

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.

Updated 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 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, 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.

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COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP'S 26TH ANNUAL 4TH 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.

2015 Grand Marshal - Evelyn Wiles

- 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, barrel train rides, cotton candy,
- **NEW this year – free pony rides.**
- Silent Auction to benefit LACASA.
- Musical entertainment
- Kids sidewalk chalk contest
- Kids decorated bike contest

Got something nifty to donate for our 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

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 August 15, 2015 in Green Oak Township and another event between 9am and Noon on October 10, 2015 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.co.livingston.mi.us/solidwaste/hhwitems.asp

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

John Adams

"It is more important that innocence be protected than it is that guilt be punished. For guilt and crimes are so frequent in this world that they cannot all be punished. But if innocence itself is brought to the bar and condemned, perhaps to die, then the citizen will say, "Whether I do good or whether I do evil is immaterial, for innocence itself is no protection," and if such an idea as that were to take hold in the mind of the citizen that would be the end of security whatsoever."

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 and to Dean Meeks 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!**

TV & Computer Collection Event

Livingston County will accept at NO CHARGE old computers, computer related items, televisions and cell phones. Please phone 517-545-9069 to confirm date, time and place as schedule is not yet finalized.

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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 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 or phone 517-223-7119.

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

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 June 30, 2015.** 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 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, 2015 were \$526,656. Breakdown of major expenses:

Roads & Dust Control	\$172,454	32.7%
Trash Pickup	\$88,681	16.8%
Assessor	\$78,478	14.9%
Treasurer's Office	\$27,851	5.3%
Township Board	\$26,648	5.1%
Clerk's Office	\$20,414	3.9%
Cemetery	\$18,993	3.6%
Supervisor	\$17,500	3.3%
Recreation	\$12,342	2.3%
Buildings & Grounds	\$12,253	2.3%
Insurance & Bonds	\$8,331	1.6%
Planning & Zoning	\$8,322	1.6%
Drains At Large	\$7,519	1.4%
Streetlights	\$5,970	1.1%
Attorney	\$3,941	0.7%
Election	\$2,778	0.5%
Public Safety	\$1,874	0.4%
Board of Review	\$1,500	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
Cohoctah Township
6950 Owosso Rd
Fowlerville MI 48836

Spring trash day scheduled for May 7, 2016

The board scheduled a large-item trash day for the spring of 2016. 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 2016 spring trash day will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016. 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!*

Get \$50.00 for your old working Refrigerator or Freezer

Don't take it to the trash day. Consumers Energy is offering a program again in 2015 that will pick up your old working refrigerator or freezer for Free and give you a \$50.00 credit or \$15.00 for a working air conditioner. Call 877-270-3519 or get more details on this program and other energy saving rebates at: www.consumersenergy.com/eeprograms/Residential.aspx?id=4069

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 and let them know that our roads need repairing.

Comments

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

TRASH PICK-UP FORM INSIDE!