



ELECTION UPDATE



2016 Election Calendar
August 2, 2016 - State Primary
November 8, 2016 - General Election

Where Do I Vote?
 Precinct 1 - Cooper Township Hall
 Precinct 2 - Fire Station 2 on McKinley
 Precinct 3 - Spring Valley Wesleyan Church on Mt. Olivet
 Precinct 4 - Northbridge Church on Douglas
 Precinct 5 - Cooper's Landing Clubhouse on "G" Avenue

Polls Open From 7 AM to 8 PM

AS OF JUNE 2016, THERE WILL BE NO MORE STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. LINES WILL BE LONG AND VOTING WILL TAKE MORE TIME.

Voters aged 60 or older, or voters with a permanent disability, may request to be placed on our Permanent Absentee Voter List. An application will automatically be mailed to you prior to each election. Completed applications need to be returned to the Clerk's office before a ballot will be mailed to you. Please call the Clerk's office at 269-382-0223 to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Voter List, or visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

We are accepting applications for Election Inspectors. Applications are available at our office or on our website at www.coopertwp.org.



PHONE: 269-382-0223

Jeff Sorensen, Supervisor, extension 222
 Bonnie Sytsma, Clerk, extension 224
 Carol DeHaan, Treasurer, extension 225
 Brenda Buiskool, Trustee
 DeAnna Janssen, Trustee
 Bob Schiedel, Trustee
 Fred Vlietstra, Trustee
 Kim Kars-Bos, Assessor, extension 226
 Terry Emig, Chief of the Fire Department, extension 263
 Don McGehee, Ordinance Officer, extension 236

FAX: 269-382-3812

2016 Holiday Closures:

Monday, July 4 for 4th of July
 Monday, September 5 for Labor Day
 Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day
 Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving Holiday

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8 AM TO 4 PM

SUMMER REMINDERS

- 1. Your grass must be 8 inches or less in height or the township will mow and bill you on your winter tax bill.**
- 2. No open burning other than that which is in compliance with the burning ordinance.**
- 3. Be cautious using fireworks and make sure they're discharged in a safe area and in compliance with state law.**
- 4. Warmer weather brings open windows; try and monitor your noise level, especially between 10 pm and 8 am.**
- 5. Garage sale advertising signs are only allowed during the time that the sale is actually going on. Signs left up after the end of the garage sale are in violation of the Ordinance and the property owner where the garage sale was taking place will be cited.**



2016 ROAD PROJECTS

As part of our ongoing road maintenance, the Township Board has allocated funds towards the following road projects for 2016. The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County will begin work on these projects soon. If you would like to know when your road will be under construction, please contact the Road Commission at 269-381-3171.

1. McKinley Avenue - 20th Street to Riverview Drive
2. Collingwood Avenue - Rosedale Avenue to Riverview Drive; Colby Avenue - 20th Street to Collingwood Avenue; Rosedale Avenue - 20th Street to Collingwood Avenue; Boylan Street - G Avenue to Colby Avenue; Wayne Avenue - Collingwood Avenue to Colby Avenue; Weller Street - Collingwood Avenue to Colby Avenue (Glenwood Plat)
3. Fineview Avenue - Douglas Avenue to Westnedge Avenue
4. E Avenue - Riverview Drive to 23rd Street; 23rd Street - E Avenue to DE Avenue; DE Avenue - 23rd Street to 1320 feet East of 23rd Street
5. Everhard Avenue - G Avenue to Remus Street; Beverly Avenue - G Avenue to Remus Street; Remus Street - Everhard Avenue to 20th Street (Beverly Park Plat)
6. Baseline Road - Riverview Drive to 22nd Street
7. Baseline Road - Douglas Avenue to 16th Street
8. 20th Street - G Avenue to McKinley Avenue



CLIP AND SAVE

2016 FALL CURBSIDE BULK PICK-UP WILL BE:
SEPTEMBER 26-30

ITEMS SHOULD BE PUT OUT THE SAT./SUN. BEFORE

COOPER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY ARE ELIGIBLE TO BRING THEIR STYROFOAM RECYCLING TO THE TOWNSHIP ON THE FOLLOWING DATE IN 2016:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

BETWEEN 8 AM AND NOON

IF YOU USE THIS SERVICE AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE SUPERVISOR AT 269-382-0223.

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT USED OIL FOR RECYCLING.

ASSESSING UPDATE

Our assessing department will be reviewing new construction as well as updating record cards and pictures on existing properties. The Township staff always has proper documentation as well as a photo ID. If you have any concerns, please call the office.

Cooper Township will be welcoming two new businesses to the Township. Both buildings are currently under construction. Two companies also completed expansions during 2015.

New aerial views will be coming later this year. If you are interested in viewing your property from an aerial view, please come into the office. A color copy can be purchased for \$5.

Russ Wicklund is our Township Planner. He holds office hours at the Township Hall weekly on Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 3 pm. Anyone with questions concerning development, zoning, etc. should call the Township office to make an appointment to meet with Russ.

Here are some phone numbers to have handy:

Do Not Call List : 1-888-382-1222

Legal Hotline for Seniors:

1-800-347-5297

MDOT Pothole Hotline:

1-888-296-4546

Social Security: 1-800-772-1213

RCKC: 269-381-3171

Veteran Info and Assistance:

1-800-827-1000

The Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH program provides eligible older adults with coupons to use as cash to buy fresh Michigan products from authorized farmers markets and roadside stands.

People must be 60 or older with a total household income of \$21,775 or less for an individual or \$29,471 for a couple.

For more information, contact Senior Services at 269-382-0515 or visit michigan.gov/marketfresh

Address Signs

Emergency services such as the Fire Department, ambulances, and Sheriff's Dept. rely heavily on address signs to quickly find properties. Green reflective address signs can be purchased for \$15 by calling Chris Hoyt at 269-744-7434.

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2015 Construction Stats:

17 new residences

5 multi family residences

13 additions

2 garages

18 pole barns

3 in ground pools

10 wrecking permits were issued



Your summer 2016 tax bill is enclosed. **Our office does not accept credit or debit card payments.** Please review the due dates on your tax bill. Interest and penalties are assessed after the due dates. Visit our website to access tax information online. Online payments can be made through Official Payments (www.officialpayments.com), and our jurisdiction code is 7131. **They charge a 3% convenience fee for this service.** Please remember to bring your tax bill with you to help us control our admin costs.

