## COURTLAND CLIPPINGS



7450 14 Mile Rd NE Rockford, MI 49341 www.courtlandtwpmi.gov



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm CLOSED FRIDAYS

PHONE: (616) 866-0622 BUILDING, PLUMBING, AND HEATING PERMITS:

Imperial Municipal Services (616) 863-9294 ELECTRICAL PERMITS:

Casey Kalee (616) 874-6289

#### **TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

SUPERVISOR: Matt McConnon
TREASURER & ZA\*: Colleen Brown
CLERK: Susan Hartman
TRUSTEES: Mary Ann Andersen, Kimberly
McIntyre, Sandy Frandsen, Charles Porter
ASSESSOR: Jane Kolbe
COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Chad Randall
\*Zoning Administrator

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings at 7:00 PM
TOWNSHIP BOARD: 1st Wednesday
PLANNING COMMISSION: 3rd Tuesday
ZBA: 2nd Wednesday

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED: Christmas: Dec. 26, 2022 New Year's: Jan. 2, 2023



#### **CLEAN UP DAYS**

**SPRING**: June 2nd and 3rd, 2023 **FALL**: October 6th and 7th, 2023

#### **NEWS FLASH**

Stay up-to-date with Township news by providing your email address and phone number on the bottom portion of your tax bill or by subscribing on our website! We do not share your information with third parties.

#### TREASURER NOTES

Winter Taxes 2022 Due: Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023 by 4:30 PM. Additional interest & penalty applies after February 14, 2023

On March 1, 2023 all taxes still owing must be sent to the Kent County Treasurer's office, who keeps all records of delinquent taxes. See your tax bill for additional important payment information.

#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Credit card & e-check payments are accepted through Feb. 23, 2023 on our website. We do <u>not</u> accept credit card payments at the office. The Treasurer's office is not responsible for payment on the wrong property.

MORTGAGE ESCROW PAYMENTS: We sent your tax bill to the mortgage company IF the message is noted in red under the Property Information area that a copy of this bill has been sent to your mortgage provider. You are receiving this copy for informational purposes only IF that message is on your tax bill. If your taxes are escrowed and your bill wasn't sent to your mortgage company, make a copy of the bill for your records and forward the original tax bill to your mortgage company.

May your fire be warm and your home be bright! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be safe!

> Colleen Brown, Treasurer Milissa Soderstrom, Deputy Treasurer

#### **FIRE CHIEF'S DESK**



**BURN PERMITS:** Please, before you burn go to the Courtland Township website fill out the burn permit. Please apply for one or two

### **WINTER 2022**

days at a time. Remember, all burning must be done during daylight hours, and burning should be a safe distance from all buildings, tall grass and trees. Do not leave fires unattended and have a garden hose handy. Burning of tires, roofing, construction materials, treated lumber, garbage, plastics, rubber or petroleum products is prohibited.

Close Before You Doze, please close your bedroom door, it could save your life. A closed door will slow down a fire from spreading room to room. Always look for two ways out of any room or building in case of a fire or a life-threatening incident and practice getting out, if you have an incident, you already know what to do.

With Winter season on the way please do not have portable heaters plugged into extension cord or have them too close to any flammables. When we have power outages, please do not run portable generators inside garages or enclosed porches, the C.O. can kill you

Keep your Christmas trees watered and candles away from them. After Christmas you may drop off real, undecorated, unbagged trees for recycling behind the Courtland Fire Station #1 at 7480 14 Mile Rd.

FIRE FIGHTERS WANTED: We are looking for Paid on call fire fighters, must be at least 18 years old with a high school diploma or GED, clean record, and time to serve your township. We will give you all the training you need.

Have a safe holiday season.

Steve Mojzuk, Courtland Fire Chief

#### **CLERK'S NOTES**

I have heard the statement "It takes a village...." Well in this case it certainly does take a village or should I say a township to run an election. We had 32 election inspectors working a combined 566.5 hours, including training, for the November 8, 2022 general election. This does not include the Deputy Clerk's or the Clerk's hours. The election inspectors are your neighbors, and

they are paid volunteers. They work long hours - 6:00 a.m. to in some cases midnight. The Deputy Clerk and the Clerk worked from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. which included driving the results down to the Kent County office after all of the precincts balanced and met with the Receiving Board.

I cannot thank all of the amazing election inspectors enough for your dedication, devotion and accuracy! You are what makes the elections safe, secure and free.

Sue Hartman, Clerk Nyha French, Deputy Clerk

#### **PARKS:**

Have you had the chance to play at the Courtland Township Park located at the Township Hall? If not, you're missing out! Bring your friends and family! Come and enjoy the highly acclaimed disc golf course surrounded by a mile of paved walking trail. Don't own discs? During township business hours you may borrow them at the township hall's front desk. Do you have the bug to learn to play pickle ball? Come try out the sport on one of the 8 new courts! Enjoy a game of horseshoes on the regulation sized courts as the little

#### **VOTER TURNOUT - 11/08/2022 - STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

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|  | Registered<br>Voters in<br>Courtland<br>Township | Voted in<br>Person |                  | Absentee |     | Turnout |     |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------|----------|-----|---------|-----|
|  |  | #                  | %                | #        | %   | #       | %   |
| Precinct 1 - Fire Station #2<br>(9535 Myers Lake Ave NE)               | 2248   | 1018               | 45%              | 589      | 26% | 1607    | 71% |
| Precinct 2 - Rockford<br>Springs Community Church<br>(5815 14 Mile Rd) | 2669   | 1141               | 43%              | 743      | 28% | 1884    | 71% |
| Precinct 3 - Township Hall<br>(7450 14 Mile Rd NE)                     | 2611   | 1073               | <mark>41%</mark> | 737      | 28% | 1810    | 69% |
| GRAND TOTALS:  | 7528   | 3232               | 43%              | 2069     | 27% | 5301    | 70% |
|  |  |                    |                  |          |     |         |     |

ones play on the playground and the older ones pick up a game of gaga ball. Have friends that like a pickup game of baseball? The park even has new bleachers for the cheering crowd!

There is something for everyone...even free Wi-Fi service for those that want to lounge. The pavilion is available for rental and includes handicap accessible picnic tables.

The Park on 10 Mile, formerly the fish hatchery, will include a walking trail and bird watching. It is scheduled for a grand opening in the Spring of 2023.

Interested in participating with the **park committee?** Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at the township hall. Subscribe on the Courtland Township website for news and alerts of upcoming events!



We are delighted to see the disc golf course getting a lot of action! The course is free to use. Remember to leave only your footprints behind when you exit the park.

Total Voter

# COURTLAND TOWNSHIP ONLINE SURVEY

Help us plan for Courtland Township's future! Please take an anonymous survey and provide us with your opinions on the vision for the community's growth and development. Survey is open through **December 31, 2022.** 

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/COURTLANDMASTERPLANSURVEY

Visit the link above or scan this QR code to take the survey. Hard copies are available at the Township Hall.



### COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Courtland Township needs your help in making the Township a better place to live, work, and play! Please join us in our effort to update the Township Master Plan by participating in a few activities at a Community Open House at the Township Hall. Come and share your vision for the community! Refreshments provided. Drop in any time.

WHEN: JANUARY 17, 2023

6-8 PM

WHERE: TOWNSHIP HALL

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