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

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## Spring 2022 eNewsletter

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## Township Hall Project

Design Work Currently In Progress



The Township Board has completed the purchase of land



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is still unknown, we hope to go out to bid later this Summer or early Fall.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the project.

## May 3, 2022 Special Election



The Clerk's Office is preparing for the upcoming May 3, 2022 Special Election.

Check your voter registration information, see your ballot, request an absentee ballot and more at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

### Michigan Voter Information Center

The Township Hall will be open Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for absentee voting, and polls will be open Tuesday, May 3 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. for in-person voting at the precinct. We ask that all residents adhere to social distancing requirements at the polls.

## 6th Street Park Restroom Facility Delayed

## Numbers

### Building Department

269-978-0715

### Fire Department

269-375-4610

### Kalamazoo County

#### Dispatch

269-488-8911

### Road Commission

269-381-3171

### Drain Office

269-384-8117

## Passport Service Available By Appointment Only

Traveling somewhere in 2022? We can help! Texas Township is once again offering passport service by appointment.

Appointments are available Mon - Thu and can be scheduled online at: [www.texastownship.org/passports](http://www.texastownship.org/passports).

*Note: We do not process passport renewals.*

### Schedule Now

## Flood Mitigation Efforts Still Underway

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Construction of a restroom facility for 6th Street Park is unfortunately delayed. The Township only received one bid for the project, which far exceeded the initial project budget. The Township plans to re-bid the project in August/September with the intent for construction to be finalized by Spring 2023.

## Farmers' Market Season Starts Saturday, May 7

The Texas Township Farmers' Market is gearing up for another great market season! Our 2022 Saturday markets will start May 7th and continue through October 15th (8 a.m. - 12 noon), and Tuesday markets will be June 7th through August 30th (4 p.m. - 7 p.m.). Want to get updates about the market? You can follow us on [Facebook](#) or on Instagram [@texastwpfm](#), or you can sign up for our e-newsletter [here](#). As the market season approaches, it's great to think about what produce is in season throughout the year. This [graphic](#) shows when different produce is in season and can help you plan your meals or your canning/freezing throughout the season! We are super excited to see long-time customers, and we always love to welcome new faces. Want to make the most out of your trip to the market? Find tips for shopping at the market [here](#). The market looks forward to seeing you on May 7th!

## Maple Hill Splash Pad

### April

**Apr 11** | Township Board Meeting

**Apr 12** | Planning Commission Workshop

**Apr 25** | Township Board Meeting

**Apr 26** | Parks & Trails Committee Meeting

**Apr 26** | Planning Commission Meeting

**Apr 27** | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**Apr 28** | DDA Meeting

**Apr 30** | Shred Day/Electronics Recycling

### May

**May 03** | May Election

**May 09** | Township Board Meeting

**May 10** | Planning Commission Meeting

**May 23** | Township Board Meeting

**May 24** | Parks & Trails Committee Meeting

**May 25** | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**May 26** | DDA Meeting

**May 30** | Township Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

### June

**Jun 06** | Township Board Meeting

**Jun 07** | Public Safety Committee Meeting

**Jun 14** | Planning Commission Meeting

**Jun 20** | Township Board Meeting

**Jun 22** | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**Jun 23** | DDA Meeting

**Jun 28** | Parks & Trails Committee Meeting

**Jun 28** | Planning Commission Meeting

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[texastownship.org](https://texastownship.org) for more upcoming events.

[View the Township Calendar](#)

The design of the Maple Hill Splash Pad is nearly completed and the project will be going out to bid soon. Thank you to all of our sponsors and donors - we are looking forward to breaking ground on this new park amenity. Please stay tuned for details to come on the timeline for construction!

**Public Safety  
Reminder:  
Keep Vehicles  
Locked &  
Remove  
Valuables  
From Inside**

## Curbside Bulk Item Collection

### Pilot Program Begins April 18

This Spring, Texas Township is partnering with College Hunks to pilot a curbside bulk item collection service. The township will be divided into four zones of ~1,500 homes per zone. Each zone will have one designated week for collection.

#### Service Availability

This service will be available for single-family homes and condominiums located within the Township. It will not be available for vacant parcels, commercial or industrial buildings, apartments, or manufactured home communities.

#### How it Works

Residents can place accepted items at the curb the Friday-Sunday prior to the start of collection in their zone. College Hunks will pick up the items during the designated collection period (within six days) and recycle or dispose of the items. Items must be placed at the curb by 11pm on the Sunday prior to collection beginning in that zone.

**Maximum collection per household is three cubic yards (approximately the size of a pickup truck bed).**



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## Shred Day/Electronics Recycling Event



As a service to our residents, Texas Township will be hosting a combined Shred Day/Electronics Recycling Event for residents to dispose of sensitive documents and electronics in a safe and secure way.

### **Shredding**

A large shredding vehicle will be onsite to dispose of documents quickly. **Please note that there is a six standard file sized box limit.**

### **Electronics Recycling**

The Township has partnered with Comprenew to provide this recycling service. We'll be collecting items such as old monitors, TVs, computers, and various electronic devices. Some fees do apply for disposal of the following larger items CRT Monitors (\$10) and CRT TVs (\$20). **Please note fees can be paid by cash only.**

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## Township Pursuing MDNR Trust Fund Grant

The Township has submitted an MDNR Trust Fund Grant application for the construction of a play area and pavilion at 6th Street Park. The maximum grant award is \$300,000 with a match from the Township. If awarded, this project would be the third phase of development in the park.

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support for the project! we are hopeful that we will be able to continue development of 6th Street Park through this grant funding.

## Bookmobile Coming to Texas Township

**Available for all KPL patrons and Schoolcraft and Mattawan residents**



The Kalamazoo Public Library Bookmobile is coming to Texas Township! The Bookmobile will be parked in the Township Office parking lot on the following days:

- Friday, April 1, 1–2:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 12, 10–11:30 am
- Monday, April 25, 3–4:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 10, 2–3:30 pm
- Monday, May 23, 4:30–6 pm
- Thursday, June 9, 10–11:30 am
- Wednesday, June 22, 2:30–4 pm

This service is available to residents who live in Schoolcraft or Mattawan School District, as well as library card holders with Kalamazoo Public Library or Portage Public Library (reciprocal service). Library cards will be available for purchase at the Bookmobile.

## Concert in the Corners

**Coming to Texas Drive Park on Saturday, July 9**

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This Summer, the Township will be piloting "Concert in the Corners," a summer concert at Texas Drive Park. This family-friendly event will be free to attend and feature activities for kids.

Please save the date for this event - more details will be released in the coming weeks!

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