

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

Summer, 2021

Whats Happening?

The board has requested the Planning Commission to add development of an ORV Ordinance to their task list. It will take some time to develop as they have other items to conclude first.

Lyman Rd. work is being slated for 2022! The Manistee County Road Commission already has their work scheduled for the remainder of 2021 so we made sure to get on the schedule for 2022! The cost will not be shared with Bear Lake so we had to make sure the funds were available to cover the entire cost.

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/>

In addition, we are working diligently on creating a township website. The website is being developed right now and the web address will be: **www.browntownshipmi.com** Our goal is to have information readily available to make things easier for our residents. We hope it will be completed by the time you read this message! 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, 2021. 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, 2021 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 has been receiving 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. Please take this seriously and help keep our township looking fabulous!

Township Officials

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Supervisor and Zoning Administrator:
Paul Adamski 510-7887

Clerk: Deborah Knutson
510-4732

Treasurer: Lani Millsap
794-0837

Trustee: Tim Joseph
477-5381

Trustee: Paul Wondolowski
233-6781

Assessor: Jared Litwiller
888-714-9288

Hall Rental: Jon Millsap
357-2573

Our County Commissioner:
Nikki Koons 655-3425

Archives

A group of volunteers, with support from the Township Board, is undertaking a project to collect photos showing the history of Brown Township. The intent is to copy the photos (or documents), have them framed and displayed in the Brown Township Hall. Do you have photos of barns, homes or local landmarks from our area? Perhaps family photos showing land grant "settlers" at home or at work on their farms? Could there be photos of tribal members or logging camps in your box of memories? Perhaps barn-raising or house building? Contact Pam Tompke at 889-5785 for more information, to share a photo, or to volunteer your help. All photos will be copied and returned.

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, Onkama, 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!

Tire Recycling

Manistee County Scrap Tire Event is scheduled Saturdays from June 26th to September 25th from 10 am – 2 pm. Limit 10 tires per vehicle per visit. Fee is \$2 per tire (cash only). Must be clean and off the rim. For more information call 855-246-9376.

Household Hazardous Waste

Manistee County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for August 21, 2021 from 9 am – 1 pm. For more information call 231-889-9666.