



Official Newsletter of Alpine Township, Michigan

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Calendar of Events:

Tuesday August 8
Parks and Rec. 7p.m.
Thursday August 17
Planning Commission
7p.m.
Monday August 21
Township Board Meeting
7p.m.
Monday August 28
Historical Society Meeting
1p.m.
Monday August 28
Zoning Board of Appeals
7p.m.
**Monday September 4
Labor Day/ Township
Offices Closed**
**Sunday September 17
Buck Mathews, At the
Community Room-7Mile
Rd. 2p.m.**
Monday September 18
Township Board Meeting
7.m.
Thursday September 21
Planning Commission
Meeting 7p.m.
Monday September 25
Historical Society Meeting
1p.m.
Monday September 25
Zoning board of Appeals
7p.m.
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, September
25, 26, 27,
Hunter Safety Class 6p.m.
Fire Station #3
5:30-8:30
**Monday October 9
Columbus Day
Township Office Closed**
Sunday October 15, Music
Jam-Session, 2p.m. Com-
munity Room, 7 Mile
Sunday November 19,
Honoring WW1 Vets. His-
torical Museum 2408 7-
Mile Rd. 2p.m.

Supervisor's Report ...

Greg Madura

Hello Alpine Township.

Wow, not a bad summer so far, lite rain, lots of sun and heat. In case you missed it the cherry were marvelous, and the strawberries are big and sweet. Still a lot of time for vacations, swimming in the pool , boat rides, and a little extra sweat when your out for a walk or working out. The farmer's markets are open and we get all the freshest fruits and vegetables right here in Alpine Township. If you do not know where all the markets are, come on down to the township office and pick up a pamphlet, you will not regret it.

Most of the work is done on road repairs and improvements, the parks at Westgate and Alpine Church have all new play ground mulch, business is booming all around the township, just look at all the traffic. Fire Station # 2 has a new roof so it will no longer leak. The community building on 7 Mile will be getting a new front door and windows all around the building. The fire department is always ready to protect and serve our community, they are the trained professional's we trust our lives to. If you ever considered being a fire fighter, now is your chance. To be a first responder just stop by Fire Station Number 1 at Alpine and Alpine Church road and talk to Chief Klomparens.

Another call out to any handyman / woman interested in doing around 4 or 5 hours of work a week for the township. Mainly gardening the building grounds changing light bulbs and things like that. We have great facilities and want them to look nice all the time. Come in and see your friendly neighborhood supervisor for more details.

Sometime in the near future 7 Mile Road east of the railroad tracks will be closed to thru traffic for sewer repairs. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause, but the benefits will be huge, and the new pipe will last from 75 to a 100 years. Many smaller sewer projects will also be taking place east of Alpine, but these will have very little or no road closure's. Remember to drive respectfully and safely like your children are near the road.

HUNTER'S SAFETY CLASSES:

Alpine Township will host a hunter's safety class for anyone wishing to receive their certification. Class is offered on September 25, 26, and 27. 5:30-8:30. Must be present all three days. Will be held at Fire Station #3. Address: 610 Nine Mile Rd. N.W., Comstock Park. Call 616-784-1262 to sign up. Class size limited.

Check out our revised website at www.alpinetwp.org.

Clerk's Comments

Jean Wahlfield



REGISTER TO VOTE

Students leaving for college are reminded to register to Vote in Person at their local Clerk's office. Registering in person confirms your identity and is an important step in the process if you want to obtain an absentee ballot while you are away from home.

The Clerk's office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for anyone that would like to register to vote. A mail-in application can also be found at: michigan.gov/vote.

NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT

All voters in the State of Michigan will be using new equipment the next time they go to vote in their precinct. The voting process will remain the same but the new tabulator and handicap accessible equipment will be easier to use and quickly transmit unofficial results to Kent County at the close of the night.

ELECTIONS

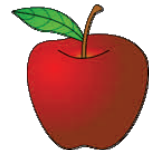
No elections are planned in Alpine Township for the rest of the year 2017 at this time.

ELECTION WORKERS

The Township is thankful for the dedication, hard work, and training done by our Alpine election workers. New election equipment will arrive later this summer and there are plans in the works to introduce the new election equipment to **YOU**. Stay tuned for this introduction which will take place in October 2017!

Any person interested in becoming a precinct election worker should call the Clerk's office at 784-1262. We will be happy to talk with you!

