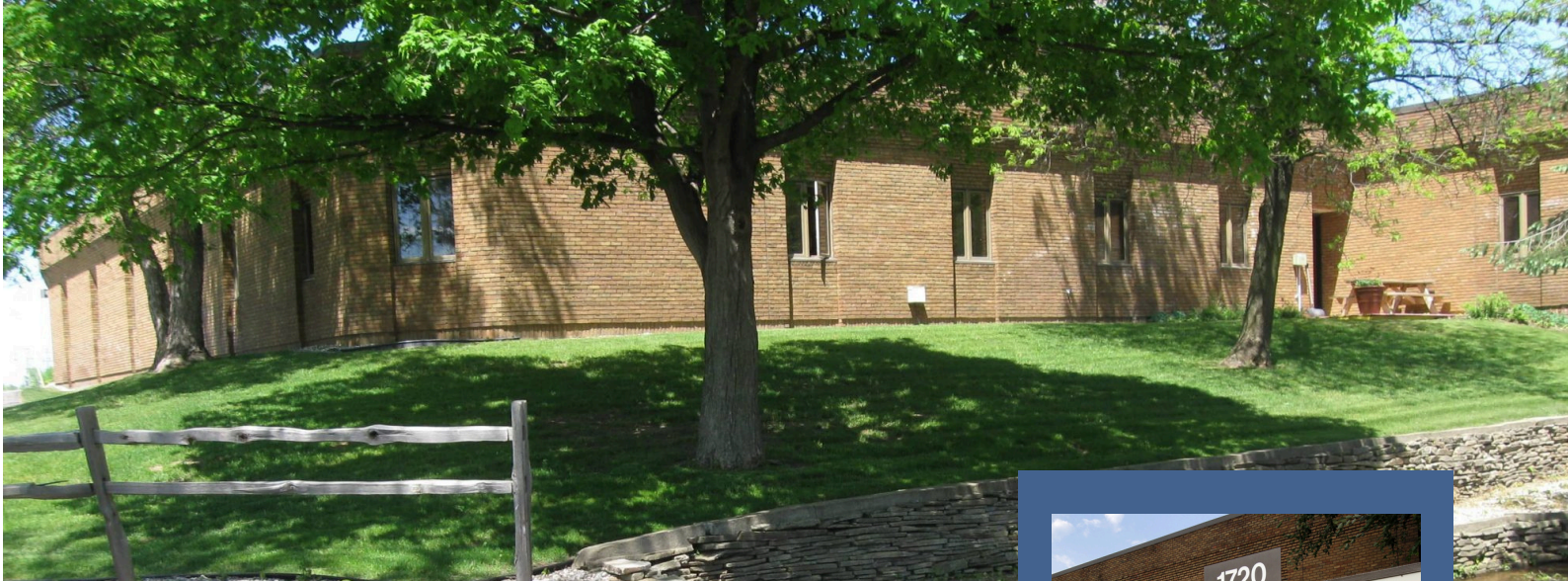


NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2024



Future Collections

Leaf/brush: Weeks of October 28th and November 18th. Place leaves in kraft paper yard bags. For brush/sticks less than 4' in length and 2" in diameter, tie them together or place them in kraft paper bags.

Bulk trash: Weeks of July 15th and November 4th. More details at www.ktwp.org.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): The County HHW Center accepts used motor oil and other car fluids, computers, TVs, etc. For more information, call (269) 373-5211 or go to www.kalcounty.com/hhw.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Kalamazoo Township Board meetings are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Individuals with disabilities requiring special assistance must contact the Township, giving five business days' notice by writing or calling: Clerk Lisa Mackie, 1720 Riverview Drive; Kalamazoo, MI 49004-1099; (269) 381-8080 or clerk@ktpw.org.

All meetings are at the Township Administrative Offices located at 1720 Riverview Drive. Check our website (www.ktpw.org) for any schedule changes.



MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Trustee Meetings

2nd Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. *

4th Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. *

Meetings can be viewed on Zoom and via Public News Media Channel 190

Planning Commission

1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. *

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. *

*unless otherwise noted

NEW TOWNSHIP SUPERINTENDENT

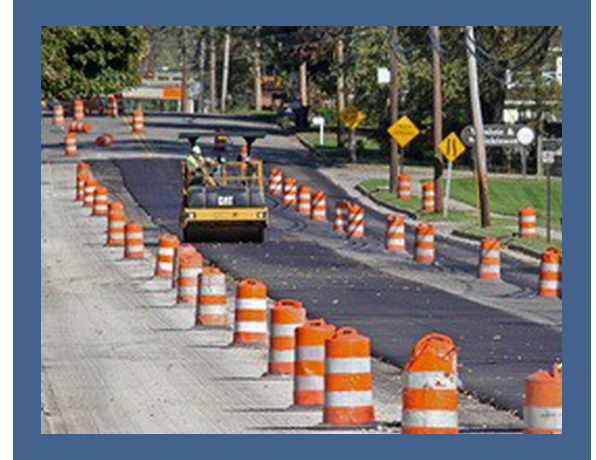
The Kalamazoo Township Board of Trustees appointed **Tracie Moored** as the newly created position of Township Superintendent. Moored brings over 25 years of leadership, finance, and human resources experience serving over a decade at Kalamazoo County government, most recently, as the County Administrator and Controller. She has worked as Western Michigan University's Controller for the past two years and holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Management.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) repairs and maintains our local roads and busier primary roads. The Township provides RCKC with added financial support.

For a list of planned road improvements and any questions, please call the **Township Highway Commissioner at (269) 381-8085**.



NEW US-131 INTERCHANGE

MDOT approved a \$20 million plan to enhance the interchange access to and from the US-131 Business Loop, beginning in 2024 and finishing in December 2025, to significantly aid businesses in northern Kalamazoo Township and our neighboring communities.

Bright News!

Kalamazoo Township partners with Consumers Energy to provide street lighting services. To date, the utility has converted 43% of our 1,475 lamps to energy-saving LED lamps with lower operating costs.



COMMUNITY POLICING UPDATE



Exciting changes happening at TKPD

With the award of a substantial U.S. Department of Justice grant and funding allocated by the Township of Kalamazoo Board of Trustees, TKPD reaffirms its commitment to community policing and is thrilled to announce the return of the Community Policing Unit (CPU).

The primary focus of the CPU is to enhance trust and collaboration between TKPD and those we serve by addressing issues plaguing the community. These issues include blight, traffic concerns, and neighborhood problems. The CPU works closely with the community, using strategies to enhance outreach and increase the quality of life within Kalamazoo Township.

Sergeant Derek Thompson, who joined the department in 2015, will lead the community policing team. Sergeant Thompson is excited to take on the new role and for the opportunity to work closely with community members. TKPD thanks our community for their continued support!

FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING

The Fire Department is hiring this summer for Paid-On-Call Firefighters. If you are interested in doing the work to help your neighbors and community in its time of need, please apply by clicking [here](https://www.ktwp.org/departments/fire/) or visit our website at:

<https://www.ktwp.org/departments/fire/>

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS

- Northwood Fire Station – 2817 N. Burdick Street
- Westwood Fire Station – 1310 Nichols Road
- Eastwood Fire Station – 2703 E. Main Street



Questions about the Fire Department? Please feel free to stop into any of our stations or offices. Or, you can call (269) 381-8080.

TAX NEWS

Summer Tax Bills

Summer tax payments can be made at the Township office or online, beginning July 1st. We can accept payment in any amount, any day, week, or month up to and including September 16th. Summer tax payments may be made through February 28, 2025, but will incur additional penalties and interest. The last day for qualified taxpayers to file intent for Summer Tax Deferral is September 17, 2024.

