

Cohoctah Township

Township Business Hours

The Township office is in the Township Hall at
10518 Antcliff Rd. (Between Cohoctah and Gannon Roads)

Hours are: Tuesday 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 to 2:00 pm

Business phone 517-546-0655

New Address for 3530 Gannon Rd.

Mail Delivery Howell MI 48855

Cohoctah Township Board

Meetings are held monthly, every second Thursday at 8:00 p.m., at the Township hall, 10518 Antcliff Road (between Cohoctah and Gannon roads).

Public attendance and comments encouraged.

Mark Fosdick, Supervisor.....517-223-4813
Barb Fear, Clerk.....517-618-7404
Tami Bock, Treasurer.....517-546-2510
William Thurner, Trustee.....517-546-8307
Phil Charette, Trustee.....517-548-4217

Township Assessor

Allan Berg, Assessor, holds office hours in the Township hall. Check the Township web site or phone for current days and hours. Questions? Call 517-546-4030.

The legal responsibility of paying taxes on the correct parcel rests with the taxpayer. If you have moved or if there are errors in your assessment, descriptions, address or ownership, it is your responsibility to notify the Township Assessor.

Permits

Applications for land use, temporary mobile homes, swimming pools, dog kennels, signs, home occupations, etc. are available from the Township Office or on line. For more information call Zoning Administrator Larry Flanary 517-404-3108 .

Township Web Site

Visit the Township's website for meeting minutes, Township forms and community updates. It has a link to the Township's zoning ordinance & master plan for easy reference. Our website is www.cohoctahtownship.org Please let us know if you are looking for information or links that are not currently available. We welcome your suggestions on how we might improve the site.

Planning Commission

The Cohoctah Township Planning Commission, dealing with zoning and land use, meets on the first Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at the township hall. The public is invited to attend these meetings. Robert Beach, Chairperson, 517- 548-3699

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Cohoctah Township Zoning Board of Appeals deals with problems with the zoning laws in regards to individual pieces of property. Meetings are held as needed and are open to the public. Notices of meetings are published in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and are posted at the township hall.

Jan Rosan, Chairperson, 517-223-4026

Township Zoning Administrator

The Zoning Administrator works for the Township and is involved in land use, signs, violations, and other planning issues. He does not have office hours but may be contacted at the number below:

Larry Flanary, Zoning Administrator. . . 517-404-3108

Cemeteries

You can view the fees on the website www.cohoctahtownship.org or call Karen Thurner, Township Sexton, at 517-546-8307 with other questions.

Septic System Do's and Don'ts

What goes down your drain can have a major impact on how well your septic system works. A garbage disposal takes a lot of water to move scraps down the drain. Once in the tank, some of the solids break down by bacterial action, but most of the grindings will have to be pumped out. Using a disposal could require you to have your tank pumped more often.

Composting is a better way to recycle kitchen scraps.

Plant only grass over and near the septic system. Roots from nearby trees and shrubs can cause damage.

Don't drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system. Doing so can compact the soil and damage the pipes.

Your system should be inspected to determine if pumping is needed every 3 to 5 years, depending on the number of persons in the household and the size of the system.

Don't put toxic household waste down the drain. Avoid fats, solvents, oils, disinfectants, paints, chemicals, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, motor vehicle fluids and poisons.

Don't treat your system like a garbage can. Avoid dental floss, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, paper towels and diapers.

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COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP'S 29TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND FAMILY EVENTS

The parade so nice you see it twice!!

Township events run Wednesday from 9-1.

Parade starts at 11. Roads close at 10:00.

- Pancake Breakfast at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church 6686 Oak Grove Rd. 7:00am to 9:30am. No Charge (free will offering accepted). Neil Woodward performs.
- Pig Roast at the Calvary Bible Church 1389 Elm Street. Starts after the parade. No Charge (free will offering accepted)
- **Free** Kids Zone activities, bounce house, face painting, petting zoo, cotton candy,
- **Again this year – free pony rides.**
- Musical entertainment
- **New this year! Free Photo Booth!!!**
- Kids decorated bike contest
- Silent Auction to benefit a local charity.

Got something nifty to donate for our silent auction? We'd love to have it!! Give Karen a call 517-546-8307.

Check the Township website for parade and craft booth applications, and for the latest information. www.cohoctahtownship.org

We need a host of volunteers to help on parade day! PLEASE call Karen Thurner Parade, Chairperson at 517-546-8307 to offer your help, to donate or to ask any questions!

Household Hazardous Waste

The Livingston County Household Hazardous Waste has a collection event between 9am and Noon on July 28, 2018 in Green Oak Township and another event between 9am and Noon on September 22, 2018 in Howell.

