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Township of Atlas

News & Notes



TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

• CLOSED FRIDAYS •
Please refer to our listing of specific days we are closed in 2016

Shirley Kautman-Jones
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Atlas Township Board Meetings
are held the 3rd Monday of
the month at 5:30 pm
PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME

Planning Commission Meetings
are held the 3rd Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
meets the fourth Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 pm

Were you asked or required to obtain FLOOD INSURANCE?



Many residents in Atlas Township were contacted by their bank or mortgage company requiring the placement of flood insurance policies on their homes or businesses due to changes in the FEMA 2009 Flood Map and revisions. **We want to hear from you if you were contacted. Also if you currently have flood insurance in place.**

Some residents may have lender imposed flood insurance and because of escrow processes may not be fully aware of the flood insurance policy that is in place.

We are aware that several residents were able to apply for a LOMA (letter of map amendment to FEMA) with the assistance of a surveyor. This process involves obtaining a new certificate of elevation and submitting necessary information to FEMA to remove their home or property from a designated flood zone.

However, there is an

effort to request a revision from FEMA for the entire Township of Atlas, based on areas that may have been designated in error. This is a lengthy and involved process and we need your assistance. FEMA will not share what properties currently have flood insurance policies in place with the Township and for us to determine each property is difficult. If you or someone you know was involved in the LOMA process or if a flood insurance policy was purchased by or you imposed by a lender, please contact the Supervisor's office and share your contact information as we move forward. Please keep in mind that some properties based on their locations, must have flood insurance to cover damage/loss that could occur due to a flooding event and without flood insurance would have no insurance coverage for the damage resulting from a flooding event.

Please contact, Supervisor Shirley Kautman-Jones at: (810) 348-4127 cell, (810) 636-2548 or by email: skjones@atlastownship.org

2016 Election Update

The Presidential Primary Election will be held on **March 8, 2016**.
Polls are open 7am to 8pm

There are 4 voting precincts in Atlas Township:

- Goodrich United Methodist Church – State Road in Village of Goodrich
- St. Mark's Catholic Church – Gale Road
- Victory Outreach Church – Green Road
- The River Church (formerly The Point) – Perry Road



Voting precincts are determined by where voters live in Atlas Township. You must have been registered to vote in Atlas Township **on or before February 8, 2016** to vote in the March Primary Election.

For more information or to request an absentee ballot,

Please contact Clerk, Tere Onica or Deputy Clerk, Sheri Wilkerson at: (810)636-2548 or by email:

tonica@atlastownship.org or swilkerson@atlastownship.org

2016 CALENDAR OF DAYS ATLAS TWP. OFFICES ARE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016	- MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016	- INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016	- LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016	- COLUMBUS DAY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016	- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2016	- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016	- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY DECEMBER 26, 2016	- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017	- NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:
Mon – Thurs. • 8:00am-5:00pm • Closed on Fridays

Board of Review Dates

The Atlas Township Board of Review will convene to hear assessment appeals on:

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

9:00AM to 12 NOON and 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Thursday, March 17, 2016

2:00PM to 5:00PM and 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Appointments to present a protest or appeal to the Board of Review may be scheduled by calling: (810) 636-2548. Taxpayers must protest to the local Board of Review before seeking relief from the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Written protests to the Board of Review are also accepted by mail and must be received before 9 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2016, postmarks are not accepted. Mail protests to: **P.O. Box 277 • Goodrich, MI 48438**

Friends of the Goodrich/Atlas Library Book & Bake Sale



Saturday, April 16, 2016

9 AM to 5 PM

Goodrich Library - upper level
10237 Hegel Road

Water Test Information



If you are interested in having your well water tested, we have listed resources that provide this service. This is not a free service, fees vary by service provider. There are a variety of different tests that can be performed on drinking water. Please contact the service companies to obtain information regarding what type of test you are interested in having performed:

Water Tech, Inc. | 517-548-2505

718 S. Michigan | Howell, MI 48843

Genesee County Health Department | 810-257-3603
630 South Saginaw Street | Flint, MI 48502

Michigan Department of

Environmental Quality | 517-335-8184

State Water Laboratory

Central Michigan Water Laboratory | 810-767-3825
425 South Dort Highway | Flint, MI 48503

Aquatest Laboratory | 248-698-9500

10635 Highland | White Lake, MI 48386

Got Drugs?



Prescription Drug Drop Off

Saturday, May 14, 2016 • 10 AM - 2 PM

Atlas Township Hall

Sheriff Sub-station - rear of building

This service is provided by Genesee County Sheriff Department.

Upcoming Community Events:

Sunday, March 13th
Daylight Savings Time Change

Saturday, April 16th - 9am - 5pm
Friends of the Goodrich/Atlas Library Book Sale
Goodrich Library - upper level

Saturday, May 7th
M-15 Annual Garage/Yard Sale

Saturday, May 14th
Prescription Drug Drop Off at Atlas Township Hall
Community Shed Day

May 2016 TBD
Household Hazardous & Electronic
Waste Collection Day

Saturday, Aug. 6th
Good Times in Goodrich Festival

Please contact Shirley at the Township (810) 636-2548 or Jakki @ the Village at (810) 636-2570 for details.

