



## Township News

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## You May Need to Know...

### Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Starts on October 7.

- Know which day of the week you're slated for pick up (Check the [map](#) or call the Township.)
- **No black, white or brown plastic bags.** Please use boxes or heavy duty clear plastic bags.
- If you think you've been missed, call the Township, NOT Republic Services customer service.
- Be sure to have it out the night before. They start picking up between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.
- Please keep items to 4ft - 8ft maximum size.
- Items must be able to be picked up by 2 people.
- No more than 3 bucket loads (loading bucket on the front of the truck) about 3.5 cubic yards. If you have more, please save it for the April pick up or check our website for alternative ways to have it removed.
- It's a good idea to put recyclable metal where it can be easily found and picked up.
- NO YARD WASTE, TIRES, PAINT/CHEMICALS, NEEDLES OR HAZARDOUS WASTE - Contact the County Household Hazardous Waste Center [www.kalcounty.com/hhw](http://www.kalcounty.com/hhw) or 373-5211 for disposal information.
- Learn more at [www.ktwp.org/Community/RecyclingWasteProgram/BulkTrash.aspx](http://www.ktwp.org/Community/RecyclingWasteProgram/BulkTrash.aspx)

### Leaf and Brush Pick-Ups Start November 18 and December 2.

Call or check our website to make sure you're putting it out on the correct day of the week.

- Leaves must be in **paper yard bags** and set on the curb lawn.
- Brush and branches must not exceed four feet in length and two inches in diameter and must be neatly and securely tied in bundles.
- **No plastic bags of any color, size or style.**
- **No loose leaves in the street.**



If you miss the leaf and brush pick-up or would like an alternative to bagging your leaves, learn about [backyard composting](#) or contact a local landscaping company about dropping off your leaves.

### Outdoor Burning Ordinance Bans Burning of Leaves

Leaf burning is no longer allowed in the Township. Please take advantage of Republic Services yard waste program, the two fall leaf and brush pick-ups, composting or hire a leaf removal service. In addition, there are landscaping services where you can take your leaves for a small fee. You may obtain the full [Open Burning Ordinance](#) by going to a quick link on our web site [www.ktwp.org](http://www.ktwp.org)



## Health News

Warnings have gone out from the Kalamazoo County Health Department to take precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes due to cases of deadly Eastern equine encephalitis. You can also help decrease the number of mosquitoes by making sure you don't have standing water on your property: wash out bird baths at least twice a week, make sure water isn't collecting in gutters, saucers under flower pots, tarps or trash. Inspect around your home after rains to look for areas that might be holding water and make sure they drain within four days.

Although rare, rabies was recently found in a bat captured in a home in Kalamazoo Township. The owners of the home did not think they had been bitten but carefully captured the bat and took it to the Health Department for testing and were informed that the bat did have rabies and the home owners did get rabies shots as a precaution.

If you find a bat in your home call your local animal control officer to capture the animal or for advice on how to capture the animal. If professional help is unavailable, use precautions to capture the bat safely — wear leather gloves and when the bat lands, approach it slowly. Place a box or coffee can over the bat. Have a piece of cardboard ready, with holes punched in it to allow the bat to breathe, and slide it under the container to trap the bat inside. Tape the cardboard to the container to secure it. Contact your local health department or animal control authority to arrange for rabies testing.

## Keep Sidewalks Clear



After the heat and mosquitoes we may be looking forward to a little of the white stuff fluttering down. While you're waiting for the leaves to fall and getting ready for the leaf and brush pick up is a good time to make sure you've trimmed all overhanging brush and weeds from your sidewalk and scraped encroaching grass from the edges. Getting rid of those obstructions will make clearing and travelling on sidewalks much easier this winter.



## Election November 5, 2019

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Kalamazoo County voters will decide on the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency Career and Technical Education (CTE) Millage Proposal. More information is available on the KRESA website. Kalamazoo Township Precincts one and ten will be combined for this election only.

DID YOU KNOW.... You can skip the line on Election Day and vote by mail? With the passage of Proposal 18-3 last November, new changes are available for Michigan voters. One of the biggest changes is that ALL eligible registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. You can also request to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list. Visit or call the Kalamazoo Township Clerk's office to request an application prior to any Election, request to be placed on the permanent list, or if you have any questions about the process (269) 381-8080. You can get more information about voting in Kalamazoo Township from the [Clerk's page](#) on our website.

## 2020 U.S. Census

The 2020 Census will begin in March. If you are interested in helping with the census you can apply for a job at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). Accurate U.S. census data is extremely important to your community. It is used in deciding on the distribution of funds for schools, roads, hospitals and hundreds of other programs. It also impacts our representation in congress. Aside from the distribution of Federal Funds the census data is used frequently by local and state governments, university researchers and others for decision making data. Watch for more information in the next newsletter on how the census will be taken and how you can be safe from scammers.

## Lock Your Car

Use common sense, thieves do. Our police department has told us thieves check for unlocked cars and target those, so don't leave computers or other valuables in your car and make sure to lock your car. Don't make it easy for them.

## Important Recycling Information

Please make sure you know what should go in your recycle cart and only put Empty, Clean and Dry Recyclables in your cart. Garbage in a recycle cart can lead to a whole load going to a landfill instead of being recycled. Recycling is still a good way to conserve natural resources and energy. There is an effort being made to design more products to be more easily recycled but for now it's important that our recycling is as contaminant-free as possible. Current prices for recycled materials don't allow for a lot of hand sorting to be done at recycling facilities. Find more information on the Curbside Recycling page on our website.

