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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

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 skjones@atlastownship.org

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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

How healthy is your septic system?



When was your septic system's last check up?

You can keep your septic system functioning at its peak performance by the following actions:

1. Inspect and pump septic systems
2. Pump often and regularly

Pump septic tanks regularly, usually every three to five years and have your entire system inspected by a professional at this time. If the pumper suggests repairs, do as soon as possible, but check with Genesee County Health Department at (810) 257-3603 first to see if you need a permit. *There are four factors that influence the frequency that your tank(s) should be pumped: number of people in a household, amount of wastewater produced, volumes of solids in wastewater (using a garbage disposal increases the amount of solids) and size of septic tank.*

3. Go natural

Stay away from additives and "starters". It is unclear if they actually help and some may harm your system and contaminate groundwater. Periodic pumping is a much better way to ensure a system functions properly.

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2016 Election Information

August 2, 2016 State Primary Election

July 5, 2016 is the last day to register to vote for August 2, 2016 Primary Election.

Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the August Primary Election by mail, must submit an **Absent Voter Ballot Application by 2:00PM on July 30, 2016.**

Electors qualified to obtain an Absent Voter Ballot for the August 2016 Primary Election may vote in person, in the Clerk's office up to 4:00PM on August 1, 2016.

November 8, 2016 General Election



October 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote for November 8, 2016 General Election.

Electors who wish to receive an Absent Voter Ballot for the November General Election by mail, must submit an **Absent Voter Ballot Application by 2:00PM on November 5, 2016.**

Electors qualified to obtain an Absent Voter Ballot for November General Election may vote in person in the Clerk's office up to 4:00PM on November 7, 2016.

Please call the Clerk's office at (810)636-2548 to obtain an Absent Voter Ballot application or for any other information on the upcoming elections.

2016 CALENDAR OF DAYS ATLAS TWP. OFFICES ARE CLOSED

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

Summer 2016 Taxes

Summer 2016 taxes may be paid through Wednesday, September 14, 2016 by 5:00PM at the Atlas Township's Treasurer's Office. Postmarks are not accepted. Tax payments received after 5:00PM, September 14, 2016 are considered delinquent, a 1% penalty will be applied. Delinquent Summer 2016 taxes may be paid at the Atlas Township Treasurer's Office after the September 14, 2016 due date with penalties until February 28, 2017. Please call the Treasurer's Office for more information at (810) 636-2548



Veteran's Historical Display

Please stop by the Atlas Township Office and look at the Veteran's display in the front lobby. This display is provided by the Goodrich/Atlas Historical Society members. Are you interested in history? The Historical Society meets the first Monday of each month, April – December in the lower level of the Village of Goodrich at 7pm.

All are welcome!
 The Goodrich/Atlas museum is open the second and fourth Saturdays, May through November from 11AM to 1PM and at other times for community special events or appointments. Please contact Carol Powers at (810)636-2917 for museum information or for general information, contact Historical Society President, Nancy Dugas at (810)636-7194



Friends of the Goodrich/Atlas Library Book & Bake Sale

Saturday, September 24th, 2016
 9 AM to 5 PM
Goodrich Library - upper level
 10237 Hegel Road

Firefighters Wanted!



Atlas Township Fire Department is seeking individuals to serve as paid on call Firefighters.

Requirements:

- 18 years old minimum age
- High school diploma or equivalent (GED)
- Valid driver's license
- No felony record

Ability to pass a physical examination and a drug test
 Applications are available in the Township Office or by contacting Fire Chief Fred Forys at (810)845-5440

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



Got Drugs?



Prescription Drug Drop Off

Saturday, September 10, 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:

- August ?? – Household Hazardous Waste Collection
 - August 6th – Good Times in Goodrich Community Festival
 - September 6th – Goodrich Schools start 2016/17 school year
 - September 10th – Prescription Drug Drop Off
 - September 23rd – Goodrich Homecoming
 - September 24th – Friends of the Library Book/Bake Sale
 - October 31st – Halloween/Trick or Treat begins at 6pm.
Atlas Township Firefighters Assoc. hosts
Children's Halloween Party at Fire Hall
 - December 1st – Downtown Christmas in the Village and tree lighting
 - November 24th & 25th –
Thanksgiving Break for Goodrich Schools
 - December 22 – January 4, 2017 –
Holiday Break for Goodrich Schools
 - May 6, 2017 – M-15 Garage/Yard Sale
- Please contact Shirley at the Township (810) 636-2548 or Jakki @ the Village at (810) 636-2570 for details.

How healthy is your septic system? Cont.

4. Use water efficiently
Excessive water use is one of the most common causes of septic system failure, so reducing water used for bathing, laundry and flushing toilets can greatly reduce the chances of system failure. Look for low flow appliances and equipment. Water purification systems can unnecessarily pump excess water into a septic system. Maintain your plumbing. Check to be certain your toilet tank/water reservoir is not leaking into the bowl. You can easily check this by adding a few drops of food coloring to the tank/reservoir before going to bed. Check the next day to see if there is any trace of food coloring in the toilet bowl. Water softener discharge into a septic system may impact a septic system.