No Materials will be accepted without an appointment!

Please call 517-545-9609 to set an appointment.

See Info on materials accepted at:

www.livgov.com/dpw/pages/household_hazardous_collection.aspx

Household Batteries Disposal

The Township Hall is a collection site for the proper disposal of household batteries. You may drop them off during township business hours. No appointment needed.

Township Internet Service

There are a number of internet providers operating in the Township. Connect Michigan is a non-profit organization. Their web site can show you who offers service in your area:

http://www.connectmi.org/mapping/interactive_map_interface/?q=map

Thomas Jefferson

“The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all.”

Need Help? Call 2-1-1

The 2-1-1 line provides an easy to remember telephone number that connects residents with important community services and volunteer opportunities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

County Emergency Alert System Available!

Residents of Livingston County can sign up to receive alerts of dangerous situations happening in local communities by phone, text message, email or combination of the three. You can opt in by signing up at:
<http://member.smartmsg.com/index/453003085615617#/login>.
Create a profile and customize how you want to receive alerts.

The service is free!

The county will send out messages in the event of many emergencies, including terrorist attacks, gas leaks, bomb scares, disease outbreaks, dangerous suspects at large, major traffic crashes and tornadoes. There are also options for less urgent alerts such as weather alerts and boil water notices.

The importance of filling out detailed profile information, while voluntary will help the county plan. Items such as mobility limitations, pets in the house, home oxygen use will enable them to know who needs help in situations like power outage.

If you work outside the county this will help you stay in touch with issues in your home community where your children might be in school or your family might be at home.

E-Waste Collection Event

Livingston County will hold a drop off event on **October 6, 2018** for TVs, Computers and Electronics for Livingston County Residents at Livingston County East Complex 2300 E. Grand River Ave. Howell from 9am to 1 pm. Appointment not required!
Questions 517-545-9609. Made possible by Chem Trend.

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Candidates Needed!

The Township Board is seeking candidates for Planning Commission, Board of Review and Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are interested in serving our community in one of these paid positions when an opening occurs please forward your resume with a brief note of introduction to bfearclerk@gmail.com

Yard Maintenance & Junk!

By Township policy, the Board does not take action on anonymous complaints on possible violations to the zoning ordinance, such as failure to maintain a yard, or for junk on a property. Please be neighborly and considerate and maintain your yard, keep old vehicles or construction material in barns or garages and out of sight and keep animals on your own property. If your neighbor approaches you about an issue, please try to resolve the matter. Neighbors' working out their issues keeps the Township from having to take action and is better for everybody.

Dust Control

The Township will be putting applications of brine on the Township controlled dirt roads at least two times this season: around Memorial Day and Fourth of July. This is funded through the Township's voter approved road millage.

Scrap Tire Recycling Drop-Off Event

Livingston County will hold a scrap tire drop-off event on **August 18th from 9am to 1pm**. This is only for passenger or light truck tires from Livingston County residents. Must pre-register with number of tires and how many on rims. You can Pre-register by calling 517-545-9609 or e-mail at solidwaste@livgov.com Limit 10 tires per resident address. Location will be given when you register.

2018- 2019 TRASH DISPOSAL

Cohoctah Township contracts with Alchin's Disposal service for trash pickup. If you would like to participate, please read the guidelines and fill out the form below.

Service for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 will still cost \$156. There are no refunds!

Senior Discounts (55 or older) are available directly from Alchin's Disposal, call 517-223-7119. 8am to 5pm. Do not pay the Township! Alchin's will bill you if you already have this senior service.

General Guidelines:

- A. The amount of trash collected weekly from each household will be limited to the equivalent of 6 (30 gallon) trash bags or 3 (40 gallon) trash cans. Please stay within these limits. Call in advance for extra-large pickups.
- B. Trash must be placed at roadside by 6:00 a.m. pickup day. (Friday is pickup day for most of the township). Pickup will be the next working day after holidays or bad snow storms.
- C. Trash must be placed in plastic trash bags or garbage cans. Each trash container shall not weigh more than one person could reasonably be expected to lift.

- D. Excess trash and appliances and large items such as chairs, hot water tanks, etc. will be extra. The charge will be determined by the size and bulk of material. Pickup of these items must be arranged in advance. Call Alchin's at 517-223-7119.
- E. The trash collector will **NOT** pick up dirt, fire ash, dead animals, animal waste, grass clippings, shrubbery, brush or tree trimmings, flammable materials or any other items prohibited by law to be collected.
- F. Residents may rent a curb cart directly from Alchin's Disposal 517-223-7119. Do not send curb cart money to the Township! The cart fee is \$36 in 2018.

