

Office Hours
Mon & Wed 9 am - 4 pm
Tues & Thur 9 am - 1 pm
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OREGON TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Oregon Township
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Oregon Township Board: Supervisor, Jill K. Bristow; Clerk, Michelle Osip;
Treasurer, Cheryl Rhein-O'Neill; Trustees, Wayne Barber & Phil Krysinski
Assessor: Debra A. Krysinski, Office hours Monday : 8:30 to 2:30 and Tuesday 8:30 to 11:30 or by appointment

Township Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall
Planning Commission: 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall

Oregon Township Website www.oregontownship.org

Oregon Township encourages our residents, and any agent working on their behalf, to visit our website, designed to provide as much Township information as possible. We will update our website continually, keeping Township information as current as possible. The website provides information regarding Township hours, public notices, meetings, tax information, burn permit information and election information and provides the ability to download many Township forms and other information that can be helpful. The Zoning Ordinance is available online. There are links to GLTA, Library, Police and Fire Departments. Visit these sites to see what is available. Like the Township on Facebook.

Road Work in the Township - The Township Board continues to work closely with the Road Commission in an effort to improve roads within our Township. Two major road projects were completed during our last fiscal year, (1) being the completion of the final one-mile stretch of Oregon Road between Elba Road and Washburn Road and (2) the over-lay of Bronson Lake Road between Gray and Klam/Marathon Roads, which extended northerly on Marathon Road to repair dangerous "dips" in that portion of the road. The Township is in the process of determining the road goals for our 2024-2025 fiscal year. Several roads are being considered and prioritized in an attempt to accomplish as many projects as possible. Some of those projects may include Carpenter Road, German Road, various gravel roads, etc. The Township works with the Road Commission using a tool referred to as an "Assets Management" plan wherein both the Township and Road Commission have a visual document to track and strategize for the most urgent road projects. The "Assets Management" map is available for review on the RC website as well as in our Township offices. Also, visit our website, under the Public Notices tab, for the "Lapeer County Road Commission Fact Sheet" to learn and understand the many aspects of our Lapeer County public road system.

Burn Permit and Emergency Information: Burn Permits - Please remember that your 2023 annual burn permit expired on December 31, 2023. Both the Lapeer City Fire Department and the Marathon Area Fire Authority will continue to issue an annual burn permit for 2024 which will be effective from the date you request your burn permit through December 31, 2024. Burn permits will be issued online or by phone. There is no charge for a burn permit. Any burning without a burn permit is an unauthorized burn and may be subject to a penalty. Penalties when ordinance is violated: \$250.00 for first violation, \$500.00 for the second and \$1000.00 for any violation thereafter. Violations: Visit our website at oregontownship.org under the "Public Safety" tab for violation details.

Lapeer City Fire Department-www.lapeerburnpermit.com 810-664-0833 Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Marathon Area Fire Authority-www.marathontwp.com 810-793-2002 Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***Smart 911.com**—Protect The Ones You Love by creating a free Safety Profile at Smart911.com, which allows you to provide Police, Fire and EMS with lifesaving information during a crisis when every second counts.

***ICE Program - ICE stands for "in case of emergency"**. By creating an ICE entry in your cell phone "contacts", if there is an emergency, the police or EMS can immediately reach your family. You can add more than one ICE contact. For example: ICE 2, ICE-Wife or ICE-Husband.

Important Township Information

***Tax and Assessing Information** - Tax and assessing information is available on our website. This information is free for your property. You will be required to create a log on and password, then you may view or print your information.

***Credit Card Payments** - The Township accepts credit/debit card online or in the office for property taxes. There is a 3% convenience fee.

***Property Inspections** - To request a property inspection while you are away from home or to speak with a deputy, contact Central Dispatch at 667-0292 anytime.

***Storm Assistance**—Please call Central Dispatch at 667-0292 to report needs ie: warming shelters, food and water.

***Hall Rentals** - Rental of the Township Hall is \$200 + \$100 refundable deposit and is available to Township residents only.

***Lions Club Glasses and Hearing Aid Box**—is located in the lobby at the Township Hall, if you would like to donate used items.

***Drop Boxes** - Drive -up white drop box located in front of the Township Hall and wall drop box located near front entrance doors for dropping off items after hours.

***Recycling** - Recycling is held at North Lapeer Recycling in Deerfield Township, please call 793-7557 for time and cost. You can check with your disposal company for curbside recycling costs. Rick Rhein Disposal offers curbside recycling to its customers at an additional cost.

***Zoning and Building Permits** - May be obtained at Construction Code Authority located at 1075 Suncrest Dr., Lapeer MI Phone(810) 667-0420

New Township Warning Siren

In May of 2023, the Township Board approved the installation of a warning siren at the Township Hall. Tornado siren tests are conducted April through October on the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm and last approximately three (3) minutes. For more information, visit Lapeercounty.org under the Emergency Management tab.

Voting Information:

There will be three elections in 2024; The Presidential Primary February 27th, the Local Primary August 6th and the General Election November 5th. **Early Voting starts February 17th for the Presidential Primary Election.** Absent voter ballot applications are available on the Township website or by calling the Clerk's office. All voting will be held at the Oregon Township Hall. **Want to work a Township Election? Election Inspector Applications are available on the Township website or by calling the Clerk's office.**

Township Cemetery

Please contact the Township Clerk's Office for information on lot sales and burials at

810 664-5971 ext. 206

Special Thanks to the Oregon Township Staff: Debra Krysinski, Assessor; Jen Shaw-Gerwolds, Deputy Clerk; Dianne Baggett, Deputy Treasurer; Cheryl Place, Administrative Assistant; John Bristow Custodian/maintenance