

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

Winter, 2022

Whats Happening?

- 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 are in the works (please take our survey on our website!)

Township Website!

MASTER PLAN – PUBLIC SURVEY! Please go to www.browntownshipmi.com and take our survey! Every landowner in Brown Township – we need your participation so the Planning Commission can consider your ideas and visions of what you'd like your township to become! Very exciting opportunity to voice your opinions so please take advantage of this!

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 23-510-4732 for more information.

Winter Taxes & 2022 Season

Winter taxes are due by Tuesday, February 14, 2023. 1% interest and 3% penalty 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. Office hours will be December 28, 2022 and February 28, 2023 from 9 AM – 5 PM at the treasurer's home. **Receipts: If paying by check, your canceled check serves as a receipt. If mailed receipt is required, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.** Please call Lani with questions (794-0837).

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, insurance rider is required upon rental and must be produced to obtain keys. Call Jon Millsap to schedule.

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!

WINTER HEMLOCK SURVEYING

Help ISN prevent the spread of hemlock woolly adelgid - **NO COST TO LANDOWNER!**

The Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN) will be conducting surveys this winter (January - April) for hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). HWA is an invasive pest insect that targets hemlock trees. ISN is looking for private properties to survey that fall within the below parameters:



Property is located within Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, or Manistee County

Property is located within 10 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline



There are 5 or more acres of property (or multiple neighboring properties that add up to a minimum of 5 acres)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

One or more trees were purchased from an online retailer and/or property is located along the Manistee/Mason county border or along the Manistee River



If you have property that qualifies, please contact ISN's Murielle Garbarino - (231)941-0960 x29 or mgarbarino@gtcd.org

More information: www.HabitatMatters.org

Funding for this project is provided by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program, administered by the Mason-Lake Conservation District.

Township Officials



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Our County Commissioner:
Nikki Koons 655-3425

Happy Holidays

from

Brown Township!