



COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Township Business Hours

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

Hours are: Tuesday 10:00am- 2:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00am- 2:00 pm
Thursday 10:00am- 2:00 pm

Business phone: 517-546-0655

Mailing Address: 10518 Antcliff Rd.

Fowlerville, MI 48836

Website: www.cohoctahtownship.org

Cohoctah Township Board

Meetings are held monthly, every second Thursday at 7:00p.m., at the Township hall, 10518 Antcliff Road (between Cohoctah and Gannon roads). Public attendance and comments encouraged.

Mark Fosdick, Supervisor

Barb Fear, Clerk

Tami Bock, Treasurer

Mark Torigian, Trustee

Phil Charette, Trustee

The Cohoctah Township 4th of July Parade! *The parade so nice you see it twice!*

Come join us on Cohoctah Road, East of Oak Grove Road. Community Fun Events are from 10-11 a.m. These kid-friendly activities are free! Featuring ice cream, face painting, game area, bounce house, balloon animals and more! Come browse our craft vendors, silent auction and be entertained by a Toby Keith tribute artist!

We will be having our kid's bike decorating contest, and prizes for winning parade participants. **Craft vendors, silent auction items, parade entries are needed!** Call the hall at (517) 546-0655 for more information and or visit us online for forms and updates.

Volunteers are needed! Only two hours of your time would be SO helpful! This is a great way to meet new people and get to know our community better. Contact April at aprilh.cohoctahtownshiprec@gmail.com

Township Assessor

Allan Berg, Assessor, is available by appointment at the township hall. Questions? Call 989-734-3555. 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 online.

Planning Commission

The Cohoctah Township Planning Commission, dealing with zoning and land use, meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

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.

Township Zoning Administration

The Zoning Administrator works for the Township and is involved in land use, signs, violations, and other planning issues.

Cemeteries

Cemetery Plots are available for Sanford Cemetery on Chase Lake Road and Boutell Cemetery on Jones Road. You can view the fees on the website www.cohoctahtownship.org or for more information, contact Karen Thurner, Township Sexton, 517-404-3972.



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Cohoctah Township Park

The Cohoctah Township Park is located on the corner of Allen and Preston Road. Check out the play structure and pavilion! We have BBQ grills and picnic tables. Visit our website for the schedule of equestrian and other events. The township also has pickleball courts and dog training runs. Please call the township hall to reserve.

Online Payments Accepted

We have contracted with G2G Solutions to offer online payments for the convenience of our residents. You may pay your trash, land use or current tax payment. Delinquent tax payments will not be accepted. Nominal fees will apply. Click on the payment option on our website.

Dust Control

Brine will be delivered to 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.

ARRL Ham Radio Field Day at Cohoctah Township Park June 24 & 25

Several members of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) and the W8LRK (Livingston County Amateur Radio Klub) will participate in the annual Field Day event June 24 and 25 at the Cohoctah Park. The event will officially start at noon on Saturday the 24th and runs for 24hr straight. The public is not only invited to participate but can actively participate by operating HF radio stations and seeing how the amateur radio people provide emergency service to the community and have a lot of fun communicating with people all over the world. The Field Day event is a 24-hour contest to determine which group can make the most contacts during the event in simulated emergency situations. All the radio stations and antennas will utilize emergency type set up with battery power and temporary antennas to simulate a real emergency event. The Lark members predominantly live in Livingston County and a few live in Cohoctah. Mark Torigian a Cohoctah Trustee is a member of the Klub and is the chairman of the LARK Field Day event. Mark said this year he "wants to showcase amateur radio, emergency preparedness and incorporate the great park in Cohoctah Township." Please come out to the park and join in the fun.

Solar Ordinance

The Cohoctah Township Planning Commission has been diligently working to write a new solar ordinance for the past several months. Together with input from our residents, attorney, and Township Board we have developed an overlay district in section 8 (North of Gannon Rd., East of Fleming Rd., West of Antcliff Rd. and South of Ellis) of approximately 134 acres. The creation of the Solar Energy System Overlay District will amend our current zoning ordinance, including the adoption of article 27 and section 13.27. We, as a Commission, believe this newly created district will best serve the needs of the Township as we face changes to our energy supply. To read the draft of the Solar Energy System Overlay District please visit our website.

Fall Large Item Clean Up

The purpose is to allow only our residents to dispose of old appliances, furniture and other items too large for regular trash service. (NOTE: fencing with the posts attached, propane tanks, fuel tanks, broken concrete, rocks, batteries, barrels and cans of paint cannot be taken.) There will be a \$20 fee for freon appliances and a limit of 10 tires. We urge the residents to use these trash days to clean up the roads and ditches in the township. The 2023 Fall large item clean-up will be scheduled on October 7, 2023. Volunteers needed! Volunteers get free pizza, first in line, and the coveted "I Got Dumped in Cohoctah" T-Shirt.

