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UPDATED WEBSITE COMING SOON!

The Township website (www.brightontwp.com) is undergoing a redesign. The new site will have a responsive design that will allow the website to be reviewed and seen on multiple platforms including tablets, mobile phones and desktops. It will also enable visitors to subscribe to notifications of interest, provide feedback, participate in surveys, and access various Township business forms. Visitors will still find pertinent property information including taxes and zoning; voter and election information; meeting agendas, minutes, and meeting packets; the General Code of Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance; and financial information including budgets, Revenue & Expenditure reports, detailed accounts payable, annual audits, elected and appointed officials salaries; and various planning documents. Please visit the site in early 2016 and let us know what you think.

2016 ELECTION CYCLE NEWS

2016 will bring us a closed Presidential Primary (March 8), a Partisan Primary (August 2) and the General Election (November 8). A possible fourth election in May could be scheduled for ballot questions in accordance with MI Election law.

March 8, 2016 - This is a closed Presidential Primary. A “closed” primary means that voters will be required to select a specific ballot type. Voters may select one of the following: a Democratic Presidential Primary Ballot, a Republican Party Presidential Primary Ballot or a Ballot without Presidential Primary candidates if applicable.

August 2, 2016 - This is a State Primary Election and often referred to as a Partisan Nominating Primary. It is a general primary for all political parties except as noted otherwise in MI election law. Its purpose is to select Partisan candidates for nomination to various national state, county, and local offices and Nonpartisan candidate nominations for the office of judge of the court of appeals, judge of the circuit court, judge of probate and judge of district court as applicable for placement on the November General Election ballot. All candidates will be listed on one ballot v. in a closed primary where voters select a ballot style by political party. Currently voters cannot split their ticket on a primary ballot but pending legislation may change that. Ballot questions (i.e. millage questions) may also be included on this ballot. It is anticipated that there will be a millage question on the ballot for the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

November 8, 2016 - The General Election ballot will include all partisan nominated candidates, other nationally recognized political party candidates, and local candidates including those with no political party affiliation.

Additional voter information including how to obtain an Absent Voter application and ballot can be found on our website under the Clerk’s Department. Information is also available for persons interested in running for local office through the Clerk’s office. For additional information please contact the Clerk’s office at (810) 229-0560.

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Regular Board Meetings are held at least monthly and are broadcast live on Cable Channel 15. 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 7:00 P.M.

2016 NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT, TAXABLE VALUE AND PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION

Please be on the lookout for your 2016 assessment notice, which you should receive around the fourth week in February. The notice will list your 2016 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 2016 March Board of Review will also be listed on the notice. Please note, for residential property, you must 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.

PLANNING NEWS

Business is booming in Brighton Township!



New additions recently approved include 15,600 sq. ft. for U Store Brighton, a 1,210 sq. ft. addition to Teddy Bear's Playhouse Daycare, a facade renovation for Arby's Restaurant, and a 2,225 sq. ft. showroom addition for Brighton Chrysler.

WINTER TAX INFORMATION

Taxes are due February 28, 2016. Since the due date falls on a Sunday, payments will be accepted without penalty on Monday, February 29, 2016. Any unpaid 2015 taxes will be transferred to Livingston County for collection thereafter. The date received is the date paid. Postmarks are not accepted.

Payments: Payment options include cash, checks, money orders and credit cards. If paying by check, please verify all information is correct on your check before mailing. We have received numerous checks without signatures, amounts missing, etc. We must send incomplete checks back to the payer which delays your payment being posted and could result in late fees. Please include your phone number on your check. We do not sell this information. It is only used by us if we have problems with your payment.

Credit cards may be used either online or in person at Township Hall. A convenience fee is charged by the provider of this service for use of their credit card processing.

Online Bill Payments paid through your on-line banking system may take up to 15 business days to be received. Please allow sufficient time for payment to reach us.

Tax Receipts: If you would like a receipt, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope or email address with your payment.

Summer deferral payments: must be made by February 14th to avoid interest charges.

Please contact the Treasurer's office with any questions or concerns at (810) 229-0556.

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY- HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL FIRE ACADEMY

If you live in Livingston County, your high school junior or senior can take the Firefighter I & II certification class while still in high school at no cost to you! The Brighton Area Fire Authority, along with other area fire departments, has collaborated with Howell Public Schools to bring this unique program to Livingston County residents. This program runs the whole school year long for three class periods at Howell High School and is available to all county residents. Leaving high school with Firefighter I & II certification, the same certification that you would pay thousands for at a community college, would allow participants to work for any of the Livingston County fire departments.

In addition to school days, which combine bookwork and practical skills, the student/cadets are required to attend one Saturday training session per month. These training sessions may include vehicle extrication (they love the “Jaws of Life”), rooftop ventilation and our popular live fire training.



The program is currently in its third year and has graduated 28 firefighters, most of which now work for Livingston County fire departments. What could be better than that, you ask? Most Livingston County fire departments have Junior Cadet programs that allow your high school student to be a junior member of the fire department, putting station life into the knowledge they get at the High School Fire Academy.

Talk to high schoolers you know to see if this may be right for them. Visit us on Facebook at Howell Public Schools Fire Academy for more information or contact your local fire department. If you have additional questions, please contact Brighton Area Fire Authority’s Human Resources Director Anne Campbell at (810) 229-6640 or Lt. Tom Kiurski, Lead Fire Instructor for the Howell Schools Fire Academy, directly at (734) 788-3402.

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TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM *
Tuesdays 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM *

* Closed daily for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Township offices will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, December 24, 2015

Friday, December 25, 2015

Thursday, December 31, 2015

Friday, January 1, 2016

Monday, February 15, 2016

Visit our website at www.brightontwp.com for additional holiday closings throughout the year.

LARGE ITEM DROP OFF A BIG SUCCESS!

The Township hosted its annual large item drop off day in late September. Over 18 tons of miscellaneous items were dropped off by Township residents and property owners. That is over 36,000 pounds!

Watch the Summer newsletter for next year's date.

Questions? Call the Clerk's office at 810-229-0560.

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*Regular Meeting Days and Times**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM
as scheduled with the adoption of the annual meeting schedule.

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM
(January, March, May, July, September, December)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

4th Wednesday at 7:00 PM
(January, March, May, July, September, November)

**Meetings are subject to change. Contact the Clerk's office at 810-229-0560 for more information.*

***Phone messages may be left at (810) 229-0550*

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