



Get Ready for the 22nd ANNUAL
BROOKS TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY!
(BROOKS TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY!)
SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021
from 8 a.m. – 2p.m.

WHAT: Brooks Township Clean-up Day
WHEN: Saturday, June 26, from 8am – 2pm
WHERE: Brooks Township Hall parking lot (490 Quarterline Rd.)
COST: Free to Brooks Township property owners

What we will accept:

- All old appliances**
- Furniture
- Roofing Materials
- Auto parts & engines (with oil removed)
- Lawn mowers
- Lawn chairs
- Electronics
- Sheet metal**
- Old bicycles**
- Bed springs **& mattresses
- Fencing or wood
- Tires
- Plastic & vinyl siding

What we will not accept:

- No car bodies or frames
- No yard waste or brush
- No gas tanks
- No propane tanks
- No sealed containers
- No paint
- No hazardous materials
- No batteries
- No concrete
- No compost
- No household garbage
- No medical waste

TIRE COST:

ALL TIRE SIZES.....\$5.00 per tire
Limits on kind & number of tires may be imposed

** We will have dumpsters available to recycle scrap metal. To make unloading easier, put scrap metal at the bottom of your junk pile.

Clean-up Day is intended for household refuse only. No business waste.

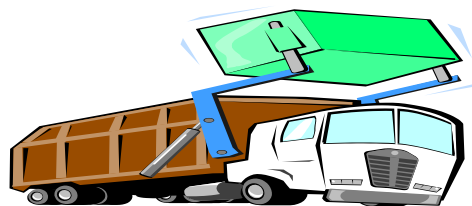
The Township has the right to reject any materials deemed unacceptable

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PROOF OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN BROOKS TOWNSHIP IS REQUIRED
(proof of property examples might include newsletter, tax bill, drivers license)

ALL LOOSE TRASH MUST BE BAGGED OR BOXED!!!

**YOU WILL NEED TO UNLOAD
YOUR OWN VEHICLES**



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. 2020 was quite a year for all of us. There were struggles all around and we continue to see them today. As we move forward thru 2021 be assured that all township officials are doing their best to listen and represent all of you with honesty, integrity and ingenuity. The ingenuity comes with trying to figure out how to do our jobs with much adversity during these times. I could not have more respect for the team of township officials you have assembled to represent your interests. We, like you, continue to preserve and continue to believe that the end of the COVID tunnel is in sight.

I have been meeting with the USDA Forest Service regarding some changes that could be happening soon. I attended a meeting regarding the Huron-Manistee National Forest. Most of the people around here know this area as the "Prairie". Firewood permits for 2021 are free. However you still need a permit to collect and it is NOT to be sold. The officials from the Forest Service asked the we stress to residents some important facts regarding this area.

1. Any one with a permit must know where they are and where they can cut wood. Please use the map provided with the permit or download the **AVENZA** app for your phone.

2. The areas where you **CANNOT** cut wood are:

Active timber sale sections

Wetland areas

Research Natural Areas (RNA'S)

The USDA Forest Service strives to protect the federal lands that are designated national forest areas on maps, platbooks and apps. There seems to be an increase of ORV traffic in areas that do **NOT** allow motor vehicles. This traffic is now destroying many of these areas. People in those areas must understand and abide by the laws. They must know where they are at all times. Please stay out of and off areas that are protected. The USDA Forest Service is ramping up enforcement with plans to shut areas off using barricades and in person enforcement. Everyone must work together to educate ourselves and others in order to preserve these areas and continue to be able to use them. There are maps and apps for your phones to use. Download the AVENZA app or call the Baldwin/White Cloud Forest Service office at 231-745-5852. Please abide by the rules or everyone will lose the ability to enjoy these beautiful areas.

