



## ALAMO TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

March, 2024

### DUMP DAY/ RECYCLING:

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, from 8:00 am to 12 noon. You can bring your recycling, plus a maximum of 4 yards of junk, per a household from Alamo Township. You will be bringing it to "Waste Not" Recycling at the corner of Ravine Rd and Nichols Rd. Address is **3025 Ravine Rd**, Kalamazoo, 49004. This is FREE for our residents. Your ID's will be checked.

### Things they ARE NOT ACCEPTING:

Liquids, Batteries, Hazardous Materials, Burn Barrels, Carbonated Beverage Containers, Sharps Appliances containing Freon, & Disposal of whole tires not allowed. Staff has the right to refuse any and all loads of material into landfill.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:** As a reminder, you can bring your household hazardous waste to the HHW Center at 1301 Lamont Ave, Kalamazoo, 49048. They accept electronics there, also. The phone # is 269-373-5211. The hours currently Tuesday & Friday, 8am to 1pm. Wednesday, Noon to 6pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8am to Noon, except August and

September. You should call ahead, to check on their hours.

### ELECTION DATES coming this year:

On **May 7**, there will be an election for Plainwell Schools. Only the residents who live in the Plainwell district(Precinct 2) will vote in this election. It will be held in the Restoration Church, next door to Township Office.

Then on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024**, it is a Primary Election, and on Tuesday, **November 5, 2024**, Presidential Election.

Mark your calendars, polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, on these election days.

You can also vote as an Absentee Voter. You can let me know if you wish to be added. You also can designate if you wish to be a Permanent Absentee Ballot Receiver, call Barb for details.

### ELECTION BALLOT BOX:

Outside in front of the Township Hall, we have an Official Ballot Box. The State of Michigan provided it. It is very safe to use. You may put **applications to vote** or **Ballots** in this box.

**ALAMO TOWNSHIP ROADS:** Projects that are on the 2024 schedule with RCKC: AB Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> St to Ravine, Chip Seal Trial , also culvert replacement on AB Ave, 1850' east of 1<sup>st</sup> St. Country View Drive, 8<sup>th</sup> St to 1400' east of 8<sup>th</sup> St, Crack Fill, Chip Seal, Fog Seal.

**8<sup>th</sup> Street** We are hoping that 8<sup>th</sup> St between G Ave and Hart Dr will be fixed this year with a grant we received, through

Kalamazoo County, ARPA Funds. If it isn't done this year, it will be in 2025

**RCKC INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County will be holding an informational meeting at the Alamo Township Hall, on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 6pm to 7:30pm. They will be here to talk about D Ave, between Ravine Rd and 6<sup>th</sup> St., they are upgrading this section of road, from a Class B to All Season Class A Road.

**Township Hall or Park Pavilion Rentals:**

Both Hall or Pavilion can be rented. The Township Hall and Eugene Rector Park Pavilion applications are both available on our website or we have them at the Township Office. The fees to rent are \$150 for the Township Hall, and the Park Pavilion can be rented for \$50. Both require an extra check deposit, which will be returned, if no damages occur. The guidelines are with the applications. Must be an Alamo Township Resident to rent either one.

**Ordinance Officer**

Please welcome our new Ordinance Enforcement Officer **Christopher Mihelich**. If you have any questions, concerns or issues he may be reached by:

**Phone:** 269-220-0657

**Email:** [ordinance@alamotownship.org](mailto:ordinance@alamotownship.org)

**TREASURER:**

**Mary Stoneburner** has been the Treasurer and before that, the deputy treasurer, for over 40 years. Huge Thank You to her for her dedication, and all those hours and years. She is very well known by the Alamo Residents. She has decided to retire from the position as Treasurer. Thank you, for all of your hard work and dedication!!

**TREASURER:**

Please welcome our new Treasurer **Denise Wilcox** as our new Treasurer. Her phone number here at the office is 269-382-3366 ext. 3. We are thankful she was able to appointed as Treasurer.

**WEBSITE:**

We have a new website. You can find it at this address: [alamotownshipmi.gov](http://alamotownshipmi.gov) We are working with Shumaker Technology Group. We are excited about our new website. You can see minutes from Board Minutes, Planning Commission, etc. You can even get a burn permit, online.

**ALAMO ELEMENTARY**

A team from Alamo Elementary School qualified for the Destination Imagination Global Finals. They are the Brushstroke Buccaneers, earned a place at the State Competition on March 16 in Grand Ledge. The Finals are slated to take place in Kansas City, MO at the end of May. The State Tournament was the first experience for this team to perform. Great Job! Good Luck!

## **ALAMO CEMETERIES:**

All winter décor will be cleaned up before or on April 1, 2024. Summer décor will be disposed of by Oct 1.

If you have a family member that served in our military, and does not have an emblem with a flag by their grave, please contact Barb, the clerk at 269-382-3366, ext. 2

A few things to remember:

- 1) No Posts of any type shall be placed on burial spaces. We do allow shepherd hooks.
- 2) No trees or shrubs shall be planted.
- 3) No grading, leveling or excavation on a burial space. No mounds of any kind allowed.
- 4) Flowers preferably planted into pots.
- 5) Please limit the amount of décor that is put at the burial space, it can be a problem for our lawn maintenance.
- 6) All headstones, require a foundation. The foundation requirements and orders can be placed through our Alamo Township Office. Recommendations can be made for headstone companies, if needed.
- 7) To purchase plots in Alamo Township, you must be a current resident, lived in Alamo Township for 25 years, or ½ of your life.

For any questions pertaining to Alamo Township Cemeteries, you may contact the clerk, Barb, at Alamo Township Office.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The new 2023 Pierce Saber Pumper was put into service, on December 21, 2023. They had a “push in” ceremony, on that evening. We are very proud of our Alamo Fire Fighters, and very thankful for the new truck they are able to use.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN PERMITS:**

You are able to obtain Burn Permits through our new website:

[www.alamotownshipmi.gov](http://www.alamotownshipmi.gov)

it can be found on the front page, Large Red Symbol, or you can find it under the fire department heading, also.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:**

### **Fire Department:**

Non-Emergency 269-345-3010

### **Fire Chief Terry Kizer:**

cell 269-217-3993

### **Asst. Fire Chief Mike Corradini**

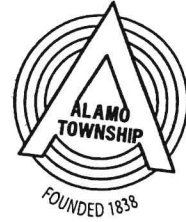
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## PLANNING COMMISSION:

### LAND USE PLAN

The Planning Commission is working with J. Johnston Consulting LLC, to update a new Land Use Plan for Alamo Township. Julie Johnston has been working on a new Master Plan Survey. They will be wanting input from Alamo Residents. They have set a tentative date for open houses on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. With 2 times to possible attend, 11 am to 1 pm and 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Please watch the Website for all the details, or you may call the Township Office.



Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9am to 3pm  
or by appointment. Office # 269- 382-3366

### THE BOARD AND EMPLOYEES AT THE TOWNSHIP

#### Supervisor Russell Scott

269-382-3366 ext. 1 or cell 269-762-2435

Clerk Barb Venema 269-382-3366 ext.2

Treasurer Denise Wilcox 269-382-3366  
ext.3

#### Building Inspector Kevin Cardiff

269-382-3366 ext. 4 or cell 269-365-3766

#### Ordinance Enforcement Officer

Chris Mihelich 269-220-0657

ordinance@alamotownship.org

#### Trustee Jason Scheffers:

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#### Trustee Andrea Venema:

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