

Chester Township Newsletter

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CALENDAR

October 13-Township Board Meeting
October 23-Public Test of Election Equipment 10:15 am
October 27-Planning Commission Meeting
November 1-Clerk's Office Open 9-2
November 4-Election Day
November 10-Township Board Meeting
November 12-Four Pointes (Council on Aging)
November 24-Planning Commission Meeting
November 28-Office Closed
December 8-Township Board Meeting
No December Planning Commission Meeting
December 24-Office Closed
December 26-Office Closed
December 31-Office Open
January 14-Township Board Meeting

All meetings of the Chester Township Board or any township committees are open to the public and everyone is welcome. Unless otherwise posted, meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION NOTICES

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Absentee Ballots-If you are over 60 or permanently disabled, you may request to be put on a permanent list to receive an application for an absentee ballot. If your name is not on the permanent list, you may still request an application prior to each election. If you have any questions, or would like your name added to the permanent list, please contact the clerk's office.

Polling Location-all Chester Township elections are held at the Township Office located at 3509 Sehler Street in Conklin.

Ballot Preview-the length of the ballots for this election prevent us from including them with the newsletter, but copies are available online at www.michigan.gov/vote. You can also check your voting status to be sure you are registered.

TAX PAYMENTS

The Treasurer's office will be open extended hours for tax payment collection. On December 29, February 16 and March 2 the office will be open from 9:00 to 5:00. If the office is closed, you may leave your payment in the drop box. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included to receive a stamped receipt.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Chester Township Board has several committees & boards to which representatives are appointed. These include the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Election Inspectors & others. If you would be interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact any township board official

for more information. Appointments are made in December for any open positions.

FEATURED SUBJECT

Zoning Permits

- Anytime you cover ground, from a small shed or deck up to a huge house, you will probably need at least a zoning permit. The purpose of a zoning permit is to make sure that what you build and where you place it does not violate the zoning ordinance.
- If your lot is less than 1 acre in size you may also need a permit for cement work. There are limitations to the amount of your lot than can be covered with hard surfaces.
- Qualified agricultural buildings do not require building permits, but do need zoning permits.
- Swimming pools-even temporary, inflatable pools require permits if they hold more than 2 feet of water.
- Zoning permits are issued by the Zoning Administrator. Check with the Township Office for appointment times and forms. There is no charge for zoning permits.

Getting permits protects you! Beginning work without a permit is a violation of the State's codes and can result in fines. The building might not meet code and may have to be torn down, moved, or repaired at great cost. Problems with insurance coverage, mortgages or future sales can also occur for projects that have no permits or required inspections.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Fall clean up of the cemeteries has started. All plantings not in a container and other decorations will be removed. Except for Christmas & Easter, decorations are not allowed from September 1st until May 1st.

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT

If you would like assistance in reviewing your Medicare prescription insurance, the Four Pointes Council on Aging is offering appointments. They will be at the Township Hall on November 12 from 9-11 am. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 616-842-9210.

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