

Muskegon Charter Township

Thank you Clerk Ann D. Oakes and Welcome Clerk Carrie Westbrook



Muskegon Charter Township Clerk, Ann D. Oakes said "I would like thank all of you for the opportunity to serve you as Muskegon Charter Township Clerk." Clerk Oakes will be retiring this November after serving Muskegon Township for the past 12 years. Clerk Oakes has represented Muskegon Township very well, always putting our residents first and foremost. The residents and businesses of Muskegon Charter Township are grateful for the service and dedication Clerk Oakes gave to everyone during her 3 terms.

As we say goodbye and thank you to Clerk Oakes, we welcome Muskegon Township's newly elected Clerk, Carrie Westbrook. Married for 26 years, Carrie and her husband Aaron have lived in Muskegon Township for over 20 years and have 3 adult children who graduated from Reeths Puffer Schools. Prior to running for Clerk Carrie worked as a Trauma Registrar at Mercy Hospitals Hackley Campus. Prior to that position she worked for Helen Devos Children's Hospital and in administrative positions in nursing homes. Carrie loves her neighborhood and living near Reeths Puffer High School, and she wants everyone in Muskegon Township to feel the same way about where they live. Carrie will officially take office on November 20, 2020 and can be reached by phone at 231-777-2555 ext 1137 or via email a cwestbrook@muskegontwp.org. Carrie said "I am very humbled by the support I received from Muskegon Township residents during both the primary and general elections and I am very excited to begin working as your next Muskegon Township Clerk."



Welcome Clerk Westbrook

We Want Your.....Trash!

Our customers enjoy weekly trash removal, monthly recycling, and yard waste removal. With advance notice, we remove large items and additional trash with no additional fees. Customers also have free access to the yard waste site. The cost for services is only \$50 per quarter and includes your choice of a 64 gallon tote OR a 96 gallon tote plus one recycle tote.

You can sign up for sanitation services by stopping into township hall, the contract is also available on our website. Once we've received a completed contract services will begin on the next scheduled day for your area.

- **Tote Placement**—lid toward road—handle toward house
- **Extra Trash** will be picked up with advance notice occasionally. Residents who regularly have extra trash should obtain an additional tote for \$3.00 per quarter.
- **Christmas Tree Pick Up** will be on your garbage day the week of January 4 for sanitation customers only.



If you have any questions, contact the Front Desk staff at 231-777-2555 ext. 0



Valuable information from the assessing office

Ensuring the proper filing of a Homeowners Principal Residents Exemption (PRE) could result in a considerable cost savings on your tax bill, if you have recently moved or purchased your home please ensure you have filed your PRE.

If you own vacant land that is adjacent to your home it may also qualify for the Homeowners Principal Residence Exemption. If that parcel is zoned residential and meets the requirements it may be beneficial for you. Wonder if you qualify? Contact the assessor's office for an exemption form or to ask any questions, 231-777-2555 ext 1125 or 1126.

If you're considering purchasing a new home, you may wish to contact the local assessor's office prior to the purchase. There is a state law regarding the "uncapping" of taxable value the year following the sale of a home. This "uncapping" can significantly affect the homeowners property tax bills after the first year of owning the home. The Muskegon Township Assessors Office is always happy to help determine if you may be impacted by uncapping.

For potential closure information and other changes that may impact Township Services and Operations due to Covid-19 please visit our website www.muskegontwp.org or Facebook page.

Muskegon Charter Township employees are adopting both Christian Care Nursing Home and Christian Care Assisted living residents this year for Christmas.

If you'd like to help—tags are available on the tree at township hall and both fire stations. Or if shopping isn't your thing monetary donations will be accepted at township hall and our team of elves will do the shopping.



Remarks from the Treasurer's Dept.

I want to thank all our residents for being so understanding during COVID and how it impacted operations in the Treasurer's office.

We will continue to offer contactless options for those of you who wish not to conduct business in person. We offer ACH bill pay for utility bills and tax bills, over the phone payments for a small convenience fee, E-bill for sanitation and sewer bills and our drop box for all non-cash payments. For more information on these services or other questions feel free to contact me by phone 231-777-2555 ext. 1136 or email Ltheile@muskegontwp.org

Fall/Spring Reminder Grass Clippings and Leaves

The burning of grass clippings and leaves is prohibited in municipalities with a population the size of Muskegon Township.

The open burning of grass clippings and leaves produces thick smoke which can be a nuisance and is a health threat to those with respiratory condi-



Winter Reminders

- Snow plows forcefully throw snow and ice chunks several feet. Make sure your mailbox is securely fastened to the post. It must be able to withstand the force of the snow from the plows.
- Do not put snow from your driveway in the road or push across the street.
- Cars parked next to the road in unpaved road right-of-ways may be damaged by debris thrown off the plow. Cars should be parked in driveways.
- Keep sanitation containers back from edge of road to avoid damage from the force of the snow from the plows.
- DPW will not replace fiberglass marker poles that are damaged by plowing.

Call the non-emergency number for Central Dispatch, 231-722-3524, to report water main breaks or sewer problems after normal working hours.

Board Members

The 2020 - 2024 Board members are:

Supervisor
Jennifer Hodges
jhodges@muskegontwp.org

Treasurer
Lindsay Theile
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Clerk
Carrie Westbrook
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Trustees
Bob Grabinski
John Hughes
Joe Kemp
Bill Ream

Township Board Meetings
First and Third Monday of the month.

Holiday Schedule 2021

The Muskegon Charter Township Hall is closed on :

New Years Day* - January 1

Martin Luther King Day* - January 18

Presidents Day* - February 15

Memorial Day* - May 31

Fourth of July* - July 5

Labor Day* - September 6

Veterans Day* - November 11

Thanksgiving Day* - November 25

Day after Thanksgiving - November 26

Christmas Eve Day - December 23

Christmas Day* - December 24

New Years Eve Day - December 30

*No sanitation service. Collection will be one day later than normal after the holiday.