

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP NEWS

APRIL, 2009

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Election News

Vote on MAY 5

Overisel Township Hall (4307 144th Ave.)
Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hamilton's Ballot:

- **School board seats
- **Operating millage renewal of 18 mills

Zeeland's Ballot:

- **School board seats
- **Operating millage renewal of 18 mills
- **Building & site sinking fund renewal of one mill for five years

****Last day to get an application for an absentee ballot is May 2, 2009.**

****Don't forget you can the door slot at the Twp. Hall-- it is always available to drop off your ballots.**

Serving the Township

The Township Board would like to keep a file of anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, Board of Review, or as an Election Worker. If interested, please let us know in writing, your name and which board you are interested in serving on.

Township Board Meetings

Monthly meetings are held at the Overisel Township Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Public is welcome.

Mark Your Calendars

2009 Rural Rush for a Cure

The Hamilton Football Program will present the 2009 *Rural Rush for a Cure*. The 5K run, 5K walk, and 1 mile kids' run will be held on Friday, May 29. The 5K run and walk will begin at 6:30 p.m., while the 1 mile run for kids 12 and under will begin around 7:30 p.m. The race will begin near the Overisel Reformed Church and proceed around the block in Overisel. The race will begin on 47th Street heading north; then east on 143rd; south on 46th Street; then west on 142 Ave; finishing the race east on 47th Street. Roads will be closed from 6:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please have your dog(s) indoors or confined. Once again, the proceeds will benefit the *American Cancer Society*.

Wanted!! If you have a green copy (1980) of the **Overisel Township Cemeteries book** or the **Overisel Colony Sesquicentennial book** (1998) and do not want it any more, please drop them off at the Township Hall.

Township Hall Hours

Every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. anyone with a question or concern may call or stop by. Also, register to vote, buy a zoning book, or pay taxes. Robert Jones, our Assessor, will be there from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Township Transfer Station

To use the transfer station, you must buy a ticket. (Located 1/4th mile north of Sandyview School on 46th Street.) **The new price per ticket is \$15.00.** Any township resident may purchase one at the transfer station. The ticket has 10 punches on it and the charges are based on the volume you have to dump. The Transfer Station is open on the First and Third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed Holidays, Jan. and Feb.). **Please be reminded that we cannot accept yard waste, asphalt shingles, major appliances, tires or oil base paints.**

2009 SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

Reconstruction will be done on 46th St between 140th Ave and 139th Ave.

New culvert will be installed on 144th between 44th and 45th Streets.

New asphalt will go on 43rd St between 147th and Ottogan and east of 38th St. on 138th.

Resurfacing will be done on 40th between Ottogan and 146th, then 1 mile east on 146th between 40th and 38th.

Road Mowing and Dust Control will be done along with spot graveling.

Bentheim Cemetery Lots may be purchased from Steve Arendsen, the new sexton of Bentheim Cemetery-616-688-5349.

THANK YOU to Junior Schreur for his many years of service on the Planning Commission.

NEW WEBSITE

Our goal for this website is to provide useful information and make it available anytime you need it! It is still a work in progress. We welcome your suggestions on what information you would like to see put on the site. See address in letterhead.

Fire Dept. News:

Chief Ron Horsting reports that the Overisel Twp. Fire Department had a total of 139 calls in 2008. Those calls broke down like this:

- **9 structure fires
- **2 chimney fires
- **2 brush fires
- **78 emergency medical calls
- **19 motor vehicle accidents
- **9 downed power lines
- **20 service calls/false alarms



Chief Horsting also reports that the new fire truck is on order and should be completed later this year.

Note that the warning sirens are being tested the 4th Friday of each month-April-October at 11:00 am.

The Fire Dept. is still accepting applications. Contact Info:

269-751-8314 (messages are checked daily except for Sunday) or

Overisel Fire Dept

4779 142nd.

Holland, MI 49423

CONGRESS

SENATE

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Washington, DC 20510-2202
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2ND DISTRICT

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Holland, MI 49423
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State Government

State Senator (24th District):

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State Representative (88th District):

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TOWNSHIP BOARD—See Newsletter
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ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION

Paul Van Eck (Chair)
Dave Arendsen (Secretary)
Trustee Scott Alderink
Trustee Dale Compagner
Trustee Mark Hoffman
Trustee Brandon Jacobsen
Trustee Harvey Jipping
(Planning Commission meets February,
May 19, August 18 and November 24.)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Paul Van Eck (Chair)
Greg Windemuller (Secretary)
Glen Boerman
Harvey Jipping
Carl Meyer
(Board of Appeals meet quarterly-
January, April, July 20 and October 19)

ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Paul Van Eck-District #2

BURN PERMIT REMINDER-- To get a burn permit, call 269-686-5222. The permit is only good for burning small piles of brush, shrubs, and leaves. (Any other materials that you wish to burn will require a special permit from the Fire Chief.) This permit will only be valid for the day that you call in. You must have

a water source near by and attend the fire at all times. If the burn gets out of control, call 911.

Watch for the next newsletter in August. It will inform you of the date and details of the "Township Clean-Up Day", the plans for the fall leaf disposal and more.....