



newsletter

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP

Fall 2024



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OFFICE HOURS:

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Fire Prevention Open House

Oct 10 6-8PM

The Georgetown Township Fire Department will be hosting its annual Fire Prevention Open House on Thursday, October 10 from 6-8PM. The event will take place at Fire Station #1 (corner of 14th Ave & 44th St.) with activities and demonstrations where participants can:

- view a Jaws of Life demonstration (7PM)
- meet a rescue diver
- put out a fire with a fire extinguisher
- check out the ambulance
- walk through the smoke house
- check out the fireboat and SWAT truck
- see over 20 emergency trucks!



Tree Lighting & Holiday Market

Get ready for the holiday season with the annual GT Community Tree Lighting and Holiday Market! Events take place at the Georgetown Township Public Library:

4-8PM: Holiday Market (lower level of Library)

6:30PM: Tree Lighting

6:45PM: West Michigan Community Chorale

6-8PM: Crafts for Kids

6-8PM: Food Trucks

6-8PM: Jenison Historical Society Open House (Local History Room)

7PM: Stories with Mrs. Claus



Dec. 3



Township Updates



Department of Public Works & Fire Support Complex

Georgetown Township provides a variety of services to the community, two of the most critical being water-sewer services and fire emergency response. The main facility that houses operations and stores vehicles and equipment related to these services was constructed in 1980, when the Township served half the population it currently serves. As part of a needs assessment study conducted in 2022, factors such as anticipated population growth, current storage needs, and personnel and training needs found that a 20,000 SF facility was needed.

The Board recently approved the construction of a DPW and Fire Support Complex at a cost not to exceed \$4.2 million. This facility, which will be located behind Georgetown Township Fire Station #1 on 44th Street & 14th Avenue, will accommodate DPW personnel, provide secure storage for DPW vehicles and equipment, and provide space and infrastructure for Fire Department training. Above all, the construction of this facility will protect our critical assets, improve operating efficiency, and allow us to better meet the growing needs of our community. **The project has an estimated completion date of June 2025.**



Fall Fire Safety Reminders GT Fire Department

As the fall season brings cooler temperatures outside, inside things are warming up. During the fall and winter months, fire hazards dramatically increase.

Here are some tips to get your space ready for winter and avoid a house fire:

- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Develop a home fire safety & evacuation plan.
- Replace furnace filters.
- Have your fireplace cleaned and inspected.
- Review the Township burning ordinance before burning yard waste. Burning leaves is not allowed in most zoning districts.



Assessing Department

The beginning of every new year marks Personal Property Tax season. Personal Property is not physical real estate (buildings or land), but refers instead to the assets (e.g. furniture, equipment, electronics, etc...) owned or leased by a business that operates in Georgetown Township.

In early January, the Assessing Department mails Personal Property forms to businesses. These forms are specific to the tax year, so a 2024 form cannot be filed in 2025. Businesses are required by the State to file Personal Property forms. If you operate a business within Georgetown Township limits, please watch for these documents! Be sure to file all paperwork with the Assessing Department before the due date in February (listed on the form).

Many businesses qualify for the Small Business Property Tax Exemption, however you only receive the exemption if you are eligible for it and apply for it. The State Tax Commission requires that this form be filled out in its entirety for the exemption to be granted. A guide to completing the Exemption form will be available on our website around the beginning of the year.

Please contact the Assessing Department if you have any questions regarding business Personal Property (616-457-2340 ext. 238). Accountants are also a helpful resource for business owners trying to navigate tax forms.



THANK YOU VETERANS for your service!

Check out our website at
www.gtwp.com

Experience Georgetown



gtpl.org

Library Events

Georgetown Township Public Library

Fall Fest: Oct. 25 6-8PM



The Library is once again partnering with Ridgewood CRC to offer an evening of family fun to the GT community. From 6-8PM, there will be games, crafts, pumpkin decorating, face painting, pie baking contest, trunk or treat, and more.



5th Anniversary Celebration: Oct. 27-30

Celebrate the 5th anniversary of the new and improved GT Library building. There will be special programming, contests, and, of course, cake.



Dinovember

Celebrate all things dinosaur throughout the month of November. Learn more about our prehistoric friends through fun programs and contests.

Holiday Extravaganza & Tree Display



Stop by on Saturday, December 14 from 10AM-12PM for horse-drawn carriage rides, crafts, treats, food trucks, stories with Ms. Liz, and a visit from Santa! Also, during the month of December, enjoy a display of themed Christmas trees throughout the library.

trick or treat

Suggested Trick or Treating hours are

6-8PM on Oct. 31st

Have a safe and fun Halloween!



Jenison History Events



Upcoming Programs:

Open Houses @ the Museum:

Oct. 1: 10AM-12PM
Oct. 19: 2-4PM
Nov. 5: 10AM-12PM

Oct. 10: What Used to Be Here
12:45PM at the Georgetown Library

Dec. 7: Christmas @ the Museum
1-4PM at the Jenison Museum

Visit www.jenisonhistory.org for more info.

GT Connections



It's a great time to join the 900+ other members, make new friends, and have fun at GT Connections! The Georgetown Senior Center offers a variety of social, recreational, and educational activities for individuals age 55 and better for as little as \$15 per year.

Upcoming trips include Meijer Garden Health Fair, wine tasting, and a Lansing riverboat cruise; other activities include music bingo, holiday parties, craft fair, and so much more!

You can also enjoy the soup & salad bar from 11:30-12:30 for just \$7 without a membership!

For more information about programming, membership, GT Transportation, or to see the monthly newsletter, please visit gtwp.com.

Holiday Closures

Township facilities will be closed Nov. 11, Nov. 28-29, Dec. 24-25, and Dec. 31 (closing at noon).

EARLY VOTING



Voters can vote at any of these four Early Vote Centers:

- Polkton Township Hall - 6900 Arthur St. Coopersville
- Georgetown Township Office - 1515 Baldwin St. Jenison
- Grand Haven Township - 13300 168th Ave. Grand Haven
- MDHHS Building - 12185 James Street, Holland

For more information on early voting, please visit www.miottawa.org/Departments/CountyClerk/Elections/early-voting.htm or use the QR code above.

Early Voting for the November election will take place on the following dates and times:

Saturday – Oct. 26:	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday – Oct. 27:	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Monday – Oct. 28:	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Tuesday – Oct. 29:	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Oct. 30:	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Thursday – Oct. 31:	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Friday – Nov. 1:	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Saturday – Nov. 2:	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday – Nov. 3:	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM