



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021

Township Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm

We will be CLOSED:

- December 24 & 27—Christmas
- December 31 & January 3rd—New Years
- February 21—Presidents Day
- April 15—1/2 day—Good Friday
- May 30—Memorial Day
- July 4—Independence Day

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
- Assessing&Building Assistant** Starr Adams sadams@coopertwp.org
- Deputy Clerk & Planning** Debbie Holtman dholtman@coopertwp.org
- Treasurer's Assistant** Connie Herweyer cherweyer@coopertwp.org
- Fire Chief** Terry Emig temig@coopertwp.org
- Ordinance Enforcement** Jack Wood jwood@coopertwp.org

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

DRAIN ASSESSMENT

Residents in the Plat of Walker Meadows 2 will notice a drain assessment on their 2021 winter tax bill. All property owners in this district would have received notification earlier this year from the Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner.

Any questions concerning this assessment should be addressed to their office, telephone number (269) 384-8117 or www.kalcounty.com/drain.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is enrolling West Michigan residents for the nationwide PFAS Multi-site Health Study (MSS). Residents in the Parchment/Cooper Township and Belmont/Rockford areas may call 877-256-8073 today to check their eligibility and join this important PFAS research.

MSS is recruiting adults who are age 18 and older and children ages 4 through 17 (with parent or guardian permission). Study participants will provide blood and urine samples, as well as their medical histories, and receive up to \$75 in gift cards for their participation. Participants will also receive their PFAS blood test results for free. Michiganders already enrolled in other local PFAS studies are encouraged to also enroll in this national study.



2022 Curbside Bulk Pickup!!

Weeks of April 11 and October 10
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/>

2022 DOG LICENSES:

Kalamazoo County Animal Control has a website <https://ase.kalcounty.com/>

to make obtaining and/or renewing your dog license easier. Using the portal, dog owners are able to update their phone number/address, upload proof of sterilization and updated rabies certificates, add a photo of their pet to its account and provide payment—all without leaving the house! No appointment necessary, no trip to the post office needed. As an additional reminder Cooper Township Offices will no longer be selling dog licenses. Please plan accordingly for your 2021 dog license.

Attention: Property Owners



If you have pulled a permit for a project, please be aware that the Township will be coming out to take photos throughout the process. In addition, the state requires the assessing office to update building photos of 20% of township properties every year, so you may see us taking photos even when you haven't pulled a permit.

ELECTION UPDATE -

On November 2nd Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority's millage renewal passed in Cooper Township as well as in the county as a whole! 15.7% of registered voters in Cooper Township voted during this election. Visit <http://www.coopertwp.org/elections/> for a link to all election results.

As always, thank you very much to our precinct locations: Bethel Baptist Church, Northbridge Community Church, and Coopers Landing Apartments. Your facilities and staff go a long way to help make each election a success for our office and residents. We appreciate you very very much!!

Cooper residents could see a May 3, 2022 election, but **will definitely** have an August 2, 2022 Primary and a November 8, 2022 General Election. In addition, with re-districting happening 2021/2022, please look for new voter registration cards to be mailed to all residents sometime in 2022.

Cooper is always looking for more election workers, so if you would like to join our roster, please find the application on the site above and get it to me here at the township hall. The Gubernatorial Election is right around the corner...**AND WE NEED YOU!!**

Stay safe....DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

2022 STYROFOAM DROP SCHEDULE - Township Hall Parking Lot, 1590 West D Ave, 8am-12pm

Jan 8, March 26, June 25, Sept 24

Clean separated peanuts, egg cartons, clean/dry to-go food containers, etc.

Cooper Fire Department held two training sessions in the month of October. The Firefighters practiced drivers training and traffic safety in the 1st drill and performed their SCBA mask fit testing and turnout gear inspections during the 2nd drill. There were 89 calls for service this month bringing the year-to-date total to 649. Last year at this time the fire department responded to 487 incidents, making this a 162-incident increase from last year at this time.

This is a great time of year to inspect your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and change their batteries. When your detector makes a continuous set of 3 or 4 beeps, the detector is sensing either smoke or CO and you should call 911 and exit the structure. If your detector is making single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds, the battery is low and must be replaced. All smoke and CO detectors need to be replaced every 10 years.

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and flammable gas that is slightly less dense than air. Carbon Monoxide is a by product of combustion so your gas appliances such as furnace, water heater and stove can produce trace amounts when properly calibrated. When your gas appliances are not properly calibrated high amounts of CO can build up in your home. Symptoms of CO poisoning are headaches, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness and shortness of breath all leading up to loss of consciousness.



If you have a fire hydrant in front of your house, please include it in your mowing and snow shoveling routine.

Emergency personnel may need access to this vital equipment in your neighborhood and your help

keeping it accessible would be appreciated by them and your neighbors!

2021 Winter Tax Bill

The winter tax bill you're receiving is due by February 14, 2022. Additional interest of 1% per month accrues beginning February 15, 2022.

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. 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 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.