



Winter
2022



Greetings from your Township Supervisor. As Leighton Township continues to grow, we are looking for people to be involved in our community. If you are interested, please send your resume to supervisor@leightontownship.org

As 2022 comes to a close I wanted to give you an update of some projects that have been completed. Some improvements which you will see is the Hooker Cemetery driveway was resurfaced. All of the road resurfacing projects that were scheduled have been completed this year. We will be meeting with the Allegan County Road Commission in January to discuss other possible road projects. The township received ARPA funds from the Federal Government and the funds could be used in many ways including green space. The township purchased the old Moline Elementary School so we can improve the George Schrotenboer Memorial Park. This will ensure they will have all three ball diamonds to use for their wonderful programs. I recommend you go and visit the park to watch a game. Finally, after many delays the Leighton Township Fire Department's new engine is tentatively scheduled to arrive in December. We are continuing to work on more projects to improve the Leighton Township Community.

I wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season and a wonderful 2023!
Sincerely, Steve Wolbrink, Leighton Township Supervisor

2022 ELECTIONS: This summer and fall were busy for the Clerk's office with the August Primary Election and the November General Election. In August, between absent voter ballots and in-person voters, just over 34% of voters in Leighton Township exercised their right to vote. We had a large turnout in November, with almost 66% of voters casting a ballot. 3,492 Leighton Township residents voted, with around a third of those being absentee. With the passing of Prop 18-3 in 2018, anyone can request an absent voter ballot for any reason, and our residents are increasingly taking advantage of that! If you would like more information on the election, voting absentee, or becoming an election inspector for future elections, please reach out to the Clerk's office!

Happy Holidays,
Rachel Fennema, Leighton Township Clerk

Winter 2022 Tax Payments

Hello Leighton Township Residents. Wednesday, December 28, I will be in the office from 9am to 5pm to collect your winter taxes to be applied to the 2022 year. If you are not worried about paying in 2022 your Winter Tax bill is due on Tuesday, **February 14, 2023, at 5pm**. Please note, postmarks are not considered payment dates. I strongly encourage paying with a check or cashier's check in lieu of cash. If you would like a receipt of your tax payment via the mail: please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and the whole tax bill and I'll return the bottom portion back to you. All tax bill receipts can be found online on our website. If you receive a bill for a property, you no longer own, kindly pass it on to the new owner or please let me know and I will track down the new owner. I pray you and your family will have a blessed Christmas.

Jacquelynn Bultsma, Leighton Township Treasures

YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Leighton Township Board

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm

Supervisor - Steve Wolbrink

Office -616 891-8238 Ext. 111

Cell -616 893-8384

E-mail: Supervisor@Leightontownship.org

Clerk - Rachel Fennema

Office -616 891-8238 Ext. 114

E-mail: clerk@Leightontownship.org

Treasurer - Jacquelynn Bultsma

Office - 616 891-8238 Ext. 113

E-mail: Treasurer@Leightontownship.org

Trustee - Brian Bonnema,

Home -616 293-2106

Trustee - John Hooker,

Home -269 792-2525

Assessor - Laura Stob

Office - 616 891-8238 Ext. 116

Email: Laurastob@Yahoo.com

Zoning Permits & Building Inspector

For all zoning & building questions

call: **PCI** - 616 877-2000

Planning Commission

Scheduled the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm, but occasionally cancels.

Harry DeHaan, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

Scheduled the third Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm, as needed.

Jonathan Roodvoets, Chairman

Township Deputies

Matt Langlois

269 673-0500 Ext. 4438

Fire Chief - Matt Weston

firechief@leightontownship.org

Sexton - Johnny and Jill Hooker

Home - 269 792-2525

Green Lake Sewer - Jacquelynn

Bultsma Office 616 891-8238 Ext 113

Dorr/Leighton Wastewater -

Fern O'Beshaw 616 891-8238 Ext. 115

E-mail: dl@leightontownship.org

Leighton Township Library

616 877-4143

Michael Mulligan-President

Karen McKinnon-Director

Allegan County Offices

Road Commission - 269 673-2184

County Clerk - 269 673-0450

County Treasurer - 269 673-0260

Drain Commissioner - 269 673-0440

Health Department - 269 673-5411

Resource Recovery - 269 673-5411

Sheriff Department Emergency - 911

General Information - 269 673-0500

Animal Control - 269 673-0519

Allegan County Commissioner

Mark De Young - 616 681-9413

Burn Permits

Can be obtained by calling the Allegan County Burn Permit Line at 269 686-5222. Follow prompts. Permits to burn brush must be obtained on the day the material is to be burned. Be prepared with your name, address, and phone number.

State Legislative Officials

72nd District Rep. - Steven Johnson

Phone: 517 373-0840

Email: SteveJohnson@house.mi.gov

26th District Senator - Aric Nesbitt

Phone: 517 373-0793

Email: SenANesbitt@senate.michigan.gov

Leighton Township

Fire Department

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Have you ever thought of joining the Fire Department? Currently our community is protected by 30 dedicated and committed emergency service responders who do their jobs when called upon, even at three o'clock in the morning. Saving lives and protecting property is not an easy task responding to over 400 calls a year.

Paid on-call firefighters and emergency medical service providers are a special kind of people. We are looking for members to help answer the call of duty. The Leighton Township Fire Department has started a campaign to recruit members to respond to emergency calls. The latest census shows our township has grown 41% and the calls for emergency services have increased right along with it.

Today we respond to far more than fire and vehicle accidents; when someone is having a medical emergency, we are there. We answer calls to anything from hazardous materials incidents to sports injuries to industrial accidents. We need volunteer members to help us help our community.

Benefits for volunteering include payment for calls, free training, and additional trades learned. Gear is also provided for the job.

If you are a Leighton Township resident or live within 5 miles of one of our fire stations and you are interested in becoming a paid on-call member of Leighton Fire Department, please contact Chief Matt Weston for more information.

firechief@leightontownship.org

Sincerely,

Matt Weston

Recycle Schedule 2023

Jan 3*, 16, 30	July 3, 17, 31
Feb 13, 27	Aug 14, 28
March 13, 27	Sept 11, 25
April 10, 24	Oct 9, 23
May 8, 22	Nov 6, 20
June 5, 19	Dec 4, 18



*One day later due to holiday

Service is bi-weekly on Mondays. Please remember to place your recycle bin out the night before your scheduled pickup.

Visit allegancounty.org and select the **Health** tab for more information about recycling offered through the Allegan Resource Recovery.

Township Holiday Hours

The office will be closed:

Dec 26 - 30 for Christmas

(The Treasure will be here Dec 28th for tax purposes only)

April 3 - 7 for Spring Break