

# OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY

**September 19, 2015**

**8 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

The Twp. Transfer Station (N. of Sandyview School on 46<sup>th</sup> St.) will be open for **NO CHARGE** to those who live in the township. For this **one day only**, we will be accepting your regular trash, plus appliances and furniture. (No tires, paint, yard waste, oil or shingles.) Please be prepared to show that you reside in the township. A current driver's license is good.

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## CHANGES TO LIBRARY POLICY...

As of July 1, Overisel patrons may no longer pick up their holds at the Howard Miller Library in Zeeland. They must pick up their holds at Salem Township Library.

Due to financial reasons, the Zeeland director expressed the need to discontinue this agreement.

We are sorry for the short notice and the inconvenience to township residents.

Be reminded that Overisel residents may continue to use Howard Miller Library. They just cannot pick up any interloans (requests) there. This must be done at the Salem Township Library.

Sharon Engelsman, Director

**TOWNSHIP HALL OPEN EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.**

## FALL LEAF DISPOSAL

From **October 17 to November 28**, an easy to load trailer will be parked at 47<sup>th</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup>. (The old ORC parking lot.) **NO TRASH** A local resident will be monitoring and emptying the leaf trailer. Consider supporting this composting project and getting rid of your leaves—everyone benefits.

### WHO TO CALL FOR...

**Burn Permits-269-686-5222**

**Cemetery Lots-**

**Bentheim-**

Steve Arendsen-616-836-4101

**Overisel-**

Ken Kleinheksel-269-751-5785

**Property Taxes-**

Pat Reuschel-leave a message at home-(269-751-8623) or twp hall-(751-7030)

**Tax Assessment-**

Robert Jones or Lisa Freeman will be available on Tues. from 9-Noon. 269-751-7030 or 616-430-7511 (Bob's cell)

**Voter Registration-**

Renee Hop 269-751-7030-(leave a message)

**Zoning questions / Building,**

**Electrical, Mechanical & Plumbing**

**Permits-PCI-1-800-628-3335**

**Summer Taxes due  
September 14, 2015.**

**Permits** (Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical) are **required** for **all** construction (new building, remodeling, furnaces, water heaters, etc.) **New homes on agricultural property need a Special Use Permit** from the Twp Planning Commission. **All AG buildings need a Zoning Compliance Permit.** Permit applications and questions contact Professional Code Inspections (PCI) at 1-800-628-3335.

\*If you **remove a structure** from your property, notify the assessor to make an adjustment.

**Winter Tax bills will be mailed the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>.** It is often asked what months each tax bill covers. **The tax bills do not cover specific months, but collect different taxes for different entities.** Each tax bill notes the breakdown of what amount goes where. The two tax bills together make up the total annual amount due.

#### ANNUAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Late February you will receive an Assessment Notice. Please review the property value and the Principal Residence Exemption value (PRE). If you feel the information is incorrect, the time to appeal is during March when the Board of Review meets. The Assessment Notice will list the scheduling procedure.

#### **ROAD WORK PROGRESS:**

**New asphalt** on 39th (N of 144<sup>th</sup>)  
**2 Miles of Resurfacing done** on 36<sup>th</sup> St from 142<sup>nd</sup> to 146<sup>th</sup>. Shared w/ Salem Township.

**Reconstructing:** 136th St from 38<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup>. Shared w/ Heath- just started.

**Replace** culvert on 146<sup>th</sup>-Not done.

**Also,** two layers of dust control, road side mowing and spot graveling.

#### **CEMETERY REMINDERS—**

**\*\*Green pails need to be picked up by October 15.** Any pails left will be put in the building at the cemetery. In the spring they will be put outside with the names on the bottom matching the grave marker.

\*\*We would like to standardize the flower pot holders. We'd like to see only the green metal ones with a handle. They are easiest to trim around. The concrete ones are more difficult to move and break easily when they get old.

\*\*The caretakers are asking if you leave a memory item on the grave, that you please come back in a timely manner and remove the item(s). Caretakers have the authority to remove items that have been there a long time.

**Officer Ray has reported 77 incidents in our township from April through July. He also thanks the community for improvement in the numbers of citations and major traffic violations.**

### **BURN PERMITS:**

State regulations must be obeyed for anyone using an "Open Burn" permit.

[www.michigan.gov/openburning](http://www.michigan.gov/openburning)

### **Burning Household Trash:**

Public Act 102 of 2012 prohibits burning household waste that contains plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals or hazardous materials. Homeowners that choose to burn trash that is not prohibited, may do so in an approved container. An approved container is made of metal or masonry with a metal covering device with openings no larger than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

### **Burning of Buildings:**

Structures to be demolished by intentional burning are subject to State and Federal regulations. Michigan air regulations only allow buildings to be intentionally burned for fire department suppression training.

### **Burning Trees and Brush:**

The open burning of trees, logs, brush and stumps is allowed if it meets the following criteria:

- \*A burn permit is required whenever the ground is not snow-covered.
- \*Fire must be constantly attended with a water source nearby.
- \*Fire prohibited after sunset and before sunrise.
- \*Burning must not be within 15 feet of any structure, fencing or wood piles or within 15 feet of any public or private property line.
- \*Do not leave a fire before it is out.

### **Recreational Fires:**

The burning of logs, brush, charcoal and other similar materials for the purpose of food preparation or recreation is allowed.

### **Email:**

[firechief@overiseltownship.org](mailto:firechief@overiseltownship.org)

**Oakland CRC , Overisel RC and Bentheim Elementary School have Paper Gators** (located in parking lots). These bins accept newsprint, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, hard and soft cover books. ( **NO** plastic, metal, trash, glass, cardboard or paperboard -grocery item boxes.) **Supporting area Paper Gators saves taxpayer money as the township pays to recycle paper.**

### **Reminders:**

**\*\*Recycling Bins** are to be used only for recyclables and only by Overisel Twp. Residents. **Your** tax dollars go to support this. **No garbage or junk** may be left in or around the bins. This is a privilege that can be terminated if it is abused. See township web site for a recycling guide.

**\*\*Township Transfer Station** (1/4<sup>th</sup> mile N of Sandyview School), is open on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, from 8-5. (Closed Jan., Feb., & holidays) Twp. Residents can purchase a "card" for \$15.00 at the Transfer Station. **NO yard waste, asphalt shingles, major appliances (except on Clean-up Saturday), tires or oil base paints.**

During the past year **Dennis Kroeze, Dave Schaap and Hoyt Lampen** have turned in their resignation to the Overisel Fire Dept. We **thank them** for their service to Overisel Township.

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