- Jean Wahfield, Clerk and Sam Hanna, Deputy Clerk



Treasurer's Corner

Jim Townsend

Summer Tax Bills were mailed July 1, and payment is due September 14. Please remember that the Township does not recognize the mailing date as payment. We must receive payment by 5PM on the due date. For those using EZ Pay auto-deduct, payments will be pulled from your account on August 31.

Sewer Bills: The Township sends out quarterly sewer bills on the first day of January, April, July and October. They are printed on postcard stock, in green and white. Payment is due the last business day of the following month. The bills sent out July 1 are due on August 31. EZ Pay auto-deduct payments will be pulled August 17.

Internet Banking/Online Bill Payment: For residents who use this service through their bank, please remember that the Township does not allow access to its accounts electronically, so your bank produces a paper check that is sent to us through the mail and it may take up to a week to arrive at the Township offices.

Fund Balances: The Township holdings as of May 31 are as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 2,127,849.16
Water Fund:	\$335,720.21
Sewer Fund:	\$3,057,974.42
Rusche/Comstock Park Drive Fund:	\$189,472.61
Trust & Agency Fund:	\$93,070.28
Capital Improvement and Restricted Funds:	\$1,742,415.60

For more information about the Township holdings and how they are invested, call Jim Townsend at 784-1262. Have a wonderful summer!



Get more out of reading with discussion and good company.
Snacks provided.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 PM

A Stronger Kinship by Anna-Lisa Cox

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 PM

Create Your Own Henna Tattoo

Choose your own design and learn how to apply it. Beautiful tattoos last up to two weeks. Pre-registration is required.

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 PM

FOR ADULTS

Ukulele 101

Learn basic chords, rhythm and strumming.

Preregistration required if you need to use a library ukulele.

The Music of World War II

Enjoy a generous sampling of music of World War II.

Monday, January 16, 6:30—8:00 PM

Alpine Branch Kent District Library

FOR FAMILIES

A Magic Show with Tom Plunkard

The show included animals, audience involvement and amazing magic.

Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 PM

Awesome Autumn Adventure

Celebrate with crafts, games and pumpkin decorating. Please bring your own pumpkin.

Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 PM

FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Blandford on the Road—Wildlife Ambassadors

Come see turtles, a rabbit, a falcon and an owl.

Monday, November 13, 6:30 PM

Comstock Park Branch Kent District Library

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Toddler Time

Enjoy stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Mondays, 10:00 AM September 11—November 20

Family Storytime

Build literacy skills and develop a love of reading.

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, September 13—Nov 22

Rhyme Time Music

Move and groove together.

Fridays, 10:00 AM, September 15—November 17

FOR ALL AGES

Intergenerational Introduction to Tai-Chi

Engage in targeted movements to help energy and release feelings of stress and tension.

Monday, August 7, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

A Different Kind of Selfie

Create your own image on canvas using photos and various craft supplies.

Saturday, September 30, 2:00 PM

FOR ADULTS

Live and Learn Lecture Series

Mondays in October and November at 6:30 PM

October 9 Ian Warnock "Putting your Garden to Bed"

October 16 Larry Martin "Stories of WW2"

October 23 Elianna Bootzin "What is Gerrymandering"

November 6 David Littmann "Handwriting Analysis"

November 13 Laurel Zoet "Oh Deer"

November 20 Adam Oster "The Poorhouses of Kent County"

One-on-One Technology Training

Sign up at the branch for a 45-minute technology session for help with e-books, email, Facebook, or other tech topics.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Fall events for Alpine Township Historical Commission-

Sun. Sept. 17th-Buck Matthews, a Michigan Broadcast personality, will present a new book of his short stories, thoughts, poems and recollections. Some writings are humorous, others are poignant and many will relate to all readers. Come join the discussion and refreshments at the Community Room at 2015 7-mile at 2pm.

Sun. Oct. 15th - A Music Jam-Session. Those who can bring an instrument, and those who can't play, come and enjoy the music from local musicians. At the Community Room, 2 pm, refreshments. For information call Pat -784-0817 or Don- 887-8557.

Sun. Nov. 19th - HONORING WWI VETS. Join us at the Historical Museum, 2408 7-mile. View the veteran photo corner, bring your family's veteran information or ask about our veteran listings, 2pm.



COMSTOCK PARK COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Music | Dancing | Ice Cream | Photo Booth | Movie at Dusk

Friday, August 11

6:30—10:00 pm at Comstock Park Branch Library | 3943 W River Dr

Movie in the Park: Moana

Presented by Kent District Library, Comstock Park Schools, and Wedgewood Services