

# Austin Township

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**SUMMER 2016**

## TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

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**NEEDED:** Election Workers – contact clerk

### Upcoming Elections:

- August Primary – August 2, 2016
- General Election – November 8, 2016

Deadlines are very important during an election year. One of the most important deadlines is the last day to register to vote. The last day to register to vote for the August Primary is July 5<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register to vote for the November Presidential Election is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Applications to register to vote can be obtained in my office, at the Secretary of State offices, or online at: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos> under the "Every Vote Counts" tab. Hope to see you at the polls!

Reminder: Straight party voting at the top of your Presidential Election in November has been eliminated. You will need to mark each office individually.

## SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR

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### ➤ Affidavit Land Division and Assessing

Mailing Address: Kenn Vredenburg  
13829 7 Mile Road  
Stanwood MI 49346

### ➤ Website Information

You can find a lot of information or current activities in your township. Please let us know if you have suggestions for other information to post. Contact Kenn Vredenburg.

### ➤ Rental of Township Hall

The Austin Township Hall can be rented for social occasions. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED. NO YARD SALES. NO SMOKING. Call the Township Hall 231.823.9704 for information and reservations or Kenn Vredenburg.

## TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

**Clerk & Treasurer**

**Office Hours**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month  
(Except Holidays then 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)  
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

### **Board Meetings**

Second Tuesday of Every Month

**Except**

Due to Election **November** Board Meeting  
Will be on November 15, 2016

7:30 PM  
Township Hall  
14132 Pierce Road  
Stanwood, MI 49346

## MECOSTA-AUSTIN FIRE

**Ronald Palmer, Fire Chief**

We are always looking for volunteers.  
Call if interested.

Fire Board Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday of January, **EXCEPT**  
**March (last Wednesday of month),**  
May, July, September, November  
7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

### **BURN PERMITS**

DNR - (866)-922-2876 or Online  
[www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits)



## STANWOOD CEMETERY

**Julie Jankowski**

**231.823.2510**

Board meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of April and October at 7:00 p.m. held at the Fire Hall. Next meeting will be October 20, 2016.

### RECYCLING

Your Township continues to contract with Morton Township allowing our residents to take their recycling to the recycling location site in Morton Township Business Park on 9 Mile Road every Saturday 9 am until 12 pm. Recycling is free to Austin Township residents when you obtain a window decal. Decals are available at Morton Township office (290 W. Main Street, Mecosta). Find a list of acceptable items and how to prepare them for recycling at [www.mortontownship.org](http://www.mortontownship.org) or call 231.972.7138. Take advantage of this service and help the environment.

### GREEN 911 HOUSE LOCATION SIGNS

In order to ensure your home can be found in case of emergency it is good planning to have a house identification sign posted on your property by the road's edge. The cost for these signs is \$15 and can be obtained through cooperation with Morton Township at [www.mortontownship.org/sites/default/files/files/911\\_SIGN.pdf](http://www.mortontownship.org/sites/default/files/files/911_SIGN.pdf) or you may contact your Township Supervisor, Kenn Vredenburg, in obtaining one. (See front for contact information)

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2016  
Where: Mecosta County Senior Center  
12954 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., Mecosta, MI 49332  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

[www.mecostacd.org/hazardous-waste-collection](http://www.mecostacd.org/hazardous-waste-collection)

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) are materials that, if disposed incorrectly, can cause environmental damage by contaminating ground and surface waters, threatening human health and wildlife.

A pre-registration form is required if bringing over 200 lbs. to the collection site and must be submitted two weeks prior to the collection date. The registration form and list of accepted materials is available at the Mecosta Conservation District, 18260 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, 49307, 231.796.0909, or on their website.

### YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

The township will be doing a road project for this fiscal year 2016-2017. We will be paving 180<sup>th</sup> from Johnson Road to 11 Mile Road. Work will be done this summer.

### TREASURER/NOTARY

Carolyn Towsley

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Enclosed with this newsletter is your summer tax bill for your property in Austin Township. Summer tax payments **MUST** be received by **September 14, 2016** after which interest is added.

**NOTE:** For property owners with a mortgage, tax information has been sent to your mortgage company but you may want to call them to be sure they received information on your taxes.

#### MAIL PAYMENTS TO:

AUSTIN TOWNSHIP TREASURER  
P O Box 226  
STANWOOD, MI 49346-0226

Or use the Drop Box at Township  
14132 Pierce Road, Stanwood, MI

If you desire a receipt, a stamped, self-addressed envelope **MUST** be included with your payment.

#### Summer Tax Collection Hours

JULY 5	10:30 AM	-	1:00 PM
JULY 20	1:00 PM	-	3:00 PM
AUGUST 1	10:30 AM	-	1:00 PM
AUGUST 16	1:00 PM	-	3:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 6	10:30 AM	-	1:00 PM

#### LAST DAY AND TIME TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY

**SEPTEMBER 14 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Or call for an appointment **BEFORE September 14**

Interest charges after **September 14, 2016**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>ADD</u>
09/15 to 09/30/2016	1%
10/01 to 10/31/2016	2%
11/01 to 11/30/2016	3%
12/01 to 12/31/2016	4%
01/01 to 01/31/2017	5%
02/01 to 02/14/2017	6% plus penalties

**After 02/14/2017** contact the Township Treasurer for amount due.

**NOTE: TAXPAERS IN MORLEY-STANWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT.** Morley-Stanwood has decided to not collect their tax dollars on the summer bill. You will see Morley-Stanwood tax collection on your winter tax bill.