

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

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Winter, 2025

Spring Cleanup!

Brown Township will have additional trash trucks at our regular trash drop-off on Saturday, May 2, 2026. 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.

Winter Taxes

Winter taxes are due by Tuesday, February 17, 2026. 1% interest and 3% penalty will be included starting February 18 and on the first of month thereafter. 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 December 29, 2025, February 17, 2026, and March 2, 2026 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 March 2, property taxes for the 2025 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.

Did you know?

The township has a website with helpful information for our township residents and landowners. **Newly added is a section on fire safety.** The Master Plan, Zoning, ORV, Junk, and Planning Commission Ordinances can also be found on the website as well as information on garbage and recycling for township residents, and 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.

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.

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

Please Vote – You have options!

As voters in Michigan, we have multiple options to vote. As of this printing there will be a primary on August 4, 2026 and general election on November 3, 2026. If there is an additional election in May, the township website will be updated. **www.browntownshipmi.com**

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 the Farr Center in Onekama. 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.

Planning Commission

The planning commission is making an effort to improve communications with Brown Township residents regarding planning commission meetings. Regular Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the township hall. On occasion, those meetings need to be changed, but as always, the change will be posted at the hall.

Special meetings and public hearings are posted at the hall and in the local newspaper as required. However, some residents do not subscribe to the local newspaper or do not check the postings at the hall on a regular basis. Therefore, the planning commission will be offering electronic announcements to those residents who are interested. If you would like to receive an email or text notifying you of Planning Commission special meetings or public hearings, please send your information to Tony Lamb at tonylamb@hotmail.com

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 construction?

A land use permit may be needed. 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.

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 AM to 11 AM. This service is strictly meant for **residential household refuse only**. Construction refuse, yard waste, car batteries, paint, tires, and larger 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.** Thank you for your assistance.