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# Township of Atlas

## News & Notes

DEC. 2020

### 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 2020

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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

*Happy Holidays!*

### Atlas Township Holiday Office Closing Schedule

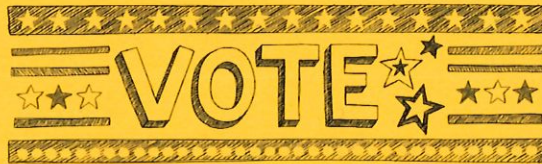
Thursday, December 24, 2020

Friday, December 25, 2020

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Friday, January 1, 2021

**Due to COVID-19, the  
Atlas Township Offices are  
accessible by appointment  
only Monday - Thursday.  
Please call ahead to make an  
appointment (810) 636-2548.  
FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED**



### 2020 UNPRECEDENTED ELECTION!

Atlas Township currently has 6,843 registered voters. The November 2020 General election had 5,567 ballots cast, equaling an 81% voter turnout. These numbers reflect an increase of 3% from the 2016 November General election. The November 2020 General election saw an unprecedented 54% of voters casting an absentee ballot. This was an increase from the 2016 November General election that saw 15% of the total voters cast absentee ballots...

**2016 --> 987 absentee ballots issued**

**2020 --> 3011 absentee ballots issued**



### Dog Licenses for 2021

Genesee County Dog Licenses for 2021 are available beginning December 1, 2020 through August 30, 2021 at the Atlas Township Treasurer's Office. Licenses can be purchased with proof of a current rabies vaccination. Please contact the Treasurer's Office for further details. (810) 636-2548

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021	- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021	- PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021	- MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021	- LABOR DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021	- VETERAN'S DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021	- THANKSGIVING DAY

### REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:

Mon - Thurs. • 8:00am-5:00pm • Closed on Fridays  
CALL FOR APPOINTMENT • FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED

### Winter 2020 Taxes

Winter 2020 property taxes can be paid through February 28, 2021 by 5:00PM at Atlas Township Treasurer's Office. Postmarks are not accepted. Payments received after 5:00PM on February 28, 2021 are considered delinquent and must be paid at:

**Genesee County Treasurer's Office**

**1101 Beach Street**

**Flint, MI 48502**

**Genesee County Delinquent Tax**

**Telephone number is: 1-877-805-2856**



### Drop Box Location

### Reminder...

For your convenience, there is a drive-up drop box for after hour payments located in the back southwest area of the Atlas Township Office/Hall parking lot. Payments received in the drop box are marked as paid the next regular business day. Please refer to days/hours of operation of the Township office. Payments received after 5:00PM on February 28, 2021 will not be accepted.

### \$5 Bag of Books Sale

The Friends of the Goodrich-Atlas Library are hosting a \$5.00 Bag of Books Sale during the library's regular hours. Books are sorted by genre and are packed in reusable shopping bags. Bags are available in the ramp/elevator lobby of the library. Cash or checks payable to: Friends of the Goodrich-Atlas Library.



**Goodrich-Atlas Library**  
10237 Hegel Road • Goodrich  
Telephone (810) 636-2489

### Library Hours:

M, T, W 12PM - 8PM

Th 10AM - 6PM

Closed Friday

Sat 9AM - 5PM



## Prescription Drug Disposal

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department has a collection receptacle located in the Atlas Township Office for the collection of prescriptions drugs residents wish to dispose of.



## Vacation Check Request

If you are planning on being away from your home for any length of time you may submit a **Vacation Request Check Form** to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department Deputies for the periodic visit/property check of your residence. Forms for this service are available on the township website under "Documents" or in our office. Contact Genesee County Sheriff Department Non-Emergency Telephone: (810) 257-3422, for more information.



## Michigan winters . . . and the roads in Atlas Township.

Winter in Michigan is a special season, a time when our state's great beauty is enhanced by nature's handiwork – snow and ice. Winter also presents special problems for motorists and residents. Genesee County Road Commission wants to help make your winter driving safer and more enjoyable while giving you information that will help serve you better. The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) is responsible for clearing 411 miles of state trunk lines, 478 miles of county primary roads, 289 miles of paved county local roads and 346 miles of gravel county roads. Critical routes and those that handle high traffic volumes are given first attention. Only after those routes are judged to be safe and passable are the remaining streets and roads plowed. These streets make up a remaining 459 miles requiring maintenance for the GCRC.

**The Atlas Garage covers three (3) townships:** Atlas, Davison and Grand Blanc. Five (5) GCRC employees work out of this garage. This garage covers 327.38 miles of County Primary and Local roads plus I-69, I-75 as well as M-15.

### Priorities:

**First priority - Expressways:**

I-75, and I-69 as well as M-15

**Second priority - County primary roads:**

Gale, Perry, Irish, Baldwin and Hill


**Third priority - County section line local roads:**

For example: Coolidge and Green

**Fourth priority - Remaining County local roads and subdivision streets (county maintained)**

Winter does more damage to our roads than any other single force. In fact, 30 percent of the GCRC budget is used for winter maintenance and to repair the effects of winter's ravages on the road system. There are nearly 1,800 miles of roads in Genesee County, which takes about 5 days to plow under normal conditions. Plowing both sides of the county's roads is the equivalent of plowing a road from Flint to Key West, Florida, and back again. the GCRC's general policy is to salt until snow accumulates then plow. Sometimes salting and plowing are done at the same time. Salt is the fastest, safest method for clearing roads because by melting ice and snow, the end result of water can run-off. However, when temperatures reach 10 degrees or lower, even salt is ineffective, so drivers must be extra cautious. Critical and priority routes are re-salted as necessary as are bridges, curves, hills, overpasses and intersections. Because salt does not work on gravel roads, limited amounts of sand and slag are used on hills, curves and stopping areas. These materials do not melt snow, but provide temporary traction.

**Please visit the Genesee County Road Commission website:** [www.gcrc.org](http://www.gcrc.org) for more winter information. They may also be reached at (810) 767-4920.



EMterra

Environmental USA

2021 TRASH/RECYCLING/COMPOST SCHEDULE

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

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

♻️ 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.

## Garbage Pick-up for Atlas Township is Wednesday Morning

Residents trash and recycling service is provided by Emterra (1-877-609-6753) Trash and recycling services are provided weekly and must be at the curb by 7:00 am. Official Holidays that fall during the week will delay garbage pick-up by one day. Please call Emterra for information regarding special items, acceptable materials, or complaints. They will not pick up trash bags or containers heavier than 50#, or trash that has been spilled or shredded by local critters, or vandals. Garbage workers are people too. They are not your personal cleaning crew. Be considerate of how you store and bag your garbage and be a good neighbor by picking up spills and taking in your cans when emptied. Keep your containers clean.

**On Recycling: DO NOT PLACE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN: DIRTY DIAPERS, HYGIENE PRODUCTS, CARRY-OUT CONTAINERS WITH FOOD STILL INSIDE, OR ANY CONTAINERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EMPTIED AND RINSED. Laytex paint will be picked up if the lids are removed and the paint is dried out.**

### Other Services:

**\*\*\*Yard Waste is an individually contracted and paid subscription service provided from April thru November by contacting Emterra at 1-877-609-6753.\*\*\***

**\*\*Monthly dump passes are available at the township. Driver's License needed to receive pass.\*\***

**\*\*\*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.\*\*\***