The township has not scheduled any road projects for the 2021-22 budget year. The monies used come from the general fund. The last six years the township has averaged around \$250,000 a year for roads. Without a road millage for monies to use we are pausing any road projects this year. The township has worked with the Newaygo County Road Commission over the past years to recognize what needed to be addressed. They have served us well but without funding nothing can be done. The township would ask that everyone seriously consider a road millage of 1 mill. This would add funds to be used strictly for road maintenance and repairs. Monies from the general fund would also be added when available. Something must be done in the near future or there will be no monies available for any road projects. Below is what the cost would be for some residents. Please realize that amounts will vary with taxable values. The amount collected each year would be approximately \$150,000. **ALL THE TOWNSHIP IS DOING RIGHT NOW IS ASKING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.**

EXAMPLES OF COST FOR A 1 MILL ROAD MILLAGE

50,000 Taxable Value	\$ 50.00/year
75,000 Taxable Value	\$ 75.00/year
100,000 Taxable Value	\$100.00/year
125,000 Taxable Value	\$125.00/year
(\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable)	

The township will be bringing gravel roads four times this year instead of three. This should help to keep up with the dust this summer.

The township continues to partner with Newaygo County in regards to recycling. The site at the township is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to open and close the site. If you would be interested you can call the township at 231-652-6763. Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner, has been very instrumental in keeping recycling in the county going. We could like to thank him and everyone involved in this undertaking.

As always, please feel free to contact the township at 231-652-6763, regarding any questions and concerns.

Regards,

Cory Nelson, Supervisor.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



to be held @ the Newaygo County Road Commission
(M-20 just west of M-37)

May 15, 2021- 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you question dumping it on the ground or down your drain, we take it!

Hazardous items accepted at No Charge for Newaygo County residents!
Look for the flyer in the Hi-Lites and the Times Indicator for additional information!

Donations are greatly appreciated!

If you have questions call the Newaygo County Board of Public Works at 231-689-7213.

BROOKS TOWNSHIP ZONING DEPARTMENT

Just a reminder that if you are considering construction or project of any kind please check with the zoning department to see if any permits are required. Any construction or placing of buildings 200 sq. ft. or larger requires a permit. Call Joe Selzer, Zoning Administrator, at 231-652-6763, ext. 1140. Zoning Ordinances are available on our website along with some forms and applications. www.brookstownship.org.

BURN PERMITS

To obtain a burning permit go to the DNR website:

[www.michigandnr.com/burn permits](http://www.michigandnr.com/burn%20permits),

or call

866-922-BURN (866-922-2876).

TOWNSHIP CALENDER

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

May	10 Planning Comm. Mtg.	Aug.	9 Planning Comm. Mtg
	18 Twp. Board Mtg.		17 Twp. Board Mtg.
	31 Memorial Day (Office closed)	Sept.	6 Labor Day (Office closed)
June	14 Planning Comm. Mtg.		13 Planning Comm. Mtg.
	15 Twp. Board Mtg.		14 Summer Taxes Due
	26 Junk Day		21 Twp. Board Mtg.
July	1 Summer tax bills mailed	Oct.	11 Planning Comm. Mtg.
	12 Planning Comm. Mtg.		19 Twp. Board Mtg.
	20 Twp. Board Mtg.	Nov.	8 Planning Comm. Mtg.
			16 Twp. Board Mtg.
			25 Thanksgiving (Office closed)





Brooks Township Office
P.O. Box 625
490 Quarterline
Newaygo, MI 49337

Brooks Township Meeting Dates and Times

Brooks Township Board

(3rd Tuesday of the Month)
Cory Nelson, Supervisor
Jennifer Badgero, Clerk
Christina Haynor, Treasurer
Ryan Schultz, Trustee
Danielle Hummel, Trustee

Planning Commission

(2nd Monday of the Month)
Ryan Schultz
Karl Frederiksen
Pat Baker
Phil Knap
Chris Wren
Mark Pitzer
Mark Guzniczak

Zoning Board of Appeals

(Meets as needed)
Mark Pitzer
Greg Myers
Frank Janusz
Dave Warren
Derrick McLeod

Brooks Township Hours: 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
Phone 231-652-6763 Fax 231-652-6721
www.brookstownship.org

All meetings are held at the Township Office at 490 Quarterline, Newaygo at 7:00 p.m.