

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

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Summer, 2026

Please Vote – You have options!

As voters in Michigan, we have multiple options to vote. We already had one election in May and will have a primary election on August 4, 2026 and a general election on November 3, 2026.

1. As always, you can vote in the precinct at the Brown Township Hall on 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. Early voting for Brown Township will take place at the Farr Center in Onekama from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM on July 25 - August 2 for the primary election and October 24 - November 1 for the general election.

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

Summer Taxes

Summer taxes are due by Monday, September 14, 2026. 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 Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 9 AM -12 PM and Monday, September 14, 2026 from 9 AM – 5 PM at the township hall.** No drop ins allowed at the treasurer's home. Please call Melissa at 231-676-0431 with questions.

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
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Treasurer: Melissa Hughey
231-676-0431
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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

Did you know?

- Manistee County uses CodeRED to send out public safety alerts. Text "MANISTEE" to 99411 to enroll or visit www.manisteecountymi.gov/205/CodeRED-Emergency-Notifications for more information.
- The township has a website with helpful information including the Master Plan, Zoning, ORV, Junk, and Planning Commission Ordinances. There is also information on garbage and recycling for township residents, as well as a notices section that we do our best to keep updated. Check it out at www.browntownshipmi.com
- Brown Township is a participating township with the Manistee Recreation Association. Check out www.manisteerecreation.com for current programs.

Planning 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

As of this printing the dates for the Manistee County Scrap Tire Event are not yet confirmed. We will post information on the township website when we receive information on this event. Information will also be posted on the Manistee Conservation District website: manisteed2.org and facebook page: facebook.com/Manistecon

Household Hazardous Waste

Manistee County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for August 15, 2026 from 9 AM – 1 PM at the Manistee Road Commission. For more information call 231-889-9666 or go to www.manisteed2.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 do not 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

Meeting Times

The Brown Township board typically meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. The planning commission typically meets on the first Monday of the month at 6 PM. All meetings take place at the Brown Township Hall and are open to the public. Changes will be posted on the board next to the door.