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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

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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 7pm

Zoning Board of Appeals

meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6pm

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Township of Atlas

News & Notes

DECEMBER 2023



Watch for updated Voter ID Cards in January 2024.

Important Absentee Voter Information:

- The Permanent Absentee Ballot Application List is being phased out by the end of 2024.
- Voters currently on the Permanent Application List are encouraged to join the Permanent Ballot List.
- Absentee Ballot Applications sent in 2024 will include a checkbox to join the Permanent Ballot List.
- Voters on the Permanent Ballot List will be mailed a ballot for every election to the address on file.
- U.S. POST OFFICE CANNOT FORWARD BALLOTS, eventually they'll be returned to the Clerk's Office.
- The Clerk's Office will not be allowed to send any ballot application once a voter joins the Permanent Ballot List
- Presidential Primaries require voters to select a ballot style (Republican, Democrat, or Non-Partisan). Ordinarily the selection would be made on the Absentee Ballot Application form. For voters on the Permanent Ballot List there will be a Presidential Primary Ballot Selection form mailed instead.

Contact the Clerk's office with any questions:
email elections@atlastownship.org or
call 810-636-2548.

Early Voting and Election Day Voting:

In-Person Election Day Voting will continue at Goodrich High School, polls will be open 7am-8pm. Early Voting will be available for 9 consecutive days for a minimum of 8 hours each day at the Atlas Township Hall to all Atlas voters prior to every State and Federal Election including the two (2) Saturdays and two (2) Sundays prior to Election Day. Hours will be posted 60 days prior on the Township website and on MVIC. Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) is the information hub for election information in Michigan. <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>



Saturday June 1, 2024
10 am to 1 pm

Rain date will be Saturday June 8, 2024

In June of 2023 1.3 tons on paper was shredded.

Residents are limited to 5 cartons/boxes –
no larger than 24 in x 12 in x 12 in.
No plastic bags.

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

THANKSGIVING
THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS

NEW YEARS DAY

NEW YEARS DAY OBSERVANCE

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

PRESIDENT'S DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

JUNETEENTH

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVANCE

INDEPENDENCE DAY

LABOR DAY

COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

VETERANS DAY

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVANCE

THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS

NEW YEAR'S EVE

NEW YEAR'S DAY

WED., NOVEMBER 23, 2023

THUR., NOVEMBER 24, 2023

MON., DECEMBER 25, 2023

TUES., DECEMBER 26, 2023

MON., JANUARY 1, 2024

TUES., JANUARY 2, 2024

MON., JANUARY 15, 2024

MON., FEBRUARY 19, 2024

MON., MAY 27, 2024

WED., JUNE 19, 2024

WED., JULY 3, 2024

THUR., JULY 4, 2024

MON., SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

MON., OCTOBER 14, 2024

MON., NOVEMBER 11, 2024

WED., NOVEMBER 27, 2024

THUR., NOVEMBER 28, 2024

TUES., DECEMBER 24, 2024

WED., DECEMBER 25, 2024

TUES., DECEMBER 31, 2024

WED., JANUARY 1, 2025

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:

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

2024 Election Dates:

- Presidential Primary – February 27, 2024*
- State & Local Primary Election – Aug. 6, 2024
- Presidential General Election - Nov. 5, 2024

*Public Act 2 of 2023/Senate Bill 13, signed into law in 2023, moved the presidential primary date from the current statutory date of March 12, 2024 to February 27, 2024. However, the act will not take effect until 90 days after the legislature adjourns for the year. At this time, it is uncertain when the legislature will adjourn and accordingly, which date the change to the presidential primary will take effect.



Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 • 5 to 8pm

Plan an evening in Downtown Goodrich

Downtown Christmas will be held on Thursday December 7, 2023 from 5pm to 8pm. Santa will arrive and be available for children (and adults) at Liberty Way Realty office. There will be a tree lighting, book and bake sale and other family oriented events. Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Goodrich Library on December 7th in Santa's Special North Pole mailbox upstairs on the second floor! Please join us for a kick-off to the holiday season.

Heading SOUTH for the winter?

Before you head south here are some simple tips to prepare and protect your home while you are away...

- Turn off your main water supply line valve, disconnect any outdoor water hoses, and drain all your water lines. Contact a local plumber to help you with this process.
- Drain water from your toilets (and tanks) and add RV anti-freeze to protect them from freezing.
- Clean out any debris from your gutters, and make sure your roof is also clear of any restrictions that could cause a build up of ice or heavy snow.
- Make arrangements to have someone check your home frequently to watch for any issues that may arise.
- Submit a "Vacation Check Request" form with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department (forms available at Atlas Township).
- Contact the Atlas Township Clerk's office related to upcoming elections.
- Forward your mail at the local Post Office or on line at: usps.com
- Wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water!

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.



Unpaid Summer 2023 Taxes

Summer 2023 taxes may be paid through February 29, 2024 at the Atlas Township Treasurer's office. A one percent (1%) penalty per month is calculated and applied beginning September 15, 2023 until the date taxes are paid. Please contact the Treasurer's office for details.

Winter 2023 Taxes

Winter 2023 Taxes are due by February 29, 2024. Property taxes may be paid at the Atlas Township Treasurers office Mon.-Thurs. 8am to 5pm, or on the Atlas Township website: atlastownship.org using a debit or credit card (3% service fee is charged) or an e-check (\$3.00 flat service fee is charged).

Donate Non-perishable Food Items

The Goodrich Lions

Club will be collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed



to community families in need. Collection boxes are located at the Atlas Township Hall/Office and at the Village of Goodrich Office through December 11, 2023. Please consider helping those in need this holiday season.

2024 Genesee County Dog Licenses

Dog licenses for 2024 will be available for purchase beginning Monday December 4, 2023 at Atlas Township Treasurer's office. Licenses are issued based on the vaccination date. Please contact the Atlas Township Treasurer's office for more information: (810) 636-2548

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

**December 7, 2023
5 to 8pm during
Downtown Christmas**

During Downtown Christmas The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Christmas Book & Bake Sale on the second floor of the Goodrich-Atlas Library.

Letters to Santa can be dropped off on December 7th upstairs. Letters may be dropped off beginning December 11, 2023 through December 21, 2023 in the front lobby of the library in Santa's Special North Pole mailbox.



Burn Permits for 2024

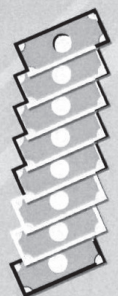
Burn permits issued in 2023 will expire on 12-31-23. Please visit: atlastownship.org and click on "Burn Permit" to apply for a 2024 Burn Permit or stop in the office. 2024 Burn permits will be available the first week of January 2024. Burn permits are issued for the entire calendar year in which they are applied/issued. There is no charge for a burn permit. Burn permits are required for any type of outdoor burning in Atlas Township or the Village of Goodrich. If it has a flame and/or creates smoke, a permit is required. All outdoor burning must be attended at all times. Read the application for a permit for details and requirements.

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ATLAS TOWNSHIP 2023 TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3						1	2
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2024 TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				

♻️ Trash and Recycling is picked up weekly on **WEDNESDAY**.

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

★ Compost Pick Up is on SUBSCRIPTION BASIS ONLY and is offered April-November. Please call Emterra Environmental for pricing at 1-877-609-6753

*****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.*****