To start or renew service, your check for **\$156 payable to Cohoctah Township** must be received by **July 2, 2018**.

Mail payments to: **COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP
3530 Gannon Rd
Howell, MI 48855**

Or drop your payment at the Township hall drop box.

Please clip and send the following information along with a check for a **non-refundable \$156** Payable to Cohoctah Township to include your household in the Township's trash service.

Attached is our non-refundable payment of **\$156 payable to Cohoctah Township** to include us in Alchin's Disposal Service. **Payment due by July 2, 2018.** Mail to: **Cohoctah Township 3530 Gannon Rd, Howell MI 48855**

Name _____ Phone _____

Street & Number _____

City _____ Zip _____ Signature _____

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Livingston County Dept. Public Health

The Department of Public Health offers childhood immunizations on a walk in basis on Wednesdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm with extended hours until 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. They offer all childhood immunizations and many immunizations for adults. There is a charge for immunization. They also offer, Hearing & Vision Screening, HIV Testing, and information on the WIC program, Influenza, Communicable Disease Control and Children's Special Health Care Services. The Health Dept also has a lot of useful information and resources on its web site www.lchd.org. Questions? Call the Department of Public Health at 517-546-9850.

Street Lights

If you see a street light in the Township that is out, please report it to the Township Hall at 517-546-0655. The Township pays a monthly charge whether they are illuminated or not.

Expenditures

Cohoctah Township General Fund Expenditures for Year Ending March 31, 2018 were \$608,088. Breakdown of major expenses:

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| Roads & Dust Control | \$205,367 | 33.8% |
| Trash Pickup | \$89,442 | 14.7% |
| Township Board | \$36,189 | 6.0% |
| Assessor | \$35,496 | 5.8% |
| Recreation | \$34,394 | 5.7% |
| Treasurer's Office | \$29,652 | 4.9% |
| Cemetery | \$26,105 | 4.3% |
| Clerk's Office | \$20,677 | 3.4% |
| Supervisor | \$17,500 | 2.9% |
| Drains At Large | \$16,767 | 2.8% |
| Planning & Zoning | \$10,263 | 1.7% |
| Buildings & Grounds | \$9,701 | 1.6% |
| Insurance & Bonds | \$8,609 | 1.4% |
| Elections | \$7,266 | 1.2% |
| Streetlights | \$5,111 | 0.8% |
| Attorney | \$4,671 | 0.8% |
| Board of Review | \$2,020 | 0.3% |

Town Hall

The township hall is available for use by residents. Call the Township Office at 517-546-0655 during business hours for reservations and details.

Bill Thurner, Trustee
Cohoctah Township
3530 Gannon Rd
Howell MI 48855

Fall trash day scheduled for Oct 6, 2018

The board scheduled a large-item trash day for the fall of 2018. The purpose is to allow **only our residents** to dispose of old appliances, furniture and other items too large for regular trash service. (NOTE: **propane tanks**, fuel tanks, broken concrete, rocks, batteries, barrels and cans of paint cannot be taken.) We urge the residents to use these trash days to clean up the roads and ditches in the township. The 2018 Fall trash day will be held on Saturday, Oct 6, 2018. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Cohoctah Township Park at Allen and Preston Roads. Enter off of Allen. Appliances with Freon will be accepted but we must charge \$15 for each in order to properly dispose of them. There is no charge to residents for other items; we will be recycling tires so keep them separated. **There is a limit of 10 Tires per resident address...** Hot tubs must be cut into pieces. In order to make the process go faster, please try to organize your loads so that metal items are separated from the other trash and put on the back of your load so that they can be taken off first. **We need volunteers for this event. If you volunteer you do not wait in line and we supply free pizza. Plus, you will receive a FREE "I Got Dumped In Cohoctah" T-shirt for volunteering! Step up and give us a hand.**
Call Bill Thurner at 517-546-8307 if you have questions!

Who is Driving the Road Repairs?

Many residents do not realize that local roads, including construction and maintenance are under the jurisdiction of the County. The Township receives no State transportation funds. The Board works with the County Road Commission to set priorities for maintenance but over the past few years the county has had less to spend. Again last year we spent money on road paving because the roads needed the work for safety. This is funded through monies in the general budget and funds from the Voter Approved road millage. We have more paved roads that badly need work and the Township will be paying to have work done again. Contact the County Road Commission at 517-546-4250 or email them at mail@livingstonroads.org and let them know that our roads need repairing.

Comments

Your comments and information for future newsletters should be sent to: Bill Thurner, Trustee, P.O. Box 274, Cohoctah, MI 48816-0274. Phone 517-546-8307.

TRASH PICK-UP FORM INSIDE!