

ALAMO TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Clerk:

NOTE: May 2, 2017 Ballot Proposal: **KALAMAZOO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH PROPOSITION FOR 9-1-1 SYSTEM FUNDING** ~ Shall the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan, be authorized to assess a surcharge on all devices capable of accessing 9-1-1 system located in Kalamazoo County of up to \$2.30 per month for a period of five (5) years, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, both inclusive, to be used exclusively for the funding of 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Kalamazoo County, including facilities, equipment and maintenance, and operating costs? **Precinct 1 and 2** will be combined to save money. Alamo residents will vote at the Township Hall; 7901 North 6th Street. Polls open 7a and close at 8p on election day. The last day to register to vote in this election will be Monday April 3, 2017. **NOTE:** Jeff Troyer, from Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority (jtroyer@kccda911.org or 269.718.2195) will present a 15-20 minute educational presentation, at the beginning of the April 10th, Board of Trustees, meeting. He will answer any questions you may have.

CEMETERIES:

NOTE: April is when all winter decorations **MUST** come off the grave sites. Please have items you wish to keep removed no later than April 6, 2017; **this includes, but is not limited to: trinkets, emblems, displays or containers, dried flowers, wreaths, soda bottles/cans, papers, any benches or poles. If not removed, they will be removed and discarded during Spring Cleanup.** Spring cleanup will take place during the month of April.

REMINDER: All grave sites **MUST** be maintained for proper maintenance and appearance. **NO** shrub or tree shall be planted within a burial space; existing trees and shrubs may be removed or trimmed by the township where necessary for proper maintenance. Edging, mounds, and extended use of a lot size are prohibited. Flowers shall not be planted within a burial space except directly behind a headstone or marker. We encourage the use of flower urns, preferably made of concrete, as they do not become brittle and break after a single season due to sun exposure and/or frigid temperatures (care is the responsibility of family members).

ROADS: FYL...

Owen Drive from D Avenue to C Avenue will receive a complete reconstruction. The estimated cost is \$267,000

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: FYL...

Re-roofing/Siding w/no structural changes \$50.00 permit. Re-roofing with new decking/structural changes... \$90.00 permit. No permit is required for adding an additional layer of roofing

Mechanical permit \$35.00. Mechanical inspection \$45.00. Electrical permit \$35.00. Electrical Inspection \$45.00

RECYCLING:

Our **Recycling/Junk** dates will be **May 13th**, and **October 14th** (2nd Saturday) ~ 9:00am to 1:00pm. We will **NOT** be accepting tires and remember, the Alamo Boy Scouts are no longer collecting newspapers. If you are in need of ridding your recyclables in the months not mentioned, residents may use: The Transfer Station at **Best Way** (269.388.3346), located at 2606 Miller Road (surrounded by business offices) for “**traditional recyclables**” ~ glass, plastic, kitchen metal and paper, etc.) or **Republic** (888.249.5112), located at 3432 Gembrit Circle (surrounded by businesses in an industrial sector). For “**hazardous waste materials**” residents can go to the **Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center** (269.373.5211), located at 1301 Lamont. You may visit their website at www.kalcounty.com/hhw to identify what materials are accepted. For all three, call for days & times ~ some may have a small fee.



PARK BOARD:

Completed 2016 projects:

- * New sign: THE RECTOR COMMUNITY PARK; located at the entrance
- * 5th Street access for usage/parking
- * cleared dead trees/branches
- * improved border around flag pole
- * purchased a new swing set

2017 Projected projects:

- * Park will officially open April 8th
- * new swing set will be installed
- * installation of new gate system at entrance/exit
- * **APRIL 8** Decorated **BUNNY TRAIL** from 11a to 3p ~ an **EGG HUNT** will take place on a portion of a hiking trail. **IT'S ALL FREE WITH PRIZES, ACTIVITIES AND CANDY.** Bring your family and plan of having great fun!!
- * **July 22 ALAMO DAY** Come on out and visit our vendors who will be joined by antique vendors and local businesses! And don't forget our museum fundraiser of food and ice-cream.
- * **October 14 FAMILY FALL DAY OF FUN.** Enjoy a family friendly Halloween trail with free pumpkin decorating. There will be food on the grill for sale. Our farmers/crafters market vendors will be joined by other vendors with antiques and collectibles. (Aloh Blanchard 269.547.7834)
- * A shout out of appreciation to Park Rangers, Richard Bennett and Lee Stoneburner. They keep our park safe and intact.



FIRE DEPARTMENT:

NOTE: If you are planning to burn, you **MUST** obtain a burn permit (no cost) 48 hours prior to burning. You may access www.alamotwp.org. On the open page select DEPT'S & SERVICES. Then select FIRE & EMS. Scroll down and keep watch on right side of page until you reach Burn Permits. You will find the application. Complete and send the request. Wait for a response from the Fire Chief or Marshall. Do not burn until you have



heard from one of them. You may refer to Ordinance 54-M that references open fires on the same website. It doesn't take much for a grass fire to develop into a wildfire. A slight breeze can fuel a grass-kindled flame that covers just a few yards to grow into an inferno spanning several acres. A 2017 Chevrolet truck and skid unit has been purchased to replace the aged Grass Truck.

FARMER AND CRAFTERS MARKET:

May 13th is opening day for the 2017 season. It will take place at the Rector Community Park from 9:00a to 2:00p. Vendors will be there every Saturday, May through early October. The fee for vendors is \$10.00/week. **SOMETHING NEW:** On August 12 an **ANIMAL SWAP MEET** will take place (small live stock sale and trade) **AND** on September 23 a **GARAGE SALE DAY**~both of these specials will be in addition to the farmers and crafters items. Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you at the markets. Vendors start planting/crafting. (Aloh Blanchard 269.547.7834)

