

Chester Township Newsletter

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CALENDAR

June 27-Public Test of Election Equipment 8 am
July 9-Township Board Meeting
July 9-Voter Registration deadline for November election
July 18-Bingo & Boxed Lunch
July 23-Planning Commission Meeting
August 4-Office open for absentee voters 9 am-2 pm
August 7-Election Day
August 13-Township Board Meeting
August 27-Planning Commission Meeting
September 14-Summer taxes due-office open that day 9-5

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

ELECTION NOTICES

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.

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.

Zoning Administrator, Brian Werschem, is available on Mondays from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm to help with planning your projects.

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 or Fire Chief, Dwight Sheridan, at 231-853-6848 any day except Sunday.

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

HISTORICAL NEWS

If you have any historical photos showing Chester Township's past that you are willing to share, we would like to add them to our collection. If you stop by the office, we can take copies and you can keep the originals, if you prefer. We have added a Township History link to our website. We hope you will check it out and let us know if you have any items to add.

HOUSE NUMBERS

To be sure your home can be easily located in case of an emergency, we encourage everyone to have a reflective house number sign. These are available by contacting the township office or a member of the Chester Township Fire Department. The cost is \$15.00 & can be installed at no charge.

PARKING REGULATIONS

Parking at Crockery Lake can become a little congested during the summer, so please be careful to park your vehicles so that all the tires are off the paved portion of the street and that you are not blocking access to driveways. This will help to keep everyone safe and allow for emergency vehicles to pass.

Also, please observe the parking time limits at the boat launch. The 15 minute area allows boaters to pull out of the way while tying down their boats, leaving the launch clear for incoming boats. Thank you!

HORSEBACK RIDERS

Just a reminder to those who ride their horses in the village of Conklin or in other residential areas-it is your responsibility to clean up after, and to have control over them at all times. Please be considerate and don't allow your animals to create problems for your neighbors.

SENIOR SERVICES

July 18 the Bingo and Boxed Lunch will be held at the Chester Township Hall. More information on upcoming activities can be found on our website, or by calling the Township office.

If you would like information about support or services available to area senior citizens and their families, a representative from Four Pointes Center for Successful Aging is available at the Township office on the second Wednesday of each month (due to the 4th of July holiday, July's session will be held on the 3rd Wednesday, the 18th) from 9:00-11:00am. Their toll free number is 1-877-548-1507 to find out more of what assistance they can provide.

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.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary public service is available at no charge to residents at the township office. Please call first to be sure the clerk or treasurer is in.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

We are in the process of updating our photo records for the assessment files. This is being done to insure that our records are complete and include a current photo of all buildings. It will not affect the assessment values of your property. You may see Township employees taking photos of your property. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact the township office.

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