BIG THANK YOU!

A big thanks to our Spring Large Item Clean up volunteers! We could not have done it without you! A special thanks goes out to Jim and Neil Armstrong and Phil Charette for their time, talents and expertise with the tractors to help get the larger items unloaded!

Broadband

The township continues to work very closely with Surt Internet to bring fiber internet to our unserved and underserved homes. The Livingston County Commissioners have chosen to spend \$12.5 million of their ARPA funds to construct a trunk line throughout the county that only public safety and schools would be able to connect to. If an internet service provider did connect to the trunk line, there would be an additional fee for homes and business. The township did support Surf's ROBIN grant, which if granted, would connect our unserved and underserved homes. Awarding of these ROBIN grants will not be known until sometime in June 2023. The Township Board remains committed to bringing fiber internet to all our residences.



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2023-2024 TRASH DISPOSAL

Cohoctah Township contracts with Granger for trash pick-up. If you would like to participate, please read the guidelines and fill out the form below.

Service for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 will cost \$260. ***There are no refunds!***

Granger turned over any direct billing to the township for all township residents for curbside pickup. There will be no discounts available, as we will be providing all residents with the best available rate.

General Guidelines:

- A. The amount of trash collected weekly from each household will be limited to the 96-gallon Granger cart (approximately 4-5 bags, weight limit of 200lbs) Call in advance for extra-large pickups or extra items.
- 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. Prohibited Wastes: hazardous or toxic waste as defined by local, state or federal laws or regulations (hazardous wastes are materials that are ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic, as well as listed wastes such as pesticides, herbicides, solvents and their containers.) Also prohibited are hazardous waste containers/labels, explosives, ammunition and firearms, low-level radioactive waste and radioactive labeled containers (including but not limited to TENORM), PCBs or materials containing PCBs (including, but not limited to, ballasts and transformers), lead acid batteries, lithium-ion batteries, liquid wastes (or free liquids), sewage and septic waste, oil-based paint, used oil, hot ashes (including but not limited to cigarette paraphernalia, hot coals, and/or wood), and materials that adversely affect the liner of leachate system. Contact the township for conditional disposal items.
- D. Residents needing a cart should contact the township. The curbside container is included in the contract.

To start or renew service, your check for **\$260 payable to Cohoctah Township** must be received by **June 30, 2023**.

Mail payments to: **COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP**
10518 Antcliff Road
Fowlerville MI 48836

You may also drop your payment in the township drop box near the back of the township hall or pay online at cohoctahtownship.org (fees apply).

The township will be subsidizing a portion of our resident's payment to keep the contract price as low as possible.

Please clip and send the following information along with a check for a **non-refundable \$260** Payable to Cohoctah Township to include your household in the Township's trash service.

Attached is our non-refundable payment of **\$260 payable to Cohoctah Township** to include us in Granger's Disposal Service. **Payment due by June 30, 2023.** Mail to: **Cohoctah Township 10518 Antcliff Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836.** Payments may also be placed in the township drop box or online at cohoctahtownship.org.

Name _____ Phone _____
 Street & Number _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Signature _____



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Survey Says!

We had 106 responses to our recent township survey. Interested in what your neighbors are thinking? Below are the summary results:

How do you feel about the residential growth in the township over the last 5 years:

Much too fast 27.36%
A little too fast 27.36%
About right 44.34%
Too slow Less than 1%

Which lot size or density for single family homes do you think is appropriate for future residential development:

Houses clustered on small parcels leaving undeveloped open spaces 1.89%
One house on 1 acre 6.6%
One house on 2 acres 19.81%
One house on 5 acres 22.64%
One house on 10 acres or more 49.06%

Regarding land use planning, the township should:

Focus on the preservation of farmland 83.81%
Focus on the preservation of natural resources 54.29%
Expand the blight ordinance 36.19%

Would small box stores, like Dollar General, be beneficial for township residents?

Yes 5.66%
No 83.96%

Are you in favor of using agricultural land for:

Solar 12.36%
Wind 6.74%
Other green energy 10.11%

Want To Stay In The Know?

Cohoctah Township posts events and meeting information on our FB page. Special meeting notices will be posted on the doors of the township hall as well and put in the local paper. Direct post card mailers for significant issue notifications will also be sent. In addition, we are now able to send email blasts as well for upcoming meetings and other happenings. Please contact the township hall to be added to the email blast list.

Don't ever forget that you're a citizen of this world, and there are things you can do to lift the human spirit, things that are easy, things that are free, things that you can do every day. Civility, respect, kindness, character.

Aaron Sorkin

Comments

Your comments and information for future newsletters should be sent to:

Tami Bock, Treasurer
tbtreasurer@gmail.com

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TRASH PICK-UP FORM INSIDE!



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