

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP

NEWS

APRIL 2016

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SCHOOL VOTE HELD ON MAY 3

**ZEELAND SCHOOLS-operating millage renewal

**HAMILTON SCHOOLS-Bond proposal with 0.0 net increase. Overisel Twp. Hall (4307 144th Ave.) **Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**The Twp. Hall door slot is *always* open to drop off absentee ballots.

PRIMARY ELECTION-AUGUST 2

**To choose which party's candidates will run in Federal, State and Local races.

**1 mil renewal for fire protection

**Last day to register July

GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 8

**To choose who will hold offices at Federal, State and local Levels

** .4 mill renewal for shared deputy with Fillmore Township.

**Last day to register-October

TOWNSHIP FIELD INSPECTIONS.....

Lisa Freeman, Township Assessor, will again be doing field inspections as required by the state. The township is required to measure and inspect 20% of each class of properties for land improvements each year. A letter will be sent out prior to her visit. Thank you for passing the renewal Road Improvement Millage in March-passed

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 Comm.

All AG buildings need a Zoning

Compliance Permit. Permit applications and questions directed to Professional Code Inspections (PCI) at [1-800-628-3335](tel:1-800-628-3335).

2015 Rural Rush for a Cure

The Hamilton Football Program will present the 15th Annual Rural Rush for a Cure on Friday, May 22. The 5K race will take place in Overisel with the proceeds benefitting the *American Cancer Society*. If you would like to sign up, go to www.classicrace.com and click on "Race Calendar," then click on "May," then select "Rural Rush for a Cure." Web links to the details and registration forms are available at any Hamilton School.

TWP. Meetings--Monthly meetings are held at the Overisel Twp. Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

Summer Tax Bills are sent out July 1 and may be paid July 1 through September 14. If you (or your mortgage co.) didn't get one, please call Twp. Hall and leave a message. It is ultimately the owner's responsibility to see that their taxes are paid.

2016 SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

New Asphalt on 136th St. from 38th to 41st (shared with Heath Twp). (1.4 miles)

Resurface -4.5 miles

Road Mowing and Dust Control will be done along with spot graveling.

WHO TO CALL.....

Burn Permits-[269-686-5222](tel:269-686-5222)

Cemetery Lots-

Bentheim-Steve Arendsen

[616-836-4101](tel:616-836-4101)

Overisel-Ken Kleinheksel

[269-751-5785](tel:269-751-5785)

Property Taxes-Pat Reuschel

[269-751-8623](tel:269-751-8623) (home) or [269-751-7030](tel:269-751-7030) (both places--leave a message)

Tax Assessment-Robert Jones or Lisa Freeman will be available on Tuesdays from 9 am-12 pm. Call [269-751-7030](tel:269-751-7030) or call 616-430-7511 (Bob's cell)

Voter Registration-Renee Hop

[269-751-7030](tel:269-751-7030)-(leave a message)

CEMETERY NOTES:--

****Spring clean-up has begun at both cemeteries. Green flower pots left last year will be setting next to the building. Please check bottom of the pots to see if one has your name on it.**

****If you bring momentos to your grave sites, please come back and pick them up in a timely manner or the cemetery caretakers will dispose of them.**

****Caretakers will be removing any unused cement urns and disposing of them after May 25. You are encouraged to use green handled pots.**

****Recycling Bins are used only for recyclables. No garbage or junk may be left in or around the bins. This is a privilege that can be terminated if it is abused. The bins are located in the Township Hall parking lot. This collection process is called “single stream” which does not require residents to separate materials prior to placing inside the collection bins.**

From Deputy Ray’s Desk....

****267 INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN OVERISEL TWP APRIL 2014 THROUGH MARCH 2015.**

****Michigan Vehicle Code (excerpt)—**

“A person shall not read, manually type or send a text message on a wireless telephone used in cellular telephone service or personal communication service, while operating a motor vehicle that is moving on a highway or street in Michigan. A wireless 2-way communication device does not include a global navigation system that is affixed to a motor vehicle.”

****Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety.**

****Because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far one of the most alarming distractions.**

****According to a study by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, sending or receiving a text takes a driver’s eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field.**

Township Transfer Station

To use the transfer station, (1/4th mile North of Sandyview School on 46th St) you must buy a “card”. The card cost is \$15.00. Township residents can purchase a card at the Transfer Station. The charges are based on the volume being dumped. It is open on the first and third **Saturday of each month from **8:00 am to 5:00 pm**. (Closed holidays, Jan. and Feb.) Please be reminded that we cannot accept yard waste, asphalt shingles, major appliances, tires or oil base paints.**

Recycle paper using the Paper Gators in Oakland CRC or Overisel RC. 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.) By supporting these area Paper Gators you are saving taxpayer money. The township—(i.e.

you the taxpayer)—pays to have the paper recycled that goes into the Recycling Bins.

Fire Dept. News:

Overisel Township welcomes and thanks Heather Scholten and Josh Kooienga for joining the Fire Dept.

Chief Ron Horsting reports the 130 calls in 2014. They included the following:

14 structure fires
1 chimney fire
1 vehicle fire
4 brush fires
56 Medical emergency calls
23 motor vehicle accidents
8 power lines down
6 unauthorized burns
2 false alarms
11 cancelled in route
3 brush fires

Email: firechief@overiseltownship.org

Burn Permits:

There are State regulations that must be obeyed for anyone using an “Open Burn” permit. www.michigan.gov/openburning

Burning of 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 which are 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 w/in 15 feet of any structure, fencing or wood piles or w/in 15 feet of any public or private property line.
- *Do not leave a fire before it is out.

Recreation Fires:

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