



Cooper Charter Township

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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019

2020 SPRING/FALL CURBSIDE BULK PICK-UP!

Spring = week of April 13 & Fall = week of October 12

Items should be put out to the curb no sooner or later than the Saturday or Sunday before the week of pickup.

Properties without a residence are **NOT** eligible to participate in the Bulk Pick-Up program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



BIG CHANGES TO THE COOPER TOWNSHIP CURBSIDE FALL AND SPRING CLEANUP!!



Starting with the Spring 2020 Curbside Pick-up, Republic Waste trucks **WILL BE PICKING UP** the following items:

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS TO LARGE TO FIT INTO A GARBAGE HERBIE

MATRESSES (IF BEDBUGS, MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC/LABELLED)

TIRES (IF CUT IN HALF LIKE A BAGEL)

APPLIANCES THAT CONTAIN FREON (ONLY IF TAGGED BY A LICENSED FACILITY THAT ALL FREON HAS BEEN REMOVED)

ONLY 3 CUBIC YARDS PER RESIDENCE (= TO A REGULAR SIZE TRUCK BED)

Starting with the Spring 2020 Curbside Pick-up, Republic Waste trucks **WILL NOT BE PICKING UP** the following items:

ALL INDIVIDUAL ITEMS SMALL ENOUGH TO GO INTO A HERBIE

ALL BAGS, BOXES, CONCRETE, YARD WASTE, HAZARDOUS WASTE

ALL LARGE QUANTITY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (IF YOU'RE HAVING CONSTRUCTION DONE, YOU OR YOUR BUILDER NEED TO ORDER A CONSTRUCTION DUMPSTER FOR THIS MATERIAL)

LARGE PIECES OF METAL, LARGE PLASTIC DRUMS

This program is not intended to be a replacement for regular garbage pickup.....if you don't subscribe to garbage service, please make other arrangements to dispose of your bag and smaller garbage items, THEY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED AT CURBSIDE BULK PICK-UP! Call Connie @ Cooper with all questions 269-382-0223.

If a large volume of inappropriate items continues to be put at the curb, this program may be eliminated all together. Lets work together to make this program a success, ensuring it continues to be a benefit to all Cooper residents!!



NEW SECURITY MEASURES MAY IMPACT RESIDENTS!

Beginning October 1, 2019, travelers

may be impacted by the need for more security-compliant ID. This new federal standard, "REAL ID", is a security measure that sets a higher standard for identification. Without the proper ID, an individual might not be able to board an airplane or enter some federal facilities. A REAL ID is considered a passport or an enhanced drivers license! For more information or clarification, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

2020 STYROFOAM DROP SCHEDULE

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

January 4, March 28, June 27, September 26

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

Used oil is not accepted.

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR COOPER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!



Township Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm

Office will be CLOSED

**December 24 & 25—Christmas Eve & Day
Dec 31 & January 1—New Years Eve & Day
February 17—Presidents' Day
April 10—1/2 day for Good Friday
May 22 & 25—Memorial Day Weekend
July 3— Independence Day**

The **2019 Winter Tax Bill** you're receiving with this news-letter is due by February 14, 2020 **interest and penalties will be assessed on February 15, 2020. If your payment comes in after the due date for the incorrect amount, the payment will be returned to you.**

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.

Reminders About Road Commission Policies!



Why isn't your road plowed right away when it snows? RCKC's first responsibility is to clear the snow route roads, a special network of main roads that includes more than 260 miles in the over 1,267 mile system under RCKC jurisdiction.

Typically, local roads and streets are among the last to be cleared because they aren't as heavily traveled.

If a tree falls in the traveled portion of the roadway designed for public travel; what do I do? Please call the RCKC office immediately and/or 911 after normal business hours. Fallen trees within the traveled portion of the right-of-way will be moved outside of the roadway to the adjacent property when possible. The relocated fallen tree will be left for the property owner's use and/or disposal. Within 15 days of a felled tree being relocated, the property owner may complete and submit a request that the fallen tree (only those moved by the road commission, county, police, fire, emergency or utility personnel) be cut and stacked adjacent to the public right-of-way, or may request that it be removed entirely. A pink flag will be left near the relocated tree informing residents they have 15 days to contact the RCKC for tree removal options.

We all pay property tax. Why isn't that enough to fix the roads? The property tax you pay is used for your local and county governmental units and for schools, not for roads. Over 63% of the RCKC budget is funded by the gas tax and vehicle registration fees. That's why the 1997 state gas tax increase was so urgently needed. The gas tax had not been increased since 1984, and cars had become more fuel-efficient through the years.

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**

Ordinance Enforcement Dee Menzie dmenzie@coopertwp.org

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.



2020 ELECTIONS!

Now that we've wrapped up the November 2019 Special Election, it's time to prepare for 2020....a 4 election year!

March 10—Presidential Primary— to vote on the candidates you will have to pick the Democrat or Republican ballot.

May 5—School Election—likely to occur, but the only election in 2020 that is still in the air!

August 4—General Primary—remember, no splitting your ticket during this election.

November 3—General—lots of choices...you can split your ticket and/or vote straight party.

Are you registered to vote? Where do you vote? Give our office a call or check at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/> to find out!

In addition to asking voter registration questions, please call if you have an interest in signing up for Absent Voter Ballots. Thanks to Proposal 18-3 in 2018, you need no reason to ask for an AV Ballot and upon request, can go on the Perm AV Ballot List. As a reminder, this means you would automatically receive the AV Ballot Application prior to every election. You still need to sign it and return it to get your ballot for that election.

As always.... We're still looking for additional Election Inspectors! If you have any interest in serving your community on occasion as an Election Inspector....call today!! Take a vacation day from work and earn a little extra spending money while helping out with the democratic process!! We will be holding new inspector training a month or so after the beginning of the new year and would love to get you signed up!! Call the clerks office today at 382-0223.

2019 DRAIN ASSESSMENTS

The Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner has placed assessments on the winter tax bill for the following drainage districts in Cooper Township:

**North Peak, East Cooper, Otsego-Alamo ICD,
Wiersma-West Street, and Springbrook Meadows.**

Property owners should have received notice of these assessments from the Drain Office. Questions concerning the assessments should be referred to their office at (269) 384-8117.