5. Refrain from dumping household wastes down drains or into toilets
The materials that go down drains or into toilets have a big impact on how well a septic system operates. Keep from flushing non-biodegradable materials like facial tissues, personal care wipes, diapers, tampons, plastic, cooking fats/oils into toilets or drains. They do not decompose easily and some not decompose at all and may cause an unwanted buildup in a septic tank. Never dispose of chemicals down drains or into toilets. Chemicals will harm the micro-organisms in the tank and the soils of a drain field. Keep the use of household cleaners to a minimum. Consider using natural cleaning products. These products are readily available at local stores or you can make your own, equal parts of vinegar and water make a great all-purpose cleaner.

6. Care for the drain field
The drain field is an important part of a septic system and its care and proper maintenance is critical for the overall effective treatment of waste water. Never allow solids or scum to leave the tank and enter the drain field. This is why regular pumping is important. Keep roof drains, sump pumps, rainwater, water softener discharge and other surface water away from and out of the drain field. Flooding of a drain field can slow down or stop treatment processes. Landscape over the drain field with dense grass cover and only shallow rooted plants. Keep trees far away from the drain field. Avoid impermeable surfaces or compacted soils over the drain field. Do not park or drive automobiles over a drain field. Do not stock pile snow in the winter over a drain field. Keep the surface of the drain field properly drained.

Please contact a professional septic system service provider for more information regarding your home's septic system.

Visit: www.ClearWaterGenesee.org for more information regarding Genesee County Community Water Quality Consortium

Newspaper Delivery Stop

Residents who do not wish to have the free weekly mlive publication of "About Town", delivered to their driveway may contact:
The Flint Journal at (810)766-6280 or by email customer-care@mlive.com to request a stop of the delivery for their specific address.

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

Mosquito Control/Abatement



Atlas Township does not participate in a Township wide treatment for mosquito control/abatement. However, there are several local companies that service the area. The Township does not recommend or support any of these companies. Names are provided for informational purposes to residents.

- **Rose Pest Solutions** | (800)437-6938
www.RosePestSolutions.com
- **Mosquito Squad** | (844)667-7823
www.MosquitoSquad.com
- **Eradico** | (248) 625-8002
www.eradicopest.com

Goodrich Garden Tour 2016

There will be no Goodrich Garden Tour for 2016. However watch for the 2017 date to tour beautiful local gardens

Dog Licenses

2016 Genesee County Dog Licenses will be available at the Atlas Township Treasurers Office until September 30, 2016. Residents requiring a 2016 dog license after September 30, 2016 must go to:
Genesee County Treasurers Office
1101 Beach Street | Flint, MI 48502
Telephone (810)257-3054
Atlas Township Treasurers Office will have 2017 dog licenses available starting December 1, 2016.

Goodrich Library's Upcoming Programs

- Wednesday, June 29th • 6:30pm: Yoga
 - Saturday, July 2nd • 11am: Lego Club for Kids
 - Wednesday, July 6th • 6:30pm: Yoga
 - Thursday, July 7th • 11am: Lego Club for Kids
 - Tuesday, July 12th • 1pm: Wild Animal on the Move (kids)
 - Wednesday, July 13th • 6:30pm: Yoga
 - Saturday, July 16th • 1pm: Classroom Critters Get Fit (kids)
 - Wednesday, July 20th • 6:30pm: Yoga
 - Saturday, July 23rd • 12pm: Playing with Science (kids)
 - Wednesday, July 27th • 6:30pm: Yoga
 - Saturday, July 30th • 1pm: Read with Therapy Dogs (kids)
 - Saturday, August 6th • 11am: Lego Club for Kids
 - Saturday, August 6th • 3pm: Animals in Motion (kids)
 - September 3rd-5th • Library closed for Labor Day
 - Saturday, September 10th • 11am: Lego Club for Kids
 - Saturday, September 24th • 9am-5pm: Used Book Sale
 - Saturday, October 1st • 11am: Lego Club for Kids
 - Monday, October 10th • Library Closed for Staff In-Service
 - Saturday, November 5th • 11am: Lego Club for Kids
 - November 24th-27th • Library closed for Thanksgiving
 - Saturday, December 3rd • 11am: Lego Club for Kids
 - December 24th-26th • Library closed for Winter Holiday
 - December 31st • Library closed for New Year's Eve
- **All programs require registration except Lego Club.****
****Schedule subject to change as more programs are added.****

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

Yard waste pick-up (grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, etc.) is available by subscription for \$125.00.

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

2016 ATLAS GARBAGE & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

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

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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
Atlas Twp. residents are served by Emterra for trash/recycling. Contact Emterra at: 1-877-609-6753