

BROOKS TOWNSHIP

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ELECTIONS

The Primary Election will be held on August 2, 2016 and the General Election will be held on November 8, 2016. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee applications and ballots are available for these elections. You may stop by the office or call the township. If you are on the permanent absentee voter list you will be sent an application automatically. Please remember to bring a photo ID with you to the polls. If you have any questions please call Jennifer Badgero, Clerk, or Maureen Dutkiewicz, Deputy Clerk at 652-6763.

TRASH DAY 2016

The Brooks Township annual trash day was held on June 4. There were 9 -30 yard dumpsters filled and over 100 tires collected. Over 100 yards of scrap metal was brought in. The township also collected over 5000 lbs of electronics. We had over 150 vehicles come thru. A big **“THANK YOU”** to all the volunteers who made the day go smoothly. Mark your calendars for next year! The trash day is held on the first Saturday of June. Next years date is June 3. Please check your may newsletter to see what is accepted and what is not. We are always looking for volunteers to help. As always if you have any questions please feel free to call the township at 231-652-6763.

NEWS FROM THE COOLBOUGH NATURAL AREAS

If you have visited the Coolbough in the last few months you may have noticed some areas of red pine having been removed. This was done in order to return certain areas to their natural habitat. We are cleaning up the tops in some areas to improve the view.

The Michigan Nature Association will be holding workdays at the Coolbough on September 17 and December 10. The hours on both days will be from 10 am—2 pm. If you are interested in helping out with trail maintenance and invasive species removal you can meet at the south parking lot on the above days. If you have any questions please call the township. There are brochures and maps available at the township so feel free to stop by and pick one up. It is a beautiful area to visit.

BURN PERMITS

Getting a burn permit has never been easier. By using the interactive map at www.michigandnr.com/burnpermits you are able to see if burning is permitted in your area on a given day. Updates are made daily at 10 a.m. If **“YES”** appears in the Burning Permits Issued column, you are authorized to burn that day. This serves as your burn permit. You don't need to print anything. Burning authorized by this permit is for yard rakings and brush **ONLY**. It does not relieve the responsible person(s) of liability for all damages resulting from the escape of the fire. You are responsible for [understanding Michigan's Open Burning Laws and Rules](#). You may also call the Cadillac Management Unit at 231-745-4651 or 1-866-922-2876.

ROADS, ROADS, ROADS...

As the weather gets warmer it is time for road repairs. The township board has budgeted \$262,000 for road repairs and \$24,000 for brining roads in the township. As in the past, the Township will pay the Newaygo County Road Commission to contract for the road improvements and repairs, while the brining will be contracted directly by the Township. The improvements and repairs include: Repaving of asphalt roads in poor condition, re-sealing asphalt roads in poor-to-fair condition to extend their life, spot repairing and wedging of cracks and road edges.

BROOKS TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVMENTS AND REPAIRS 2016 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

STREET NAME	TOTAL LENGTH	PROJECT TYPE	COST
SUMMER AVE. TO M-82	1500 FT	WEDGE/RESEAL	\$15,550
SPRUCE AVE. NORTH OF M-82	3500 FT	RESEAL	\$19,975
LINDEN AVE.FROM CITY LIMITS TO M-82	1500 FT	RESEAL	\$8,550
PARK BLVD BETWEEN 88TH ST. AND CATALPA AVE.	2500 FT	WIDEN, GRAVE TREE REMOVAL	\$27,800
78TH ST AND WALNUT TO 80TH AND SUMMER	.5 mile	WEDGE	\$34,000
TULIP NORTH OF 88TH ST	2400 FT	GRUB, GRADE AND GRAVEL	\$64,844
56TH ST BETWEEN M-37 AND CENTERLINE	1.0 MILE	OVERLAY	\$91,000
		TOTAL COST	\$261,719.00

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Beginning on July 1, 2016, the zoning administrator will have new hours. Joe Selzer will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. His lunch break is from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you are planning on doing any construction or remodeling please call the township to see if a permit is required. Zoning compliance permit applications are also available on the township website. They can be filled out and returned to jselzer@brookstownship.org. If you have any questions please feel free to call him at 231-652-6763, ext. 140.