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Here's a brief overview of what's happening in Texas Township this spring.



Spring 2020

Please disregard the previous newsletter that was sent out earlier today. We discovered an error and have corrected it. Thank you!

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The Township Office has been closed to the public since March 17, but limited staff are still working to provide essential services. Public meetings have been canceled or are being held via teleconference; please visit the website for the most updated information, including agendas, packets, and links to electronic meetings.

This situation is constantly evolving, so we will continue to update this information on the Township's website. Please call the office for specific information or questions.

See the latest updates at www.texastownship.org/covid-19, as this information may change quickly.

May 5, 2020 Election

Special Election for Precincts 3, 4 & 5



The Clerk's Office is preparing for the upcoming May 5, 2020 Countywide Special Election, which includes a ballot proposal for KRESA for voters in Precincts 3, 4 and 5 only.

Check your voter registration information, see your ballot and more at www.michigan.gov/vote

Michigan Voter Information Center

All voting for this election will be conducted by absentee ballots due to the COVID-19 crisis. All voters in this election received a [Michigan Absent Voter Ballot Application](#) from the Bureau of Elections by mail in late March. A completed application or written request accompanied by a signature is necessary before a ballot can be issued for **every** election, even if you are on the Permanent Absentee Voter list. All absentee ballots must be returned to the Township Clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

The Township Hall will be open Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Tuesday, May 5 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. for

2020 Newsletter Schedule

January | Print Newsletter

April | eNewsletter

July | Print Newsletter

October | eNewsletter

Important Numbers

Fire Department: 269-375-4610

Kalamazoo County

Dispatch: 269-488-8911

Road Commission: 269-381-3171

Drain Office: 269-384-8117

Upcoming Events

May

May 05 | Special Election

May 11 | Township Board - Special Meeting

May 12 | Planning

Commission Workshop

May 16 | Farmers' Market Opening Day (*tentative*)

May 18 | Township Board Meeting

May 26 | Parks & Trails Committee Meeting

May 26 | Planning Commission Meeting

May 24 | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

May 25 | Township Offices Closed for Memorial Day

June

Jun 02 | Public Safety

distancing requirements.

Fresh on Q! Farmers' Market Opening May 16



The Texas Township Farmers' Market tentatively plans to open Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and will be taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. While these are difficult times, we recognize the need for fresh food in our community, as well as opportunities for vendors who are also struggling to navigate doing business in these times.

Things will look different in the farmers' market pavilion when we start this season. The market will begin with fewer vendors spaced throughout the building to increase distancing efforts. We will be asking that everyone take precautions and wear face masks while at the market and use hand sanitizer frequently. Please limit your shopping party to one person and refrain from bringing children to the market at this time. We hope that, as the season progresses, we'll be able to make the market feel and operate like it has in the past as a central place for our community to gather.

In the meantime, we encourage you to visit the website at www.texastownship.org/farmers-market to see a list of vendors who offer online sales and drop-off or delivery service to minimize shopping time and contact.

Tuesdays will tentatively begin June 2 and be open 4 to 7 p.m. through August 25.

The market will continue to accept credit and debit cards, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits via the Michigan Bridge Card, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC Project FRESH and Market FRESH.

Tuesdays Begin (*tentative*)

Jun 06 | Township Dumpster Day

Jun 08 | Township Board Meeting

Jun 09 | Planning Commission Workshop

Jun 22 | Township Board Meeting

Jun 23 | Parks Committee Meeting

Jun 23 | Planning Commission Meeting

Jun 24 | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Please visit texastownship.org for more upcoming events.



Permits & Forms

[Building Permit](#)

[Electrical Permit](#)

[Mechanical Permit](#)

[Zoning/Land Use Permit](#)

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Dumpster Days

Now at the Texas Drive Park



Texas Township offers dumpster service to its residents several times per year. This service is an excellent way for residents to dispose of extra household junk & debris.

The 2020 Dumpster Dates are as follows:

- Saturday, June 6th | 9:00am-12:00pm
- Saturday, August 1st | 9:00am-12:00pm
- Saturday, October 3rd | 9:00am-12:00pm

Please note that the first Dumpster Date of the year, May 2nd, was rescheduled to June 6th due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Dumpster Day Location: Texas Drive Park, 6603 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

[See What's Accepted](#)

Shred Day

Sat, August 1 | 9am-12pm | Texas Drive Park

****Held in conjunction with Dumpster Day****



Shred Day for residents to dispose of sensitive documents in a safe and secure way. We contract with Rapid Shred, who provides a large shredding vehicle to dispose of documents quickly. Please note that there is a six standard file sized box limit. There is no cost to participate in Shred Day; however, we do encourage participants to provide either a non-perishable food item, or cash donation, to the Mattawan Area Food Pantry.

Park Updates



As the COVID-19 crisis continues, please respect social distancing as you enjoy the parks and trailways. Restrooms and playground equipment will remain closed until further notice, and no fields or facilities will be rented until it's deemed safe to do so.

