



Cooper Charter Township

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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022

Township Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm

We will be CLOSED

July 4—Independence Day
September 5—Labor Day
November 11—Veterans Day
November 24 & 25—Thanksgiving



2022 Fall Curbside Bulk Pickup!!

October 10-14

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/>

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

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.

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.

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! (must mention you're in Cooper Township, Kalamazoo County, MI)

Cooper Fire Department... Cooper Fire Department held two training sessions in the month of May. The Firefighters trained on physical readiness in the 1st drill and water/ boat operations in the other. There were 59 calls for service this month bringing the year-to-date total to 277. Every spring and early summer, Cooper Fire Department responds to several calls that are a result of weather. Storms often cause power lines and trees to come down in and near the road ways. Power lines should always be treated as if they are energized. Call the local utility company when you see a down power line, be careful and stay away from them, call 911 if they pose a serious threat.



ELECTION UPDATE -



Absentee Ballot Applications, for all those residents registered as perm-absentee voters, went into the mail mid June for the **August 2, 2022 General Primary Election**. Ballots started getting mailed after testing was complete near the end of June. For more information about your registration status, application/ballot status, what's on the ballot, where you vote, or even

results for current and past elections please visit cooper.org/elections/ for a link to the Michigan Voter Information Center where you can plug in your information and find out all that and more! If your not able to vote in person this or any election and would like an absent voter ballot, call the clerks office 269-382-0223.

On Saturday July 30th—Clerks Office open 8-4pm for Election Business

On election day, the polls are open from 7am—8pm

Your next election after the primary? **November 8, 2022 General Election**

2022 STYROFOAM DROP SCHEDULE

Township Hall Parking Lot,
1590 West D Ave,
Sept 24 from 8am-12pm

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



Zoning 101 – Ordinances to Know

Accessory Buildings – Interested in constructing a new pole barn or placing a portable yard barn on your property? Accessory buildings are permitted if a principal home exists on the property. A highlight of the regulations is provided below with the full accessory building requirements found in ordinance **120.410: Accessory Uses or Buildings**.

A single portable accessory structure not exceeding 200 square feet in area or 20 feet in height, and which is mobile and not permanently affixed to the ground, is allowed, in addition to any other accessory buildings on the property. A free Zoning Compliance Permit is required.

Pole barn size is based on the acreage of your property and a building permit is required.

Property Size	Maximum for all Accessory Buildings	Maximum Building Height	Maximum Building Length
<i>No restrictions on size if you have over 3 acres</i>			
Less than 1 acre	1,080 sq. ft.	20 ft.	36 ft.
1 acre to 1.99 acres	1,280 sq. ft.	Maximum height of Zoning District	40 ft.
2 acres to 2.99 acres	1,680 sq. ft.	Maximum height of Zoning District	No restriction

Solar Panels – Both roof and ground mounted solar panels are permitted on residential property. Ground mounted systems must be placed in the rear yard and meet all setbacks. They require site plan review and approval by the Township before a building permit is issued. Roof mounted equipment just requires a building permit. Additional regulations can be found in ordinance **120.470: Solar Energy Systems**.

Livestock and Honeybees are permitted on single-family zoned properties. Small animals (generally under 35 pounds) like chickens and rabbits are permitted with no specific acreage requirements. However, your lot needs to be large enough to accommodate the small animal in a way that does not impact public health, safety, and welfare. The number of larger animals is based on your property acreage and require approval from the Township. The full list of rules can be found in ordinance **120.480: Noncommercial Keeping of Livestock and Honeybees**.

For more information on these and other zoning regulations, please go to the Township website at www.coopertwp.org.



2022 Summer Tax Bill

The summer tax bill you're receiving is due by September 14, 2022. Additional interest of 1% per month accrues beginning September 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/assessments-and-taxes/ 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