

Chester Township Newsletter

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CALENDAR

April 9-Township Board Meeting
April 23-Planning Commission Meeting
May 5-Office open for absentee voters 9 am-2 pm
May 8-Election Day Kent City School District Only
May 9-Bingo & Boxed Lunch (see article below)
May 14-Township Board Meeting
May 21-Planning Commission Meeting
May 27-Pancake Breakfast
May 28-Memorial Day Parade in Conklin
June 11-Township Board Meeting
June 25-Planning Commission Meeting
July 9-Last day to register for August Primary Election
July 9-Township Board Meeting

All meetings of the Chester Township Board or any township committees are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

BUILDING PERMITS

State building codes require permits for most building projects. Applications for permits are available at the Township Office and on our website at www.chester-twp.org. Even projects that don't require a building permit do require a zoning permit. This includes agricultural buildings. Please check with the Township Office for more information. Projects started without proper permits may be subject to fines.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

Anyone selling goods or services door-to-door in Chester Township is required to register with the Township and obtain a peddler's license. There are exceptions for some community groups and service organizations.

A sales person who comes to your door should be able to provide a photo ID card provided by the Township that will confirm their identity and ensure that they have registered their business with us.

More information is available on our website, along with a list of current license holders.

ELECTION NOTICES

May 8-Kent City School district residents only will be asked to vote on 2 millage proposals.

August 7-Primary Election

November 6-General Election

Absentee Ballots will be available approximately 30 days before each Election Day. If you are over 60 years old or permanently disabled, you can ask to receive an absentee ballot application automatically.

Visit www.michigan.gov/vote to view a copy of your ballot for upcoming elections, track your absentee ballot, find your polling location and more.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 27 the Conklin Firefighters Association will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the St. Vincent DePaul Building on 32nd Avenue. The price is by donation and the proceeds this year will be used for equipment. We hope to see you there for food and fellowship!

On Monday, May 28 there will be a program held in Conklin beginning at 11:00 a.m. The parade will follow at approximately 11:30 a.m.

HALL RENTAL

The Community Room at the Chester Township Hall is available to rent. The cost for residents is \$100 for up to 6 hours and \$150 for rentals lasting between 6 and 12 hours.

Non-residents will pay additional costs. Please call the township office or check our website for more information.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

In order to save on printing and mailing costs we are asking that anyone willing to receive their newsletter by email to contact us at mail@chester-twp.org.

FLAG RETIREMENT

If you are replacing your flag, you can drop off your old, unserviceable flags at the Township office. The American Legion holds flag retirement ceremonies each fall and will properly dispose of them. They will also take orders for replacement flags.

SENIOR SERVICES

A survey was sent recently asking for input about the services and activities provided for local senior citizens. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond!

We found that many people were unaware of the programs currently being provided, and also found that many of the seniors were looking for ways to stay active, healthy and engaged with their community. Together with our neighboring communities of Wright Township, Polkton Township and the City of Coopersville, and the Four Pointes Center for Successful Aging, we are launching some new activities at new locations.

First on the schedule is Bingo & Boxed Lunch at the Chester Township Hall. It will be held on Wednesday, May 9th starting at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for \$4.00. Please call to pre-register by Monday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m. A representative from Four Pointes will also be available that day to answer questions you may have about the services, programs and activities available to seniors.

Throughout the summer, at several locations, we will be hosting exercise classes, luncheons, produce distribution, cooking courses and more. If you would like more information, please sign up to receive the newsletters by calling the Township office at 616-899-5544, or email us at mail@chester-twp.org. Information is also available online at www.fourpointes.org or www.chester-twp.org.

BURN PERMITS

A permit to have an open fire is required except when the ground is snow covered, or for domestic purposes, to protect persons or property in case of fire. To obtain a permit, call the township offices during regular business hours. Permits are not valid for more than 3 consecutive days.

- No fire shall be set when a high wind is blowing.
- An adequate fire line shall be made around the area to be burned.
- A force of adults, sufficient to control the fire, shall be on hand at all times.
- Permit holders are liable for any damage to property which may occur.
- Permits are revoked if conditions are such that burning may not be done safely.

HOME SECURITY

If you will be out of town for an extended time this winter, you can ask that the Ottawa Sheriff's Department do a regular check of your property while you are gone.

There is a form to be filled out and turned in. The form is available at the Township office or through the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor-Gary Meerman

Township Officers:

Treasurer-Dianne Berenbrock

Trustees-Troy Goodno & Mike Dunnuck

Office Hours: Monday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Website: www.chester-twp.org

Clerk-Jan Redding