



DECEMBER 2025

## WINTER NEWSLETTER



## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC ROAD PROJECT

Livingston County Road Commission is NOT currently funding the resurfacing of asphalt public subdivision roads. As such, residents have historically sought the creation of Special Assessment Districts (SAD) to generate funds to get their public subdivision roads repaved. In short, an SAD is a citizen-initiated charge on themselves (i.e., the benefitting properties of the road improvement). In light of the high cost of resurfacing roads, the Township Board has adopted a policy to help residents offset a portion of the cost of the resurfacing project. In March of 2025 the Township Board adopted a policy that states, in part: *The Township Board may, at their discretion, agree to fund a public road SAD improvement project at 25% of the project cost or \$2,000 per developed parcel, or whichever is less.* If you live on a public asphalt road and you believe that 66% of the benefitting property owners would support the creation of a SAD, your project would be eligible for partial Township funding. Please email Assistant Manager, Zach Dyba at [astmgr@brightontwp.com](mailto:astmgr@brightontwp.com) if you should have any questions.



In this Newsletter you can expect:

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### MICHIGAN VOTER INFORMATION CENTER

Would you like to see if you are registered? Would you like to look up your precinct location? You can do all this and more by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center at: [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

### UPCOMING ELECTIONS

**August State Primary:**  
August 4, 2026

**November State General:**  
November 3, 2026

### NEWS FLASH

For those that want to be kept abreast of Township business we recommend that you sign up for email notifications via the Township website. Citizens can customize their notifications to their particular interests (e.g. public hearings, scheduled meetings, news flash, etc.).

Please visit the Township website at: [www.brightontwp.com](http://www.brightontwp.com)  
"News Flash"

### SEWER/UTILITY BILLING

You can request to receive your Sewer/Utility Bill by email.

Please visit the Township website at: [www.brightontwp.com](http://www.brightontwp.com)

"Pay My Bill"

Request for Sewer/Utility Bill to be emailed and complete the online form.

### MEETING BROADCAST

Regular Board Meetings are held at least monthly and are broadcast live on Cable Channel 15, (Comcast), and Cable Channel 99, (AT&T). Regular work session meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the adoption of the annual Regular Meeting schedule. The meetings are held in the lower level of Township Hall. Meeting start time is 6:30 PM.

# SEL CRA



For more community events and programming visit: [www.selcra.com](http://www.selcra.com)



## Administration

### 2026 Road Project – Kensington Road / Grand River Intersection

The Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC) is scheduled to resurface this intersection in the summer of 2026. Specific dates and traffic information will be determined as the project work gets closer. As the LCRC informs the Township of this information we will post it on our website (News Flash). Questions may be directed to the Township Manager at [manager@brightontwp.com](mailto:manager@brightontwp.com).

### 2026 Road Project – I-96 Resurfacing

MDOT has informed Brighton Township that they will be resurfacing I-96 between Kent Lake and US 23 in the summer of 2026. Please subscribe to the MDOT traffic alerts for more information about this project: [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot).

### I-96 (Exit 145)/Grand River Avenue Interchange Project

MDOT continues their progress towards the reconstruction of this expressway / bridge intersection. For the most up-to-date project information, please consult the MDOT website ([www.michigan.gov/mdot/projects](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/projects)) or the MDOT project Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/p/I-96-Brighton-Project-Page-61567669267616/](http://www.facebook.com/p/I-96-Brighton-Project-Page-61567669267616/).

## Planning Department

- Stormy's Landscape Service, a 6,000 sq. ft. building located on Hyne just east of S. Old US 23, is under construction.
- Sixteen (16) townhomes at a site on the west side of S. Old US 23 south of Hilton will be starting construction soon.

## Other Resident Information

### Big Red Barrel

Do you have expired or unused medication sitting around at home? Needles and syringes that you need to get rid of?

More details and directions on how to discard them is available on their website.

<https://drugfreelivingston.com/the-big-red-barrel/>



### Livingston County Veterans Services

Livingston County Veteran Services (LCVS) offers a variety of programs and services to assist veterans and their families. LCVS employs nationally accredited Veteran Service Officers to assist veterans in filing for US Dept. of Veterans Affairs benefits.

Honorably Discharged veterans registered with LCVS, and their spouse, may utilize complimentary LCVS transportation to medical appointments within a 50-mile radius. To schedule a ride, call LETS at [\(517\) 546-6600](tel:(517)546-6600), select option 3 and mention veteran status. LCVS offers Honorably Discharged veterans who are less fortunate several assistance programs provided by Emergency Relief funds, such as:

- \$200 food and toiletry voucher plus an additional \$50 for each child in the household,
- \$200 clothing vouchers for their school-aged children up to age 18,
- \$50 Speedway fuel only cards; and
- Dental assistance of up to \$1,000 via LCVS partnership with VINA Dental. Call [\(517\) 546-6338](tel:(517)546-6338) to set up an appointment and qualify for these programs.



## Assessing Department

### 2026 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Value and Property Classification

Please be on the lookout for your 2026 Assessment Notice, which you should receive at the end February. The notice will list your 2026 assessed and taxable values, as well as the classification of your property. Your current year Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) is also indicated on the assessment notice. If you feel the indicated percentage for Homeowner's Principal Residence is incorrect, please notify the Assessing Department. The dates and times of the 2026 March Board of Review will be listed on the notice. Please note, for residential property, you must first appeal to the March Board of Review in order to further appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

If you have any questions regarding your Principal Residence Exemption, Assessed or Taxable values, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at [\(810\) 229-0558](tel:(810)229-0558).

