

# OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS

## AUGUST 2021

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Supervisor: Russ Van Dam  
Clerk: Renee Hop  
Treasurer: Pat Reuschel  
Trustee: Harv Jipping  
Trustee: Tom Flokstra

*The office is open on Tuesdays 9 A.M.– 5 P.M. Please leave a phone message during non-office hours.*

Office Phone: 269-751-7030 Fax: 269-751-5405

*Go to our website for township information: [www.overiseltownship.org](http://www.overiseltownship.org)*

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### TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY

September 18, 2021  
8 A.M.-5 P.M.

The Township Transfer Station (North 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 regular trash, plus appliances and furniture. (No tires, paint, yard waste, oil or shingles.) Please be prepared to show ID that you reside in the township.

### 2021 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>. NO TRASH PLEASE! A local resident will be checking and emptying the leaf trailer. Please support this composting project and get rid of your leaves. Thanks!

*Overisel Township Financial Reports can be seen at [www.overiseltownship.org](http://www.overiseltownship.org) or at the township office.*

### 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....269-751-7030 (leave a message)

#### Property Assessment

Lisa Freeman will be available on Tuesdays from 1-4 PM.

#### Voter Registration

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

#### Construction Permits

Professional Code Inspectors (PCI)...1-616-877-2000

### ZONING QUESTIONS & BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL & PLUMBING PERMITS

Professional Code Inspectors (PCI)  
1-616-877-2000

Please contact PCI with your zoning and permit questions. Permits are **required** for **all** new construction as well as remodeling, new furnace, water heater, etc.

**New homes on agricultural property need a Special Use Permit** from the Twp Planning Commission. **All AG buildings need a Zoning Compliance Permit.**

If you **remove a structure**, notify the assessor to make an adjustment.

### TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT- Lisa Freeman

Overisel Township's website has a new "Assessor" link on the sidebar. The website has several forms related to property assessment for your convenience.

The State of Michigan requires assessors to physically inspect 20% of the township each year to maintain accurate data. When your property is due, you will be sent a letter containing a sketch of your property. Please review the information for accuracy and return to the office. Thank you to the property owners who returned the forms last year; we appreciate your feedback.

In February you will be mailed a "Change of Assessment Notice" which shows important information about your property. Please take a moment to review the one-page document. If you believe there is an error, please call the office so that we can get the information corrected. FOR OWNERS OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES-pay particular attention to the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) %; if you have moved into your new home and it is your primary residence, you qualify for the exemption from school operating millage and the PRE should show 100%.

## 2021 ROAD WORK

Reconstruction on 37<sup>th</sup> is finished. 141<sup>st</sup> yet to be reconstructed. Culvert on 40<sup>th</sup> complete. When culvert on 146<sup>th</sup> is completed, resurfacing on 146<sup>th</sup> will start. Ottogan bridge is refurbished.

## CEMETERY REMINDERS

**\*\*Handled pails need to be picked up by October 16.** Any pails left will be put in the building at the cemetery. In the spring they will be put outside.

**\*\*We would like to standardize the flower pot holders so please use only the metal ones with a handle.**

**\*\*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 are not responsible for items left and have the authority to remove items in a timely manner.**

## FROM TREASURER - Pat Reuschel

Summer tax bills were sent July 1 and may be paid through September 14 without penalty. If you or your mortgage company didn't get a bill, contact me at the township office and leave a message or email [treasurer@overiseltownship.org](mailto:treasurer@overiseltownship.org) and I will send you a copy. *It is ultimately the owner's responsibility to see that their taxes are paid.*

It is often asked what months each tax bill covers. Tax bills are sent twice a year; in July and December. Tax bills do not cover specific months, but collect different taxes for different entities as noted on the bill. Both bills added together cover the entire calendar year.

## OVERISEL FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As **Andrew Hulsman** and **Mason Horsting** are moving, we say **Thank you** for your service to the Fire Dept.

**Welcome to Heather Scholten** and **Jordan Lamers** who are now part of the Overisel Fire Dept. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

**NEEDED!!** Men and women who are interested in joining Overisel Fire Department. Please apply by emailing to: [firechief@overiseltownship.org](mailto:firechief@overiseltownship.org).

**If you know someone on OFD, please *thank them* for their service to you!**

**Tornado Sirens** currently are not working. We are working on repairs. They are normally scheduled to sound off on the Fourth Friday of the month at 11:15AM.

Fire Chief Kooienga is developing a **Fire Cadet Program** for 16–18-year-olds. Please email the Chief at above email if there is interest in being a part of this.

**Illegal Burn** fines will be based on the time and material it takes to put out the fire.

**Burn Permit reminder** The permit is only good for burning brush, shrubs, and leaves. It is only valid for the day you call it in. You must have a water source nearby. If the burn gets out of control, call 911.

**Junk Ordinance** We continue to get complaints about properties that are in violation of this ordinance. Please clean up your property. Vehicles need to be licensed and drivable to be parked on your property. If they are not, they need to be removed or parked indoors.

The **Transfer Station** is open from 8-5 the first and third Saturdays of each month. (Closed January & February) You must buy a card which can be bought at the Transfer Station for \$20.00. It is located 1/4<sup>th</sup> mile north of Sandyview School on 46<sup>th</sup>.

## TOWNSHIP RECYCLE BINS

"Single Stream" bins are located at the Twp Hall. This means no sorting required. Glass, paper, metal cans, plastic, and **flattened cardboard** are accepted. **NO TRASH!**

A word about paper.... Please use **PAPER GATORS** for paper. You can find them located at Oakland CRC, Overisel RC, and Bentheim Elem. School. These entities receive money for collecting recyclable paper. If paper is dumped in the recycle bins, it costs the township for removal. Putting your paper in the Paper Gator benefits our township and the local schools and churches!

## ELECTION: NOVEMBER 2, 2021

For **VOTERS** in the

**HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY!**

**VOTE** at the Overisel Township Hall, 4307 144<sup>th</sup> Ave. Precinct will be open for in-person voting from 7am – 8pm. Go to [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) to check your registration and view the ballot.

On the November ballot **Hamilton Community Schools** is presenting a **Bond Proposal**. Watch for "The Transcript", newspapers, and website for more information.

**Absentee Ballots** If you are registered as an "Absentee Voter" you will receive an *Application to Vote Absentee* in mid-September. You must sign and return to the office in order to receive a ballot by mail.

Ballots will be mailed after the application has been received and verified by the Clerk. Any registered voter may call the township office to get an application to vote absentee.

***Remember to bring your photo ID!***

## BUILDING RENTALS

**Please note** that Overisel Township does not rent **any** facilities. "**The Hall**", (located south of **Overisel Ref. Church**) is rented through Overisel Ref. Church. Please call, 269-751-8744, or go to [www.orcministries.org/the-hall](http://www.orcministries.org/the-hall) to make a reservation.