

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

Summer, 2022

Whats Happening?

- Lyman Rd. repair contract is signed and work is slated for this summer;
- ORV Ordinance has been drafted and will be approved very soon;
- Zoning Ordinance revisions are in the works by the Planning Commission;
- Junk Ordinance revisions are in the works by the Planning Commission;
- Updates to our township master plan is next on the list!

Social Media & Township Website!

The township has a Facebook page now to assist our residents in providing information and updates. Please like the page to see when updates occur. It can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Brown-Township-105700964533187/>

www.browntownshipmi.com There is always new things happening every month here in Brown Township. Check out our website for special notices every month. If you have any photo's you'd like to share to place on the website – please send to clerkbrowntownship@yahoo.com.

Summer Taxes

Summer taxes are due by Monday, September 14, 2022. 1% interest will be included per month after that date. Options for paying taxes are: mail a check, drop off in white locked drop box on front porch of treasurer's home or by appointment. Make payable to *Brown Township*: Brown Twp. Treasurer, 8406 Coates Hwy., Manistee, MI 49660. **(Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive a receipt as they are not automatically mailed anymore)**. Office hours will be September 14, 2022 from 9 AM – 5 PM. Please call Lani with questions (794-0837).

Blight Issues

What does blight property mean?

Blight encompasses vacant lots, abandoned buildings, and **houses** in derelict or dangerous shape, as well as environmental contamination. **Blight can** also refer to smaller **property** nuisances that creep up on cities and suburbs: overgrown lawns, uncollected litter, inadequate street lighting, and other signs of neglect.

The township continues to receive complaints regarding some residents not keeping their property up to par. Please be mindful for your property and keep things cleaned up, looking good and without a yard full of broken-down vehicles, house furniture, etc. The township supervisor has been watching closer and making house calls to enforce the township junk ordinance. Please take this seriously and help keep our township looking fabulous!

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 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. Most people flatten boxes and deposit only clean materials. 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 855-246-9346

Residents of Brown Township may use any of these recycle sites: Arcadia, Onekama, and Springdale Twp. Halls. Paper and cardboard can be placed in the trailers in Brethren or Manistee. Schools will earn money from these paper trailers.

Recycling helps the environment and reduces the cost of trash pick-up for our Township.

Thank you for recycling right!

Household Hazardous Waste

Manistee County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for August 20, 2022 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Manistee County Road Commission. For more information call 231-889-9666.

Absentee Ballot anyone? Vote: It's Your Right!

We want to encourage everyone to get out and vote but we also want to give everyone the opportunity to vote. If you are interested in receiving an absentee ballot, please contact Deborah Knutson, the clerk at 231-510-4732 or email her at clerkbrowntownship@yahoo.com. There will be an Election Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and Tuesday, November 8, 2022.