## Your Community

### Northwood

Major changes are taking place in Northwood. The era of abandoned factory buildings is coming to an end. Many of the buildings and lots that had been sitting empty in the N. Burdick and Mosel part of the Northwood neighborhood are finding new life. Buildings and lots purchased for medical marijuana businesses are being renovated and landscaped in an effort to attract customers and be good neighbors in the community.



If you've been wondering about all the silver fencing along Pitcher and Mosel you can stop guessing. The fence is part of Project Bronco, a major expansion of Graphic Packaging that was officially announced on September 24, 2019. After cleaning up the brownfield sites the company will be building a state-of-the-art facility to produce 500,000 tons of recycled paperboard per year. It will be the largest such facility in North America. Graphic is also partnering with Consumers Energy to build two new substations to provide electricity and gas to the site. Construction of the \$600 million facility is expected to take two years.

### Westwood

We are awaiting the opening of the new Drive-n Shine car wash/detailing center/oil change station and we're anticipating seeing some action at the former KFC Building, The new KPS Transportation Facility is under construction in the 1800 block of Ravine Road (Old Statler site).

Last year we received questions about the hours and days for Trick-or-Treating. Officially, it is October 31 from 5-8pm. Some communities have opted for the Saturday prior, but Kalamazoo is staying with the actual Halloween evening. There will be many churches and organizations doing "Trunk-or-Treat to help the little ones collect more candy in a smaller period of time. The Westwood Neighborhood Association meets at the Westwood Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. Find more information at [westwoodneighborhoodkalamazoo.com](http://westwoodneighborhoodkalamazoo.com)

### Lakewood

Installation of solar panels is nearing completion at the Kalamazoo County Probation and Parole office on Healy St in Kalamazoo Township. The project, consisting of 380-400 toxin free and environmentally safe, silica panels, is estimated to reduce the building's energy cost by 70%.

Mark your calendar for the free Senior Expo taking place on Tuesday October 1 at the Kalamazoo Expo Center. [Click Here](#) or go to Kalamazoo County News and Events page for more information.



### Eastwood



The Eastwood Neighborhood Association meets the second Tuesday of each month September through June at 7:00 p.m. in the Eastwood Community Room at 1211 Woodrow. They will be holding a Halloween Trick or Treat at the Community Room on October 31 at 6:15 p.m. they will also be celebrating Christmas at Ascension Living Borgess Place, 3057 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 with singing and dancing on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Look for information [facebook.com/EastwoodCommunityAssociation/](https://facebook.com/EastwoodCommunityAssociation/).

## Communications from the Office

### New Members on Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Kalamazoo Township thanks James Cripps for 22 combined years of service on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. His knowledge of construction and ability to read site plans has been invaluable. We would also like to thank Tonnie Hitt who was not able to serve as long but his time was appreciated.

Two members of the ZBA have moved to the Planning Commission, Chris Mihelich and Warren Cook. We have two new ZBA members, Shawn Blue and Robert Mihelich and alternate Maryanne Sydlik

## Recognition and Thanks

### Police Department Awards night

Presentations were made to several members of the Kalamazoo Township Police Department in a ceremony with their co-workers and families. The majority of awards were given to officers who put their own lives at risk by going immediately to the aid of an injured person before being able to fully ascertain their own safety. Thank you for your selfless service.

### Subscribe to the Newsletter

Go to <http://ktwp.org/Home.aspx> to subscribe so you can receive it quarterly in your email and don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Kalamazoo Charter Township, to receive quick updates on important issues.

### Dispose of Drugs Safely



Properly disposing of unused and unwanted medications helps to protect the environment. It also helps to protect our community against prescription abuse, addiction and accidental or intentional overdose. Red Med Box is an easy and secure way to dispose of your unused or expired medication. There is a Red Med Box located in the entryway to the Police Department on the Mt. Olivet side of the Kalamazoo Township Hall. It is available for you to drop off your expired and unused medications from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

An advertisement for a recycling service. The top part says "clean OUT..." in a stylized font. Below that, it lists "HOME & AUTO CLEANERS & CHEMICALS", "ELECTRONICS • BATTERIES", and "FLUORESCENT & LED BULBS". There is a list of "NOT ACCEPTED" items including latex paint, oil, and tires. The contact information is "373-5211 • [kalcounty.com/hhw](http://kalcounty.com/hhw)" and "hhwcenter@kalcounty.com". The address is "1301 Lamont Ave. • Next to Fairgrounds". Hours are listed as "Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Wed. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. • 2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.".

## Meeting Dates and Times

**Board of Trustees** - 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

**Planning Commission** - first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** - third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are at the Township Administrative Offices at 1720 Riverview Drive. Check website for schedule changes.

### Watch Board Meetings from Home

Board meetings are broadcast live on Charter Communications channel 190 and AT&T U-verse channel 99: Replays are on Tues. 4 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m., Thur. 8 a.m. and Fri. 3:00 p.m., Sat. 12 a.m. Meetings are also online at <http://www.publicmedianet.org/kalamazoo-township-meetings/>

### Upcoming Township Office Closures

Veterans Day Observed, November 11, 2019  
Christmas, December 25, 2019

Thanksgiving, November 28 & 29, 2019  
New Year's Day January 1, 2020

*The mission of Kalamazoo Township is to provide government services that promote a safe, healthy, accessible, and economically viable community to live, work, learn and play.*