

Summer

**Leighton Township**  
4451 12th Street Suite A, Wayland, MI 49348  
Website: [Leightontownship.org](http://Leightontownship.org)  
Phone: 891-8238 Fax: 891-2143  
Office Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday: 9am-4pm  
We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

2022

**Greetings from your Township Supervisor.** A lot of great things are happening in Leighton Township this summer. The Leighton Township Library expansion is completed. I recommend you visit the library for a tour of their beautiful addition. With a generous donation from the Gun Lake Casino Revenue Sharing the Leighton Township Fire Department was able to purchase the old Dorr/Leighton police patrol car and convert it into a medical response vehicle. They are still waiting for the new fire engine to arrive with a tentative date of September 2022. Upcoming road resurfacing projects that are scheduled are 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Warbler and Miller Drive; Paris Ridge Drive in front of Paris Ridge Elementary school will also be resurfaced. The Hooker Cemetery driveway will also be resurfaced throughout the whole cemetery. I am looking forward to all of the projects being completed. We are working on more projects to help maintain and improve the Leighton Township Community. I hope you and your families have a safe and great summer.

Sincerely, Steve Wolbrink, Leighton Township Supervisor

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**NEW VOTER INFORMATION CARDS:** Please be aware that Leighton Township is required by State Law to mail a new Voter Identification Card to EVERY registered voter. Look for these cards to be arriving via US mail! The details on the card list your precinct and location for voting, and House, Senate and Congressional districts that may have changed as a result of the 2020 Census. The cards are strictly for your information and are not required to be returned or presented for voting. If you receive a card for someone who no longer lives at your residence, please write "unknown" and place it back in the mail to the township. By federal law, this allows the township to legally start the cancellation process. If you have any questions regarding the new cards, please contact the Clerk's office.

**2022 ELECTIONS:** The State Primary will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the State General will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. You can find information, register to vote, or apply for an absent voter ballot by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center online at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us> or by reaching out to the Clerk's office. Finally, please be mindful of sharing the parking lot on election days. Once you have finished your business at the township, please vacate your parking spot in a timely manner to ensure there is room for other voters to park.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!  
Rachel Fennema, Leighton Township Clerk

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### Summer 2022 Tax Payments

Summer tax bills are sent out on July 1st. Please note all payments must be received in our office by **September 14, 2022 by 5pm. We cannot accept postmarks!** A drop box is available 24 hours a day near the flagpole on the outside of the township building. If you would like to schedule a specific time please call 616.891.8238 or email me at [treasurer@leightontownship.org](mailto:treasurer@leightontownship.org). For a receipt by mail, enclose both the top and bottom portions of the bill with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We strongly encourage payment by check or money order in lieu of cash. Treasurer's office will be open from 9 AM till 5PM on September 14.

A change in ownership: If you receive a bill for a property that you no longer own, kindly pass it on to the new owner, if possible, or return it to us so we may redirect it.

Jacquelynn Bultsma, Leighton Township Treasurer



## 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

Cell—616 893-8384

E-mail: Supervisor@Leightontownship.org

**Clerk**— Rachel Fennema

Office—616 891-8238

E-mail: clerk@Leightontownship.org

**Treasurer** — Jacquelynn Bultsma

Office—616 891-8238

E-mail: Treasurer@Leightontownship.org

**Trustee** – Brian Bonnema,

Home—616 293-2106

**Trustee** – John Hooker,

Home—269 792-2525

**Assessor**—Laura Stob

Office—891-8238

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

Meets as needed.

Jonathan Roodvoets, Chairman

### Township Deputies

Dillon Schmitt

269 673-0500 Ext. 4332

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

### Dorr/Leighton Wastewater—

Fern O'Beshaw 616 891-8238

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

## 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 2022

Jan 3, 17, 31	July 5*,18
Feb 14, 28	Aug 1,15, 29
March 14, 28	Sept 12, 26
April 11, 25	Oct 10, 24
May 9, 23	Nov 7, 21
June 6, 20	Dec 5, 19



\*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](http://allegancounty.org) and select Recycling for more information about recycling offered through the Allegan Resource Recovery.

## Township Board Meetings

The Township Board meets the 2nd Thursday of every month. These meetings are open to the public (see the online calendar for a complete calendar including any special dates due to holidays!).

### 2022 Elections

August 2 - State Primary

November 8 - State General