

# 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**

**Mail Delivery: 6950 Owosso Rd.  
Fowlerville MI 48836**

## 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 welcome.

Mark Fosdick, Supervisor.....517-223-4813  
Brenda Meek, Clerk.....517-223-1274  
Tami Bock, Treasurer.....517-546-2510  
William Thurner, Trustee.....517-546-8307  
Fred Buckner, Trustee.....517-404-6623

## Township Assessor

Allan Berg, Assessor, holds office hours in the Township hall the first and third Wednesday's of the month from 10am to 2pm. 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 Todd Thomas 517-861-1789.

## Township Web Site

Visit the Township's updated 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](http://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.

Bill Thurner, Trustee Board Representative, 517- 546-8307.

## 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:

Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator. . . 517-861-1789

## 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.

## COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2016

### **COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP'S 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE AND FAMILY EVENTS**

*The parade so nice you see it twice!!*

Township events run from 9-1.

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

#### ***2016 Grand Marshal - Darlene Blainey***

- 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
- Kids sidewalk chalk contest
- Kids decorated bike contest
- Silent Auction to benefit **New Echelon** (Brighton MI.) Adult foster care for Veterans.

#### **Got something nifty to donate for our silent auction? We'd love to have it!! Give Karen a call.**

Check the Township website for parade and craft booth applications, and for the latest information. [www.cohoctahtownship.org](http://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 30, 2016 in Green Oak Township and another event between 9am and Noon on October 15, 2016 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](http://www.livgov.com/dpw/pages/household_hazardous_collection.aspx)

#### **Household Batteries**

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, in partnership with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Their web site can show you who offers service in your area:

[http://www.connectmi.org/mapping/interactive\\_map\\_interface/?q=map](http://www.connectmi.org/mapping/interactive_map_interface/?q=map)

#### **Thomas Jefferson**

“Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.”

#### **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.

#### **Spring & Summer Storm Safety Tips**

Spring and Summer brings beautiful weather to Cohoctah Township but is also the season for dangerous storms.

Before a storm hits:

- Have a portable radio, flashlights and fresh batteries handy.
- Know the location of your electrical circuit box and how to turn the power on and off.
- Never operate a generator in your home, garage, basement or any other enclosed area. A generator needs to be at least 3 feet from an enclosed area as well as away from doors and windows where exhaust fumes and carbon monoxide can enter the home.
- Never fuel a generator while it is running. Turn the generator off and let it cool before refueling.
- If the power is out in your neighborhood, watch out for fallen wires, broken utility poles or tree limbs on power lines. Stay clear of power lines and anything a power line is touching.

#### **Thank You!**

The Township would like to thank Jim Armstrong of Armstrong Masonry and Dan Barton of Daniel Barton Electrical Contracting for their donation of time and machinery, Carl Morgan for the tasty donuts and to Dean Meek and David Bock for working on the tire recycling at the large item trash day; and to all those volunteers who gave their time and effort, **Thanks!**

#### **2016 Election Dates to Remember**

**July 5, 2016** Last day to register to vote in the State Primary.

**August 2, 2016** State Primary Election.

**October 11, 2016** Last day to register to vote in the State General Election.

**November 8, 2016** State General Election.

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## Cemetery

Restoration work continues in Boutell Cemetery. At Sanford Cemetery, trees have been planted along the front fence. Watch for white blossoms in May on the Chanticleer Pear and pink blossoms in June on the Stella Pink dogwoods. And in the fall, leaves of red and plum will showcase. A new fee schedule for the cemeteries was adopted by the Township Board effective April 1, 2015. You can view the new fees on the website [www.cohoctahtownship.org](http://www.cohoctahtownship.org) or call Karen Thurner, Township Sexton, at 517-546-8307.

## 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.

## Alchin's Recycling/Drop-off Center

Alchin's Disposal has a recycling drop off center located at 9900 W. Grand River; Fowlerville MI. Hours are 11am to 4pm Monday thru Thursday for recycling. The price for recycling is \$3.00 per visit. They offer an annual membership of \$20.00 per household or a senior (55 or older) annual membership of \$15.00 per household. Please check into the office before dropping off items. For a list of recycle items that are accepted please go to their web site [www.alchinsdisposal.com/recycling.html](http://www.alchinsdisposal.com/recycling.html) or phone 517-223-7119.

# 2016- 2017 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017 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. 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 2015.

**To start or renew service, your check for \$156 payable to Cohoctah Township must be received by July 1, 2016.**

Mail payments to: **COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP**  
**6950 Owosso Rd**  
**Fowlerville, MI 48836**

Or drop your payment at the Township hall drop box anytime.

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 1, 2016.** Mail to: **Cohoctah Township 6950 Owosso Rd, Fowlerville MI 48836**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, 2016 were \$491,389. Breakdown of major expenses:

Roads & Dust Control	\$120,000	24.4%
Trash Pickup	\$89,241	18.2%
Cemetery	\$41,913	8.5%
Assessor	\$33,106	6.7%
Township Board	\$33,060	6.7%
Recreation	\$29,514	6.0%
Treasurer's Office	\$27,566	5.6%
Drains At Large	\$24,713	5.0%
Clerk's Office	\$21,018	4.3%
Supervisor	\$17,500	3.6%
Buildings & Grounds	\$13,191	2.7%
Insurance & Bonds	\$8,578	1.7%
Planning & Zoning	\$8,035	1.6%
Attorney	\$7,377	1.5%
Streetlights	\$5,766	1.2%
Elections	\$3,452	0.7%
Board of Review	\$1,569	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  
6950 Owosso Rd  
Fowlerville MI 48836

## Spring trash day scheduled for May 6, 2017

The board scheduled a large-item trash day for the spring of 2017. 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 2017 spring trash day will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017. 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. 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. *Call Bill Thurner at 517-546-8307 if you have questions!*

## USDA Low Income Home Ownership Loans

This program allows applicants to purchase decent, safe, sanitary housing at affordable monthly payments. Funds can be used to purchase an existing single family dwelling or to construct a new dwelling. In Livingston County the income limit for a family of 4 is \$65,800. Call 810-230-8766 ext. 4 to get more details on this program. [www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-direct-home-loans/mi](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-direct-home-loans/mi)

## 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. 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](mailto: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!**