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# ALAMO TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## FALL 2011

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The Township is issuing the Fall Newsletter early, at the request of the Park Board, to permit an additional announcement, unedited, regarding an event planned for September 11.

### Primary news release

The Alamo Park Board is pleased to present a very special program remembering the tragedy of 9/11 and celebrating the new Patriot's Pavilion and Kid's Treehouse at our community park. The complex was constructed with community donations to honor both area military veterans and our first responders. The park is located on DE Avenue west of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The program will begin at 1p.m. and last until 3p.m. It will start with the national anthem sung by the students from Otsego High School vocal program with an American Legion honor guard raising the flag. An airplane will fly overhead pulling a large American flag. Civil war reenactors will provide a spectacular twenty-one gun salute. Local political leaders will provide words of remembrance. The Pavilion will be officially dedicated by area leaders and the Tree house by locate restaurateur and donor Phil Fricano. The program will conclude with the singing of "God Bless America" by the vocal group. Following the dedication, The Alamo Foundation will be sponsoring an old fashioned ice cream social. The event will wrap up with a mountain bike raffle. The raffle is free for all Alamo residents under 17, So bring the kids and enjoy the program and the new facilities in your community park.

### Second news release

The Alamo Bike Club meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the corner of Hart and 6<sup>th</sup> street. The club members ride to Mentha and back for an enjoyable morning ride on the Kal-Haven trail. The ride is open to all, come join us. For more information call Lou Conti at 808-5506

**Yep.....this is where I thought the other file should go and I know it will be oriented differently than the rest of the newsletter. I just could not make that happen!**

**And...I was serious about getting the newsletter out but probably should not have teased about folding it when wet as that likely would not be sane. Maybe when damp? ☺ But you got my drift.**



# TOWNSHIP QUICK READS

## REGULAR RECYCLING

**September 10**

**October 8**

**November 12**

**December 10** (Last recycling date until spring)

**March 10, 2012** (Recycling resumes)

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Township Park on DE Avenue.

## JUNK DAY

**October 8**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The semi-annual clean-up is free to Township residents; identification is required. In addition to regular recyclables, “junk” is accepted. “Junk” **excludes** cement, oil-based paint, tires, oil, hazardous materials (including old TVs and computers) and appliances containing Freon. (TV’s and computers may be dropped off, free of charge, at the County’s Household Hazardous Waste collection site). Metal is collected separately from trash; please keep this in mind when loading trucks/trailers.

## MUSEUM

**September 10-11**

**October 8-9** (Last dates for the year; reopens in May)

Saturday (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) & Sunday (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) Access may be obtained at other times by contacting the Curator.

## PROPERTY TAXES

Summer 2011 taxes are due on or before September 14 without penalty. After this date, taxes are subject to a 1% late fee for each month that taxes are delinquent through February 29, 2012 at which time payments are subject to additional penalties and must be paid to Kalamazoo County. Winter tax notices will be mailed to property owners on or before December 1.

**NOTE:** Treasurer Stoneburner will be moving to the Township Hall during the month of October. Her new phone number will be 382-3366. More information will appear in the December newsletter when the regular newsletter resumes.

## FIRE & RESCUE

Chief Kizer has made application for an Assistance to Firefighters’ grant. Grants of this nature assist fire departments and EMS organizations with firefighter safety purchases. Chief Kizer has made application to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). These packs allow firefighters to breathe clean air while working in poor conditions and environments. The present packs are 10 years old and fall short of the standards now in place for this sort of equipment. Replacement costs for SCBA equipment has more than doubled since the Township last made SCBA purchases. If the Township replaced the packs without outside funding, the equipment could run in excess of \$150,000. If this grant is awarded, the Township’s portion of the costs would be approximately \$10,000. Thank you, Chief Kizer, for pursuing this opportunity.

Fire & Rescue will be offering their annual candy check and fire prevention activities. Please stop into the Fire Station and enjoy a cup of coffee and a doughnut while firefighters scan your child’s candy and discuss fire safety precautions.

On October 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Department we will be holding a pancake breakfast at the Kalamazoo Speedway. Anyone is welcome to stop in for breakfast between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m. each day.

With the fall clean-up and heating seasons almost upon us, a reminder is offered to file for a burn permit prior to burning leaves or brush and to please test fire and carbon monoxide detectors.

In an emergency, locating a residence is critical. As the snow season will be upon us before the next newsletter comes out (and while the weather is still nice), please check your reflective address sign to make sure it will be visible in deep snow or when the snow plows complete their road plowing. Thank you.

## PLANNING COMMISSION & TOWNSHIP BOARD NEWS

Due to an earlier than usual newsletter, neither the Planning Commission nor the Township Board will have an opportunity to hold their September meetings. Updates on 2011 road projects, the sign ordinance, disposition of the Outdoor Furnace Ordinance, new website features, offices & more will be updated in the December newsletter.