Good Times in Goodrich Festival

Saturday, August 6th

If you are interested in participating in this fun-filled community event, Please contact:

Jenny McKenzie at (810) 335-3085 or
by email: jennymckenzie@comcast.net



M-15 Annual Garage/Yard Sale

Saturday, May 7th, 2016

Start cleaning out your garage, basement and barn to prepare for the M-15 Garage/Yard Sale that will take place the first Saturday in May, **May 7, 2016**. This event has now grown to encompass the entire first full weekend in May. Visitors travel the 90-mile M-15 corridor from Bay City to Clarkston looking for treasures and bargains. Contact Shirley at Atlas Twp., 636-2548 or Jakki at the Village of Goodrich, 636-2570 for more information.

March 13th Daylight Savings Time Change

When you move your clocks forward, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors to protect yourself and your family. Atlas Township Fire Chief Fred Forsys, recommends that you test your carbon monoxide detectors to make certain they are working properly as well.



Community Shred Day

Saturday, May 14, 2016
10am to 1pm
Atlas Township Hall/Office



Common Questions

- **What types of things should be brought to Shred Day to help fight identity theft?**
Bank statements and financial records, ATM receipts, credit card statements and offers, documents containing Social Security numbers or other personal information, legal documents, and pay roll records. (It is not necessary to remove staples and paper clips)
- **What kind of stuff cannot be shredded?** Compact discs, three ring binders, and cardboard containers.
- **How will my personal information be shredded?**
 1. Boxes or bags of personal information will be dumped into a special bin. Customer will take care of empty boxes
 2. Once the bin is full it is wheeled to the mobile shredding truck, where it is lifted to the shredder.
 3. Once the bin is lifted, it's then dumped into the shredder.
 4. The shredder shreds a full 96 gallon bin in less than 3 minutes. The shredders are so powerful it's not necessary to remove staples or binder clips.
 5. All XTREME SHREDS trucks are equipped with a surveillance camera to allow viewing of the document destruction process.
 6. The paper is shredded into unrecognizable pieces and taken to a local recycling facility where it is processed and converted back into paper.
- **Do I have to bring my shredding in boxes?**
No. You could also bring it in plastic bags. The bags would then be emptied into the XTREME SHREDS bins.
- **I own a business. Can I bring my business records to Shred Day?**
Yes, this is a free event to the residents of Atlas Township; if your business is in need of regular XTREME SHREDS Shredding services, then contact them at 1-844-877-4733 www.xtremeshreds.com
- **Is there a limit to how much I can bring to be shredded?**
10 boxes approximate size 24in x 24in x 12in.

Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Collection Day - May 2016

Atlas Township residents (as well as all Genesee County residents) are able to dispose of many hazardous household items, electronic items and tires. Please watch your local newspapers for actual date and location notice for the 2016 Spring Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Collection Day to be held tentatively during the month of May. Residents are also allowed to dispose of 7 tires during this clean-up event. Please contact Genesee County Recycling Hotline at (810) 762-7744 or email recycle@co.genesee.mi.us

Goodrich Library's Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, February 17th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, February 20th - 11:30am:
Kevin Kammeraad, "Move to the Music"

Saturday, February 24th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Wednesday, March 2nd - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, March 5th - 11am: Lego Club for Kids
Wednesday, March 9th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, March 12th - 1pm: Pizza and Paperback for Tweens and Teens

Wednesday, March 16th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, March 23rd - 6:30pm: Yoga
Wednesday, March 30th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, April 2nd - 11am: Lego Club for Kids
Wednesday, April 6th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, April 16th - 9am-5pm: Used Book Sale
Wednesday, April 20th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, April 23rd - 1pm: Earth Day Crafts and Free Trees for Kids

Wednesday, April 27th - 6:30pm: Yoga
Saturday, May 7th - 11am: Lego Club for Kids
Saturday, June 4th - 11am: Lego Club for Kids
Saturday, June 11th - 12pm: Wildlife Safari for Kids
Monday, June 13th - 3pm: Painterly Pottery Kids and Adults

Thursday, July 7th - 11am: Lego Club for Kids
Tuesday, July 12th - 1pm: Wild Animal on the Move
Saturday, July 16th - 1pm: Classroom Critters Get Fit
Saturday, July 23rd - 12pm: Sloan/Longway Playing with Science

Saturday, August 6th - 11am: Lego Club for Kids
Programs subject to change. All programs require registration except the Lego Club and Preschool Storytimes.

Call for info: 810-636-2489
or email: mebrown@thegd.org

Burn Permits and Bonfire Permits

Burning permits must be issued to do any open burning. There is no charge for a burn permit. Burn permits are available on the Township website: www.atlastownship.org click on the "Burn Permit" tab on the lower left side of the home page. For residents without internet access, you may obtain a permit at the Township Office during regular business hours. Bonfires require permits. Bonfire permits are issued for 90-day periods. Bonfires are small contained fires, usually burned at night time hours.



Lions Club Room Available

Planning your next large party or family gathering? Looking for a place to hold it? Contact the Goodrich Lions Club for your next function. The available room is 30x30, full kitchen, tables and chairs furnished and can accommodate up to 60 people. Please contact Lion Dave Jones at (810) 348-4130

2016 ATLAS GARBAGE & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Circle indicates a Holiday, which service will be delayed by one day.

MARCH 2016							APRIL 2016							MAY 2016							JUNE 2016							JULY 2016							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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Village of GOODRICH

Residents trash and recycling service is provided by Republic Services.

For more information they can be contacted at 1-877-264-5544
or on the web at www.republicservices.com

Yard waste pick-up
(grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, etc.)
is available by subscription for \$140.00.

Yard waste pickup starts in April 2016 and ends in Nov. 2016. Contact Emterra at 1-877-609-6753 for more information.