

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

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Winter, 2024

Spring Cleanup!

Brown Township will have additional trash trucks at our regular trash drop-off on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Drop-off for this date only will start at 8:00 AM and end at 11:00 AM. No paint, tires, batteries, or yard waste will be accepted. Brown Township residents only.

New from your Planning Commission!

Your Brown Township Planning Commission has completed the updated Master Plan, which is posted on the township website. The Master Plan provides a brief history of the township, explains current land use trends, and lays out a plan for future development. To access this document, go to the website at: www.browntownshipmi.com. Choose the *Resident Information* tab and click on Master Plan.

The Planning Commission has also been working on an updated Zoning Ordinance. They hope to have the document completed and posted online before the end of this year. In the meantime, you can view the draft version by going to the township website at the address given above.

Market Place

A Market Place was started this summer in the Brown Township parking lot. The goal is to restart in late spring or early summer, but details are still pending. Updated information will be posted in the notices section on the township website: www.browntownshipmi.com

Winter Taxes

Winter taxes are due by Friday, February 14, 2025. 1% interest and 3% penalty will be included starting February 15 and on the first of month thereafter. Make checks payable to *Brown Township*. Options for paying taxes are: 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 December 30, 2024, February 14, 2025, and February 28, 2025 from 9 AM – 5 PM at the township hall.** If you have not yet paid your summer taxes, you can still pay them to the township, please call Melissa for an updated amount due. After February 28, property taxes for the 2024 season must be paid at the Manistee County Treasurers office. No drop ins allowed at the treasurer's home. Please call Melissa at 231-676-0431 with questions.

Township Officials

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Trustee: Paul Wondolowski
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Hall Rental: Jon Millsap
231-357-2573

County Commissioner: Nikki Koons
231-655-3425

Found

A ring was found on the ground near the recycling bins late this summer. Please call Deborah at 231-510-4732 to identify and claim.

Good-Bye Brown 7!

Brown 7 was a retired gas sweetening plant located on 12 acres on Collins Road in Brown Township. When it was operational, the plant separated hazardous hydrogen sulfide from petroleum product that was piped in from regional wells. The plant has not been used in this capacity for a number of years due to the depletion of the petroleum reserves, but the equipment has remained on site. In its day, Brown 7 was one of the largest facilities of its kind in the state. The Township Board and Planning Commission have considered the site to be blight on the landscape and have been committed to seeing it reclaimed to its natural vegetative state.

Lambda Energy Resources is an oil and gas company which has been buying old wells and sweetening plants in Michigan. They have an interest in using the sites to store carbon due to the unique geology of the Niagaran Reef along which the old wells are sited. Lambda agreed to clean up the Brown 7 site by removing all of the old, unused materials. This included buildings, towers, tanks, and pipes. At this point, all of the work has been done. The few pieces of equipment that remain on-site will be used to receive and transport (via underground pipeline) condensed CO2 which will be stored in the oil-depleted Niagaran Reef.

Lambda is using this reclamation as a test project for its other sites in the state. They were able to photograph the clean-up process to show before, during, and after images. We hope those photos will be made available for us to post on the website.

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.

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.

Help Wanted!

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.

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 will be monitored more closely, 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. Scrap metal can be brought on the pick-up days. **Please do not drop off items in the parking lot on non-trash days.** We thank you for your assistance!