

# Chester Township Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

Oct 8-Township Board Meeting  
Oct 9-Voter Registration deadline for November election  
Oct 15-Public Test of Election Equipment 2 pm  
Oct 22-Planning Commission Meeting  
Nov 3- Office open for absentee voters 9 am-2 pm  
Nov 6-Election Day  
Nov 12-Township Board Meeting  
Nov. 23-Office Closed  
Nov 26-Planning Commission Meeting  
Dec 10-Township Board Meeting  
Dec 24-Office closed-No Planning Comm meeting  
Dec 26-Treasurer's office open 9 am-5 pm  
Dec 31-Office closed

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

## ELECTION NOTICES

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6. Voter lines on Election Day are expected to be longer than usual. The ballot is 2 pages long, a higher than average turnout is expected, and a federal court ruling eliminated the option for voters to use a "straight party" voting option. You are encouraged to view your ballot ahead of time at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). You can view your ballot, check your voting location, and much more.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available by submitting an application to the Township office. If you are 60 years or older, or are unable to vote without assistance you may request to be placed on a list to automatically receive applications before each election.

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Fall cleanup of the cemeteries will begin soon. All plantings not in a container and other decorations will be removed. Except for Christmas & Easter, decorations are not allowed from September 1<sup>st</sup> until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, they are available to residents at a cost of \$200.00. Contact the township office for more information.

## JUNK CARS

Please help to keep our township looking nice by following the ordinance regarding vehicles that are unlicensed and/or inoperable.

If your property is less than one acre in size, no unlicensed or inoperable vehicles may be stored on your property. Parcels between 1 acre and 40 acres may have up to 2 unlicensed vehicles (but they must be operable). Parcels of 40 acres and above may have up to 4 unlicensed vehicles. Any unlicensed vehicle must be stored in the rear yard of a property with a dwelling on it. There are some exceptions allowed for farm vehicles and for vehicles being repaired or sold.

The full text of the ordinance is available on our website at [www.chester-twp.org](http://www.chester-twp.org) or you may call the office 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](mailto:mail@chester-twp.org).

## SENIOR SERVICES

A representative from Four Pointes is available at the Township office on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00-11:00 am to help with any information or support needed by seniors or their families. If you would like help with Medicare enrollment, please call for an appointment. Their toll free number is 616-842-9210 to find out more of what assistance they can provide.

A variety of programs and events are available in our area including fitness, choir, knitting, luncheons and more. Contact the Township office for a calendar of activities. You can also request to be on a mailing list from Four Pointes, or an email list from the Township, to receive monthly updates.

## WINTER PARKING

In order to ensure that snow plows are able to access your street, please do not park vehicles in the road right of way during the winter months. On the streets listed below, there is an ordinance prohibiting parking from 1:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. during the months from November 1 until April 1.

Conklin St., Main St., Cherry St., Maple St., Miller St., Grove St., Daggett St., Sehler St., Crockery Shores Rd., Melbye St., Van Dyke St.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS & TOWNSHIP EMPLOYMENT

The Chester Township Board has several committees and boards to which representatives are appointed. These include the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Review. Vacancies to the Township Board are also filled by appointment to serve until the next election. There are also opportunities for employment with the Fire Department and office staff positions.

Persons wishing to be considered for open positions may contact the Township Office for more information or to submit a resume.

Chester Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## 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.

## BIDS

Chester Township uses contractors to provide services such as lawn mowing or snowplowing. If you are interested in bidding on these types of services, please contact the Township office.

## 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.

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](http://www.chester-twp.org)

Clerk-Jan Redding