

ELECTION 2016

2016 was a very busy election year with elections held in March, August and November. Brighton Township voters showed up! Voter turnout for the recent General Election had 11,660 voters representing 77.22% of registered voters in the Township. This percentage is consistent with past general elections.

Elected to the Township Board of Trustees for the four-year term are:

- Patrick Michel, Supervisor
- Ann Bollin, Clerk*
- Rose Drouillard, Treasurer
- Steve Combs, Trustee
- Mike Slaton, Trustee*
- Sam Theis, Trustee
- Lucille Weaire, Trustee*



The Board of Trustees took office on November 20, 2016 at Noon. Contact information for individual board members can be found on the back page of the newsletter or via the website at www.brightontwp.com.

We bid farewell to Supervisor Tom Murphy, Treasurer Deb Hawk and Trustee Cathy Doughty and thank them for their service to the community.

* Incumbents re-elected to the same position.



JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Livingston County Department of Public Health provides radon test kits free of charge to residents during the month of January. Radon test kits can be purchased from the Livingston County Department of Public Health (\$5.00 for

short-term test, \$10.00 for long-term test) any other month of the year. You can find more great radon information at <https://www.livgov.com/health/eh/Pages/radon.aspx>.

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Regular Board Meetings are held at least monthly and are broadcast live on Cable Channel 15. Regular work session meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the adoption of the annual Regular Meeting schedule.

The meetings are held in the lower level of Township Hall. Meeting start time is 7:00 P.M.

2017 NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT, TAXABLE VALUE AND PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION

Please be on the lookout for your 2017 assessment notice, which you should receive at the end February. The notice will list your 2017 assessed and taxable values, as well as the classification of your property. Your current year Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) is also indicated on the assessment notice.



If you feel the indicated percentage for Homeowner's Principal Residence is incorrect, please notify the assessing department.

The 2017 March Board of Review dates and times will be listed on the notice. Please note, for residential property, you must appeal to the March Board of Review in order to further appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

If you have any questions regarding your principal residence exemption, assessed or taxable values, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (810) 229-0558.

PLANNING NEWS

Kroger's has been approved for a 40,000 sq. foot addition, a new restaurant called Blockade is renovating the building where Memories restaurant was located on Old US 23 and Phase II of the East Grand River / Kensington Road sidewalk/pathway is under construction.



Please contact Kelly Mathews at planer@brightontwp.com or at (810) 229-0562.

WINTER TAX INFORMATION

Taxes are due February 28, 2017. Any unpaid 2016 taxes will be transferred to the Livingston County Treasurer for collection thereafter. The date received is the date paid. Postmarks are **not** accepted.

Payments: Payment options include cash, checks, money orders and credit cards.

- ◆ **Checks:** Please verify all information is correct on your check before mailing. We have received numerous checks without signatures, missing amounts, etc. Always include your phone number on your check. We do not sell this information. It is only used by us if we have problems with your payment. Post-dated checks are not accepted and will be returned.
- ◆ **Credit cards:** May be used either on-line or in person at Township Hall. A convenience fee is charged by Point and Pay, the provider of this service.
- ◆ **Online Bill Payments:** Bills paid through your on-line banking system may take up to 15 business days to be received. Please allow sufficient time for payment to reach us.

Tax Receipts: If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope or an e-mail address with your payment.

Summer deferral payments: **MUST BE MADE BY February 14th** in order to avoid interest charges.

Please contact the Treasurer's office at (810) 229-0556.

SANITARY SEWER GUIDELINES

For those residents that are hooked up to the Brighton Township sanitary sewer it is important that only permitted material is flushed through the municipal system. Nationwide, sewer system operators have seen a dramatic increase in the problems caused by users disposing of non-permitted materials. For example, consumer demand has increased the popularity of disinfecting wipes. Marketing and advertising firms may claim that these products are disposable or even flushable. Unfortunately, their cloth-like material doesn't breakdown in the sanitary sewer system like toilet paper and can block sewer lines, clog equipment and increase maintenance and repair costs. To ensure that our system remains in excellent operating condition, we are asking users of the sanitary sewer system to follow these guidelines:

1. Don't dispose of the following items to the sewer: Glass, Metal, Seafood Shells, Goldfish stone, Diapers, socks, rags or cloth, plastic objects like toys and utensils, sanitary napkins or tampons, and kitty litter or "flushable" wipes.
2. In addition, the following items must never be introduced into the sewer: Explosives, flammable materials, lubricating oil and/or grease, strong chemicals, and gasoline.
3. Your grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, keep water usage to a minimum.
4. Your grinder pump has a high water level audible and visual alarm. If the alarm sounds, the audible alarm can be acknowledged by pressing the button located bottom left corner of the control panel. Immediately call 1-866-806-1718 for an operator to troubleshoot the problem. This number is posted on the control panel.
5. The Township owns the grinder station. However, if any damage to grinder components is caused by the occupant, the homeowner will be responsible for the cost of the repairs.
6. Keep the control panel clear from obstructions (i.e. bushes).
7. In order to work properly, the grinder must be vented. Don't cover grinder with landscaping, etc.
8. Don't change grade around the grinder. The grade must allow for water to travel away from grinder.
9. Periodically check the pull out disconnect for any sign of damage especially after a storm. The pull out disconnect is located next to the electrical meter and provides power to the grinder control panel. If power is interrupted at the pull out disconnect, the grinder will not run nor will the alarm work.

PATHWAY / SIDEWALK PHASE 2 COMPLETION

Phase 2 of the Sidewalk / Pathway project will be completed this November. This second phase of approximately one mile of non-motorized infrastructure stretches along East Grand River at Woodruff Creek eastwardly to the entrance of Kensington Metro Park. This is another step towards completing the Pathway Masterplan which was adopted approximately 10 years ago. This project is being undertaken in coordination with Green Oak Township as portions of East Grand River meander into both jurisdictions. Green Oak Township will be responsible for connecting the portions of sidewalk which are to be constructed in their community.

Future plan phases call for a five (5) foot sidewalk on the west side of Old US 23 from the US 23 bridge north to Spencer Road and a ten (10) foot asphalt pathway along the west side of Kensington Road north to Sunset Park at the corner of Kensington, Buno and Jacoby Roads.

During the upcoming fiscal year the Board will discuss the scheduling and funding for the third phase of the project and any potential sidewalk / pathway updates that are necessary.

Questions? Contact the Planner at planner@brightontwp.com.



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TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM *
Tuesdays 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM *

* Closed daily for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Township offices will be closed on the following days:

Friday - December 23, 2016
Monday - December 26, 2016
Friday - December 30, 2016
Monday - January 2, 2017
Monday - February 20, 2017

Visit our website at www.brightontwp.com for additional holiday closings throughout the year.

DO YOU WANT TO KEEP ABREAST OF TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS?

SIGN UP FOR NEWSFLASH!

For those that want to be kept abreast of Township business as it is happening we recommend that you sign up for e-mail notifications via the Township website. Citizens can customize their notifications to their particular interests (e.g. public hearings, scheduled meetings, newsflashes, emergency notifications, etc.) This is the best way to ensure that you are getting the information that you find most useful. Go to www.brightontwp.com to create your account by clicking on the Notify Me button.



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*Regular Meeting Days and Times**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM
as scheduled with the adoption of the annual meeting schedule.

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM

**Meetings are subject to change. Contact the Clerk's office at 810-229-0560 for more information.
**Phone messages may be left at (810) 229-0550 for all trustees.*

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