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# Township of Atlas

## News & Notes

JULY 2021



### 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 2021

**Shirley Kautman-Jones**  
Supervisor  
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bjune@atlastownship.org

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**Ed Klimek** / Asst. Fire Chief  
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### Atlas Township Board Meetings

are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 pm

### 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

### Mandatory 10-Digit Dialing Coming to 810 Area Codes

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted "988" as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022.

In order for 988 to work in our area code, 10 digit local dialing must first be implemented. You will need to change the way you dial local calls.

#### What will be the new dialing procedure?

To complete all local calls, you will now need to dial (810 + telephone number). This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits.

#### Who will be affected?

Anyone with a telephone number from our area code will need to make this change from 7 digit local dialing to 10 digit local dialing.

#### When will the change begin?

Beginning April 24, 2021, you should begin dialing 10 digits (810 + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed.

However beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 10 digits ((810) + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7 digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7 digit number.

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing "988" will route your call to National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

#### Who may you contact with questions?

If you have any questions regarding information provided in this notice, please call the telephone number printed on your telephone bill. You may also visit the FCC website at [www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline](http://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline).



### Road Concerns/Complaints

The public roads in Atlas Township are maintained by the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC). **Concerns or complaints should be made directly to the GCRC offices at (810) 767-4920.** Residents are urged to contact the GCRC first with all complaints, secondly please email the concern to the Supervisor's office at: skjones@atlastownship.org or call (810) 636-2548 and provide the information.

### 2021 CALENDAR OF DAYS ATLAS TWP. OFFICES ARE CLOSED

MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021 - OBSERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 - LABOR DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 - VETERANS DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 - THANKSGIVING DAY

### REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:

Mon - Thurs. • 8:00am-5:00pm • Closed on Fridays

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED

### Summer 2021 Taxes

Summer Tax bills are due by September 14, 2021 at 5:00PM. Postmark dates are not accepted as proof of payment when due. A one percent (1%) interest penalty per month will be applied beginning September 15, 2021. Summer 2021 taxes may be paid to the Atlas Township Treasurer's office through February 28, 2022 with interest penalty. Please contact Atlas Township Treasurer's office for amount due.

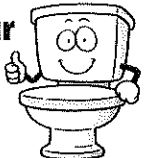
### Dog Licenses

All dogs with a current rabies vaccination, can purchase a 2021 dog license from Atlas Township before August 31, 2021. After August 31, 2021 you will need to purchase a dog license from the Genesee County Treasurer's Office or Genesee County Animal Control. The Township will no longer have licenses for purchase after August 31, 2021 for the remainder of the year. Please contact the Atlas Township Treasurer's office for more information: (810) 636-2548

### Want to stay informed?

Please share your email address and cell phone number for text messages regarding happenings and current important notices for Atlas Township. Email your information to: skjones@atlastownship.org The contact information collected will be used only by Atlas Twp.

### 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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### Got Drugs?



### Prescription Drug Drop Off

Atlas Township Hall

Sheriff Sub-station - rear of building

This service is provided by Genesee County Sheriff Department.

## 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. Room can accommodate up to 60 people. Please contact Lion Dave Jones at (810) 348-4130 for details. Covid-19 restrictions may apply.



## Your Genesee County Commissioner

**Mark Young** represents our area, District 5, as your elected representative to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. For issues or concerns at the County level, please contact him at:

**Flint office: (810) 257-3020**

**Cell phone: (810) 730-8288**

**Email: myoung@co.genesee.mi.us**

## Atlas Fire & Police Millage Update

Both millages were successful, thank you voters! The County-Wide proposal for 911 Surcharges and Genesee County Mental Health were both approved as well. We had an overall turnout of 19% equaling 1,296 voters. Our decision to consolidate from 4 voting locations into 2 provided worthwhile with only 356 voters choosing to vote in person while 940 voters utilized our Absentee Voter option.

We have had tremendous success with the Absentee Voter process. Anyone interested in joining our Permanent Absentee Voter list should contact the Clerk's office. Voters on the permanent list will receive an Absentee Ballot application approximately 6-8 weeks prior to every election. The application needs to be filled out and returned to the Clerk's office in order for your ballot to be sent out. You would always reserve the right to vote in person by not returning the application to the Clerk's office for the absentee ballot.

Special thanks to all the Township Staff and Election Officials that worked to make our May election successful!

## Good Times in Goodrich Festival

**Saturday, August 7th**

If you are interested in being a vendor at this fun-filled community event, Please contact: **Jenny McKenzie** at **810.335.3085** or at [jennymckenzie@comcast.net](mailto:jennymckenzie@comcast.net)



## 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](http://www.RosePestSolutions.com)
- **Mosquito Squad** [(844)667-7823 | [www.MosquitoSquad.com](http://www.MosquitoSquad.com)
- **Eradico** | 1-800-488-9495 ext. 24035 | [www.eradicopest.com](http://www.eradicopest.com)



## Board of Review Vacancy

Please be advised that the Atlas Township Board of Review has a vacant position for a Member on the Board of Review. This member must be 18 years of age. State of Michigan requires training every 2 years, provided by the Township. This position offers per diem compensation. Member must be a resident of Atlas Township, property owner, and taxpayer. The Board meets three (3) times a year March, July, and December.

If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter of intent to Atlas Township Clerk: [kvick@atlastownship.org](mailto:kvick@atlastownship.org) or Fax: (810) 636-6244.

## 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
- Pass a physical examination and a drug test
- Applications are available in the Township Office or by contacting Fire Chief Steve Bullen at [chief@atlasfire.org](mailto:chief@atlasfire.org)



## Genesee County Home Improvement Program

The Program provides qualified homeowners with a Deferred Payment Loan (DPL) to make needed improvements to their homes, without monthly payments. Improvements are based on HUD Section 8 Minimum Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and are designed to result in the home being decent, safe and sanitary. Types of repairs include roofing, windows, furnaces, wells, electrical and plumbing repairs and more.

The Program assists homeowners who meet designated income guidelines and live in Genesee County communities outside the City of Flint (the cities of Clio, Davison, and the Village of Lennon do not participate).

**Who is Eligible?**

To be eligible for this program, the following requirements apply:

Own and occupy home for at least one year prior to applying. Must meet income limits set by the federal government. Must be current with property tax, mortgage, and homeowners insurance payments. Existing mortgage cannot exceed value of the home. Needed improvements must be eligible within the Program guidelines

The loan is a Deferred Payment Loan (DPL), which requires no monthly interest or principal payments.

### Genesee County Home Improvement Program

**Phone: 810-257-3010**

[gcmpc@co.genesee.mi.us](mailto:gcmpc@co.genesee.mi.us)

Visit the website for more details.

[www.gcmpc.org/need-housing-repairs](http://www.gcmpc.org/need-housing-repairs)

## 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](http://www.ClearWaterGenesee.org) for more information regarding Genesee County Community Water Quality Consortium

## ATLAS TOWNSHIP 2021 TRASH/RECYCLING/COMPOST SCHEDULE

JULY							AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31				

Set all materials at the curb BEFORE 7 a.m.



SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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♻️ Trash and Recycling is picked up weekly on WEDNESDAY.  
 ♻️ Compost Pick Up is on a SUBSCRIPTION BASIS ONLY and is offered April—November.  
 Please call Emterra Environmental for pricing at 1-877-609-6753

☐ Indicates observed holiday. Please note if this changes your pick up day.

**\*\*\*Village residents have their own Trash and Recycling service provided by Republic 1-877-264-5544. Contact the Village of Goodrich Offices at (810) 636-2570 for information on waste removal services or complaints.\*\*\***