If qualified, a Summer Tax Deferral permits taxes to be paid at a later date, without any additional penalty and interest, as long as the payment is received by February 14, 2025

Non-Escrow Accounts – Those of you without escrow accounts can expect your summer tax bill the 1st week of July.

Escrow Accounts – For those with Escrow accounts, tax bills will be sent directly to your mortgage company. If you would like a copy of your tax bill, please contact the Treasurer’s Office via email or phone and we will email a copy to you, or stop in to the Township Hall.

For more information, please go to <https://www.ktwp.org/departments/treasurer/> or call (269) 381-8080.

Summer Hours (June 28th–August 23rd)

Our summer office hours are:

- Monday – Thursday day from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Fridays – closed**
 - Beginning August 26th, we will be open on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



ELECTION NEWS

The Township Clerk's Office and people from our community administer elections in Kalamazoo Township. Every eligible voter in Kalamazoo Township is encouraged to exercise their right to vote in every election. **The State and Local Primary Election will be held on August 6, 2024, and the General Election will be held on November 5, 2024.**

There are multiple ways to vote in Michigan and Kalamazoo Township:

- **ELECTION DAY:** You may vote on election day at your assigned precinct. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **ABSENTEE:** We are no longer maintaining an absent voter application list. You can still request one from the Clerk's office. You can also be placed on the permanent ballot list, which means you will automatically receive a ballot before each election.
- **EARLY VOTING:** Early voting is managed by the Kalamazoo County Clerk's Office. Voters have nine (9) consecutive days of early voting, beginning two Saturdays prior to Election Day, and ending the Sunday before Election Day. There will be four (4) early voting sites throughout Kalamazoo County, all of which can accommodate voters from any participating jurisdiction, including Kalamazoo Township.

Each site is open from **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily:**

- WMU's Fetzer Center: 2251 Business Court, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
- Douglass Community Association: 1000 W Paterson Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
- Kalamazoo County Expo Center: 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
- Portage Parks & Recreation Department: 320 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002

Early voting is only active for state and federal elections. The locations will not be available for any local or special elections.

The Clerk's Office is certified by the State to train election workers and ensure fair, accurate, secure, and accessible elections. We are accepting applications for election inspectors of all party preferences, especially Republican inspectors, to maintain a healthy balance in each precinct. The State of Michigan requires that members of both major political parties are working in each polling location. Inspectors are trained, certified, and paid at least \$15 per hour. Contact the Clerk's office for more information by email: elections@ktwp.org or by phone: (269) 381-8082.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you currently need help with health or safety home repairs in your home and are unsure where to turn for help? Reach out to KNHS Homeownership Services or Community Homeworks to determine if either or both organizations can assist you with your home. Both organizations are open Mondays to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHAT WE CAN DO:

- Furnace repairs, replacements, and maintenance
- Boiler repairs
- Water heater repairs, replacements, and maintenance
- Gas line repairs
- Critical Plumbing Repairs
- Electrical service and panel upgrades, wiring issues
- Flooring repairs – safety issues only
- Stair and porch railings, handrails and treads – safety issues only
- Window and door repairs and replacements – safety issues only
- Smoke Detectors/CO detectors
- Minor environmental hazard remediation
- Minor weatherization

WHAT WE CAN'T DO:

- Major structural work
- Cosmetic work
- Home remodeling/renovations
- Boiler replacement
- Landscaping
- Roof repairs or replacements
- Gutters
- Chimney work
- Attic repairs
- Insulation
- Siding
- Driveway or sidewalk repairs
- Pest/rodent removal
- Asbestos remediation



For more information, please contact:

KNHS Homeownership Services

<http://knhs.org>

(269) 385-2916

homeownership@knhs.org

1219 S. Park Street

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Community Homeworks

<http://communityhomeworks.org>

(269) 998-3275

info@communityhomeworks.org

810 Bryant Street

Kalamazoo, Michigan

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- Property values and taxes
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