Construction at 6th Street Park is currently halted but will begin again when such work is allowed.

[Get Parks Information](#)

Texas Drive Trailway Parking

Roadside parking prohibited on Texas Drive



For the safety of all trail users and nearby residents, parking on Texas Drive is prohibited when using the Phase II Trailway or Al Sabo Preserve. There is parking available at the entrance to the trail in the Al Sabo Parking Lot, and overflow parking is available at the Texas Drive Park. Please use one of these two parking lots if you plan on using the trail.

Overflow Parking Map

Master Plan Updates

**Explore the Future Land Use Plan and
Comment**



What do you think Texas Township will look like in 2040? As part of our Texas Tomorrow Master Plan, we're looking for input from the community as we envision a roadmap to the future of Texas Charter Township.

We'd love for you to explore our interactive [Future Land Use Map](#) and provide comments. These maps are intended to help shape the fabric of Texas Township for the next 20 years. This is a vision for the strategic placement of future housing, commercial areas, and industrial businesses, as well as the preservation of the Township's current housing stock, parkland and recreation assets, agriculture, and more.

Kalamazoo Public Library Memberships

Available two years



In January 2020, Kalamazoo Public Library and Texas Township agreed to a 2-year service contract (July 1, 2020–June 30, 2022) to provide library services to Texas Township residents who live in the Mattawan and Schoolcraft school districts.

Due to the coronavirus and Governor Whitmer's subsequent [Stay Home, Stay Safe executive order](#), Kalamazoo Public Library is opening registration early for qualifying Texas Township residents via online KPL Card Sign-up.

Residents of Mattawan and Schoolcraft school districts can submit an application to receive a full-service library card, providing them access to KPL's digital collection and services. This card will be valid for 90 days. Once the library reopens, simply stop by your [local branch](#) to verify your [residency](#) and your account will be extended until June 30, 2022, with continued full access to all [print](#) and [digital](#) materials and [databases](#).

Visit [KPL Card Online Sign-Up](#) to submit your application.

Burn Permits

Apply for a Burn Permit Online



Daily Burn Permits may be obtained online. Please take advantage of this convenient method, as it will prevent a delay if the Fire Department is at an extended emergency scene. By obtaining the burn permit online, you will also save a trip to the station and be able to review the annual burning regulations.

Online Burning Permits

Paid-On-Call Firefighters

Now accepting applications for paid-on-call FFs



The Texas Township Fire Department is currently seeking applicants for paid on-call positions within the Fire Department. If you are interested, please complete the application form available online and submit to the Fire Department.

For more information about becoming a Paid On Call Fire Fighter and the selection and training process, please visit our website at: <http://fire.texastownship.org/> or contact Fire Chief Chad Tackett at 269.375.4610 or ctackett@texasfire.org.

2020 Road Projects

Rehabilitation Projects (HMA Overlay)

- Misty Creek Drive – 11th St to Willowbend +
- Fountain Square – Willowbend to Misty Creek
- Paw Paw Lake Drive – 2140' E of 2nd Street to S Avenue

Preventative Maintenance Projects (Crack Fill, HMA Wedging, Chip Seal/Fog Seal)

- Clydesdale Ave – Percheron St to Belgian Ave
- Remainder of Misty Creek Neighborhood
- Portions of Mystic Estates (West of 4th Street)
- O Avenue – County Line to 4th Street
- Briarcliff Ave – O Ave to 1172' N of O Ave
- Dustin Circle and Terrier Trail*
- Alidor Street and Phiant Avenue
- Texas Heights Neighborhood (Boyne, Charlevoix, Northport, Suttons Bay, Petoskey, Manitou, Bingham, Presque Isle, West Bay, Port Hope, Trout Bay, Bowers Harbor)

Several primary road projects (funded entirely by RCKC) in the Township are also scheduled for 2020:

- 8th Street – S Avenue to R Avenue – Left Turn Lanes / Mill / HMA Overlay
- 4th Street – OP Avenue to Stadium Drive – Mill / HMA Overlay / Shoulder Widen
- 12th Street – 3,350' south of Parkview to ON Avenue (Texas / Oshtemo Townships) – Chip Seal / Fog Seal
- 8th Street – Q Avenue to O Avenue – Chip Seal / Fog Seal
- 8th Street – U Avenue to R Avenue – Chip Seal / Fog Seal
- P Avenue – West County Line to 3rd Street – Chip Seal / Fog Seal
- Texas Drive – 1,000' east of 8th Street to 12th Street – Chip Seal / Fog Seal
- 9th Street at N Avenue – Emergency Repair
- 8th Street – TU Avenue to 2500' N. of TU Avenue (Texas / Prairie Ronde Townships) – Reconstruct

For information on road closures related to these projects, please contact the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County at (269) 381-3171 or register for [RCKC Connect](#), a notification system for road construction and road closures in your area. Curious about Chip Seal/Fog Seal? Read the [RCKC brochure](#).

** Portions of this project may be delayed due to expected funding cuts*

See the Full List of Road Projects

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