan.gov/REALID](http://Michigan.gov/REALID)