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#### **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 2023/2024

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

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Ed Klimek/ Asst. Fire Chief safety@atlasfire.org

**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 7pm

**Zoning Board of Appeals** meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6pm

Visit our new website Sign up for e-messaging notifications to stay informed!

### Peek-a-boo Can we find

Atlas Township Ordinance #88-02 requires all residential dwellings to have clearly visible house numbers affixed to the residence which may be seen by drivers of emergency vehicles including but not limited to police, fire and ambulance services. Violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/ or imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both. The Village of Goodrich has an ordinance; Section 8-101, Chapter 8, Article IV that requires the same identification of property.

Given the characteristics of several properties in the township/village (distance of residences from road) it is imperative to also have the entrance (driveway) into the property clearly marked with numbers that are reflective and placed high enough off the ground to be seen above snow, vegetation, etc. in daylight or dark. It is a wonderful idea to clearly mark your mailbox but in several instances it is difficult to determine where an actual residence is, based on a mailbox location. In an emergency seconds count! Take a moment and look at your house, driveway, and mailbox and consider in an emergency could someone not familiar with your home or even the street or road find you?

The Atlas Township Firefighter's Association as a fundraiser, provides reflective address number signs for \$22.00 each (with installation available, if needed for an additional \$15.00). You may also find them from other sources. Order forms are available at the Atlas Township office, Village of Goodrich office or Atlas Fire Department. Please do yourself and your family a favor - make certain your property is clearly marked. Finding your home in an emergency should not be a game of "hide and seek". So please help us help you, clearly mark your residence.

The full and complete ordinance number 88-02 "Visible House Numbers To Aid Emergency Vehicles" may be viewed at the Atlas Township office during regular business hours or online at: www.atlastownship.org under "Ordinances Online" and by entering 88-02 in the search box.

#### **Mark your calendar!**

M-15 Annual **Yard/Garage Sale** Saturday, May 6, 2023



Saturday June 3, 2023 10 am to 1 pm

#### 2023/24 CALENDAR OF DAYS ATLAS TWP. OFFICES ARE CLOSED

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023** MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 **MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023** MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023 TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

**JUNETEENTH DAY INDEPENDENCE DAY INDEPENDENCE DAY** LABOR DAY

PRESIDENT'S DAY

**MEMORIAL DAY** 

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023** MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023 - THANKSGIVING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023 -MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023 MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024** 

**COLUMBUS DAY** THANKSGIVING DAY **CHRISTMAS DAY CHRISTMAS** - NEW YEAR'S DAY - NEW YEAR'S

#### REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:

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

#### Atlas Master Plan

Atlas Township is kicking-off a planning study to



establish a renewed vision for the future of the Township. A new Master Plan is being prepared to address land use development and redevelopment, housing, transportation, trails, economic development, quality of life and other key issues. Future-focused, the Master Plan will outline policies and strategies that will guide the Township over the next 20 years. Concurrently, a new Parks & Recreation Plan will be prepared to analyze needs and outline proposed improvements related to parks and recreation facilities and programs within the Township over the next 5 years. Be prepared to participate! We will need your input during this planning process, and there will be numerous opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to get involved. Check the Township website for more information and project updates.

#### **March 2023 Board of Review Dates**

Please contact Atlas Township at (810) 636-2548 to make an appointment for the Board of Review

Tues., March 7th • 9:00am to 11:00am Organizational only meeting No appointments

Mon. March 13th • 9:00am to 3:00pm **Appointments** 

Wed., March 15th • 3:00pm to 9:00pm **Appointments** 

Fri. March 17th • 9:00am to 11:00am Signing Session – No appointments

#### Mark your calendar! Good Times in Goodrich Festival & Car Show

Friday, August 4, 2023 5:00pm to 12:30am Saturday, August 5, 2023 10:00am to 12:30am Visit *goodrichfestival.com* for more information

#### **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.

## Interested in Large Trash and Recycling Bins?

Did you know that you can purchase large wheeled 96–gallon carts directly from Emterra for trash and recycling? Currently the cost is \$75.00 each + tax. Smaller 64-gallon carts are also available. Carts are black with attached lid, with the "Recycling cart" labeled for recycling. Please visit Emterrarewards.com for more information.



#### Ridge Road 2023 Improvement Project

Ridge Road from Horton Road north to pavement end,

is scheduled for road improvement work beginning in 2023 (date TBD). This project will include removal of trees in the road right-of-way, ditching and lastly resurfacing with a limestone road material.

# Drain Project M-15

MDOT has two (2) drain projects scheduled for the M-15 corridor beginning in the Spring of 2023. One project (Cummings Drain) is north on M-15 near Maple Road, the other project (Paddison Drain) is south on M-15 near Horton Road. Please plan accordingly.

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## Need High Speed Internet?

There is currently an effort to create a citizens advisory committee to explore

available opportunities for expansion of high speed internet to residential properties. If you are interested in serving on this committee please email: skjones@atlastownship.org

#### ATLAS TOWNSHIP 2023 TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE MATERIALS MUST BE at the curb BEFORE 7 a.m. **EMTERRA Environmental USA** FERRUARY JANUARY MARCH APRIL SUN MON TUE WED THU SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI W o ₩ O 22 23 24 25 22 19 30 W 0 JULY AUGUST THU FRI SAT WED TUE WED W 6 19 13 15 17 18 W 0 11 21 22 25 23 22 25 26 24 28 29 29 ₩ 0 SEPTEMBER OCTOBER DECEMBER SUN MON 10 11 12 16 17 18 V 0 13 F 6 21 22 23 22 24 26 28 21 27

- Trash and Recycling is picked up weekly on WEDNESDAY.
  - Compost Pick Up is on 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 concerns.\*\*\*

#### The Friends of the Goodrich-Atlas Library Book & Bake Sale

Bake Sale
Spring Book & Bake Sale
April 20, 2023 12noon – 6pm
April 21, 2023 12noon – 6pm

#### Fall Book & Bake Sale

April 23, 2023 9am - 5pm

October 12, 2023 12noon – 6pm October 13, 2023 12noon – 6pm October 14, 2023 9am – 5pm

### **Downtown Christmas Book & Bake Sale**

December 7, 2023 5pm – 8pm During Downtown Christmas

The Friends group accepts donations of books, puzzles, CD's and DVD's in clean, good condition. The Friends of the Goodrich-Atlas Library is a 501c(3) non-profit organization to support and promote reading in our community. Stop by the library and look at the new reading area upstairs made possible by the Friends of the Goodrich-Atlas Library.

## Trash and Recycling Pick-up:

In the event that your trash and recycling is not picked up on Wednesday late afternoon or early evening due to unforeseen events - please do not take it back up to your home. Emterra will be out to finish the route, sometimes they return on Thursday. If your trash has not been picked up by Friday afternoon contact Dan Garman at (810) 397-0610 for information. Trash that is not bagged and is loose inside of trash cans will not be emptied. Styrofoam and plastic grocery type bags are not recyclable. Cardboard must be flattened and bundled. Please visit Emterra's website to understand what is recyclable at: www.emterraUSA.com or call 1-877-609-6753

#### 2023 Yard Waste/Compost Pickup

Atlas Township residents who would like to have their yard waste/compost picked up by Emterra; the annual rate for 2023 is \$200. **The service period is April to November.** Registration and payment cut off date is May 1, 2023. Please contact Emterra directly for more information.