

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

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Summer, 2024

Summer Taxes

Summer taxes are due by Friday, September 16, 2024. Make checks payable to *Brown Township*. Options for paying taxes: mail a check, drop off in the drop box at the township hall or by appointment at the township hall. If paying with cash exact payment is required. Mail payments to: Brown Twp. Treasurer, 9180 River Rd, Manistee, MI 49660. (Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive a receipt). If using bill pay to send a payment, please make sure the address is correct. **Office hours will be held Friday, September 6, 2024 from 9 AM -12 PM and Monday, September 16, 2024 from 9 AM – 5 PM at the township hall.** No drop in's allowed at the treasurers home. Please call Melissa at 231-676-0431 with questions.

Please Vote – You have options!

As voters in Michigan, we have multiple options to vote. We already had one election in February and we are scheduled to have the Primary – August 6, 2024 and the Presidential Election – November 5, 2024. The township website will be updated with any changes.

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1. As always you can vote in the precinct at the Brown Township Hall the day of the election from 7 AM to 8 PM, allowing you to cast your vote in person.
2. You can cast your vote with a no reason Absentee Ballot. This ballot can be directly mailed to you or received in person from your Township Clerk.
3. As of November 2022, Michigan voters approved a constitutional amendment that gives voters the right to early in-person voting before statewide and federal elections. Early voting allows a voter to cast a ballot before Election Day, in an experience similar to voting on Election Day. You have 9 days before the Monday preceding the election to do this at Maple Grove Township Community Center in Kaleva. Dates and hours will be posted on the website.

Absentee ballots are available from the township clerk. Contact Deborah at 231-510-4732 if you would like an absentee ballot.

Hall Rental

Family get togethers, celebrations, just because, holidays, weddings, graduation parties, birthday's, celebration of life, Halloween parties, concerts and more is a little history of what the hall has been rented for in the past. Please keep our loving hall in your thoughts when you need a place for a larger crowd to get together. Resident cost is \$100 (\$50 deposit returned after inspection) and non-resident \$200 (\$50 deposit returned after inspection). Remember, certificate of liability insurance is required upon rental and must be produced to obtain keys. Call Jon Millsap at 231-357-2573 to schedule.

Township Officials

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Supervisor and Zoning Administrator:
Paul Adamski 231-510-7887

Clerk: Deborah Knutson
231-510-4732
clerkbrowntownship@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Melissa Hughey
231-676-0431
treasurerbrowntownship@yahoo.com

Trustee: Tim Joseph
231-477-5381

Trustee: Paul Wondolowski
231-233-6781

Assessor: Jared Litwiller
888-714-9288
jared_litwiller@hotmail.com

Hall Rental: Jon Millsap
231-357-2573

County Commissioner: Nikki Koons
231-655-3425

Help Wanted!

Election Inspectors - Are people paid to assist voters at the polls on election day. If you are interested in being an inspector, you must submit an application. Applicants must be registered voters in the State of Michigan. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve. Call the Township Clerk at 231-510-4732 to pick up an application.

Board of Appeals (1) - If you are interested in serving on this board, please mail a resumé to the Clerk at 8025 Coates Hwy, Manistee, MI 49660 or call 231-510-4732 for more information.

Did you know?

- The township has a website with helpful information. Check it out at **www.browntownshipmi.com**
 - The master plan has been completed and can be found under the resident information tab
 - There is a new assessor tab
 - We do our best to keep the notices section up to date with current information
- Brown Township is a participating township with the Manistee Recreation Association. Check out www.manisteerecreation.com for current programs.

Planning new construction?

A land use permit may be needed. Please call Paul Adamski at 231-510-7887 for more information. Also available are demolition permits. Land use permits are \$75 and demolition permits are free.

Tire Recycling

Manistee County Scrap Tire Event is scheduled for Saturday, July 27 from 9 AM – 12 PM at the Bay Area Recycling for Community, 14407 Industrial Dr in Kaleva. Limit 10 tires per vehicle per visit. Fee is \$2 per tire (cash only). Must be clean and off the rim. Standard passenger and light-duty truck tires only. No commercial businesses or farms; household and residential tires only. For more information visit www.manisteecd2.org/scrap-tire-event

Household Hazardous Waste

Manistee County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for August 17, 2024 from 9 AM – 1 PM. For more information call 231-889-9666 or go to www.manisteecd2.org/hhw

Trash Reminder

Brown Township provides no cost trash drop-off for township residents. The waste truck is parked at the Brown Township Hall on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. This service is strictly meant for **residential household refuse only**.

The garbage truck is monitored and certain items will be refused: construction refuse, yard waste, car batteries, paint, tires and larger items that are not household waste. These types of items need to be taken to the county landfill on Camp Road or disposed of through the Household Hazardous Waste program or tire recycling program. Scrap metal can be brought on the pick-up days. Please don't drop off items in the parking lot on non-trash days. We thank you for your assistance!

Recycle Right

Our township offers recycling to all residents with access available any time. Thank you to those who deposit only clean material and flatten boxes. It is important to "recycle right"! Think of your items being sorted on a conveyor belt - keep food waste and trash out!

Put everything into the trailer loose (not in a bag). Recycle questions? Call 855-246-9376 or visit www.manisteecountymi.gov/356/Recycling

Cardboard can be placed in the trailers in Brethren, Kaleva, or Onekama. Schools will earn money from the cardboard recycle trailers. Recycling helps the environment and reduces the cost of trash pick-up for our Township. Thank you for recycling right!