# Treasury Department

**WINTER TAX INFORMATION: Taxes are payable through March 2, 2026.** Any unpaid 2025 taxes will be transferred to the Livingston County Treasurer for collection thereafter. THE TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, FROM 9:00am to 4:00pm, to accept payments only. Due to the Township hours, all other departments will be closed.

**QR CODE:** Located on the front of your tax bill, the QR code will bring you right to our website and your parcel information.

**PAYMENTS:** Acceptable payment options include cash, checks, money orders, and credit cards.

**CHECKS:** Please verify all information is correct on your check before mailing. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK.** Use only Black or Blue ink. Post-dated checks are **not** accepted and will be returned.

- **Credit cards:** May be used either online or in person at Township Hall. A convenience fee of 3% is charged by Point and Pay, the provider of this service.
- **Online Bill Payments:** Bills paid through your on-line banking system may take up to 15 business days to be received. Please allow enough time for payment to reach us by mail
- **Drive up Payment Drop Box:** For your convenience, you may use our Drive-up Payment Drop Box, located in the center island of the parking lot. No cash please!
- **Tax Receipts:** If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope or email address with your payment.

Taxes can be paid at Brighton's Independent Bank, 8700 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with your original blue tax bill. Independent Bank will only accept cash or check. Partial payments not permitted. Independent Bank Hours: Monday -Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. 

Please remember, we do not accept postmarks. Any payment received after March 2, 2026 will be returned. They will be payable to Livingston County Treasurer as a delinquent payment.

For more information check out the back of your tax bill and our website: [www.brightontwp.com](http://www.brightontwp.com).

Dog License: The State of Michigan requires the annual licensing of all dogs. Dog Licenses expire in the month of the rabies vaccination expiration date. You have the option of purchasing a one-year or a three-year license. You may only purchase a three-year license if the rabies vaccination is valid for the entire three-year period. You can purchase a dog license by coming into the Township Hall, using the Livingston County website: [www.livgov.com](http://www.livgov.com) or in person at Livingston County, located at 200 E Grand River Howell, MI 48843.



## Clerk's/Elections Department

The 2026 Michigan gubernatorial election for the Governor seat is scheduled for:  
Primary: Aug 4, 2026  
General: Nov 3, 2026



### Permanent Absent Voter Ballots:

You can request to be on the Permanent Absent Voter Ballot list without submitting an application each time. If you choose this option, make sure to update your address with the Clerk's Office if you are a snowbird.

Fill out an application through the Michigan Voter Information Center or come into the Clerk's Office to be added to this mailing list.

## Battery Recycling

### HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES ONLY

Brighton Township Hall now has a drop-off bin for household batteries located in the lobby at 4363 Buno Rd, Brighton, MI 48114. Available during business hours only.

- 9 volts
- A's
- C's
- D's
- Small batteries



Remove batteries from containers or baggies before depositing. No vehicle batteries, trash, fluorescent bulbs, ink cartridges or other items. *FYI: Vehicle Batteries can be recycled easily at Auto Part Stores. Questions? Call the Clerk's Office at [\(810\) 229-0560](tel:(810)229-0560).*

### Elected

**Supervisor:** Patrick Michel  
[supervisor@brightontwp.com](mailto:supervisor@brightontwp.com)  
(810) 229-0550

**Clerk:** Joseph Riker  
[clerk@brightontwp.com](mailto:clerk@brightontwp.com)  
(810) 229-0560

**Treasurer:** Rose Drouillard  
[treasurer@brightontwp.com](mailto:treasurer@brightontwp.com)  
(810) 229-0556

### Appointed

**Manager:** Brian Vick  
[manager@brightontwp.com](mailto:manager@brightontwp.com)  
(810) 229-0550

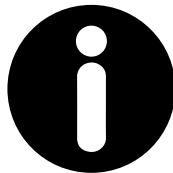
### Elected Trustees

**Brian VanSingel**  
(appointed for partial term)  
[trusteebrian@brightontwp.com](mailto:trusteebrian@brightontwp.com)

**Sam Theis**  
[trusteesam@brightontwp.com](mailto:trusteesam@brightontwp.com)

**Dan Schifko**  
[trusteedan@brightontwp.com](mailto:trusteedan@brightontwp.com)

**Cathy Doughty**  
[trustee\\*cathy@brightontwp.com](mailto:trustee*cathy@brightontwp.com)  
Phone messages may be left at  
(810) 229-0550 for all trustees.



## Township Information

4363 Buno Road  
Brighton, MI 48114  
Phone: [\(810\) 229-0550](tel:(810)229-0550)



## Large Item Drop-Off Event

Currently not scheduled, but you can expect one to be scheduled 2X a year.

Plan for a Spring event in April and a Fall event in October.

Sign up to keep up-to-date on our Large Item Drop-Off Events!



## Township Hall Hours

Monday - Thursday  
7:30 AM to 5:30 PM  
Closed Fridays



## Township Hall Holiday Closures

Township offices will be closed on the following days:  
December 24-25, 2025  
December 31, 2025

### **Tentatively (upon approval)**

January 1, 2026  
January 19, 2026  
February 16, 2026  
May 25, 2026  
May 26, 2026  
July 2, 2026



## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Schedule

1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30 PM as scheduled with the adoption of the annual meeting schedule.  
Meetings are subject to change.

## Committee Regular Meeting Schedule

**Planning Commission**  
2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.  
Meetings are subject to change.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.  
Meetings are subject to change.

*Thank you for reading!*

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Please be sure to add "Newsletter" in the subject line