

GT Newsletter

FALL 2023



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OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays-Fridays 8AM-5PM

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FROM THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

This inaugural newsletter is part of your Township Board's response to requests from many of you that we vary our methods of communication beyond our Township website and Facebook page. We hope this proves helpful to you. We want you to be informed and involved. Thank you to each of you for your individual contributions to the overall success and well-being of our community. Together we can continue to make GT the place to be!

--Jim Wierenga, Township Supervisor



MEETING AGENDAS

Agendas for upcoming meetings, as well as minutes from previous meetings, can be found on the Township's website at www.gtwp.com. Please contact the Township Office with any questions.



Find us on 

Christmas Tree Lighting

TUESDAY, NOV. 28 **6-8PM**

6:30PM: Tree Lighting Ceremony: Remarks by Rob Blitchok

6:45: Music by West Michigan Community Chorale

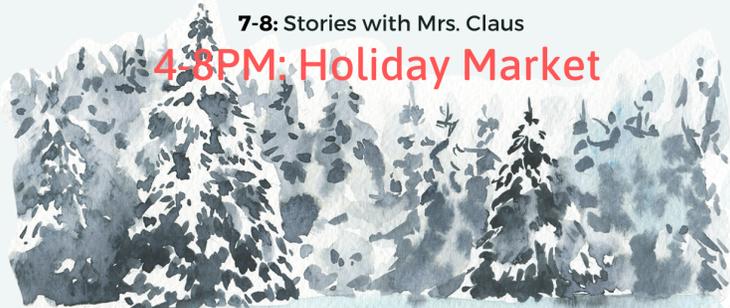
6-8: Local History Room Open House

6-8: Hot Chocolate provided by the Friends of the Library

6-8: Crafts in the Children's Programming Room

7-8: Stories with Mrs. Claus

4-8PM: Holiday Market



GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
1525 Baldwin Street

TRICK OR TREAT

SUGGESTED TRICK OR TREATING HOURS ARE 6-8PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN



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MONTHLY TOWNSHIP
E-NEWSLETTER!**

DEPARTMENT NEWS



GEORGETOWN CONNECTIONS

Mondays-Fridays 8:30AM-4PM

Not a member yet? Membership is open to everyone 55 & better. Cost is \$15 for Georgetown Township residents and \$35 for non-residents. Membership covers January 1 through December 31 and is not prorated. Membership is required for participation in Center activities.

Lunch Café: Soup & Salad Bar is served Tuesdays-Fridays from 11:30AM-12:30PM. Cost is \$7 for Soup & Salad Bar, \$5 for just salad, and \$3 for just soup. Cash, check, and credit is accepted. You do not have to be a member to enjoy the Lunch Café.

GT Transportation: GT Connections not only uses its vehicles for planned trips but also has a service for those who live in Georgetown Township, are at least 55 years old, and/or have a special need. Contact the GT Connections Transportation Department at 616.457.1170 to learn how to become a transportation client.



THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Jenison Historical Association is hosting its annual Christmas at the Museum Open House on Saturday, December 2 from 1-4PM. at the Jenison Museum.

The museum is a Victorian era house located at 28 Port Sheldon in Jenison. The house will be decorated for the holiday and admission is free. If you can't make it in December, you can visit the museum and see it decorated on Saturday, January 6 from 2-4PM.

Help preserve the history of Jenison/Georgetown by becoming a member of the Jenison Historical Association. Dues are \$10 per year. If you have questions, call 616.457.4398 or email info@jenisonhistory.org.

GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

Mondays-Thursdays 9AM-9PM
Fridays 9AM-6PM
Saturdays 9AM-5PM

It's easier than ever to get your library card! Apply online and get your FREE library today for access to hundreds of thousands of books, movies, CDS, video games, board games, puzzles, and more! Plus enjoy 24/7 access to a huge digital collection of e-books, audiobooks, and digital magazines.



FALL FEST

Friday, Oct. 27 6-8PM



The Library is partnering with Ridgewood CRC again to provide some Fall family fun. Join us for all kinds of fun events including a Trunk or Treat, kids' games throughout the library, pumpkin decorating, face painting, pie baking contest, and more! For more information, visit the library's Events Calendar at gtpl.org.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, Dec. 16 10AM-12PM

Stop by the library for some holiday fun. We will have a festive Story Time with a special appearance from Santa himself. We will also have crafts for kids and even live reindeer! For more information, visit the library's Event Calendar at gtpl.org.





ASSESSING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Winter tax bills will be available and mailed out around the beginning of December.

The beginning of every new year marks Personal Property Tax season. Personal Property is not physical real estate (buildings or land), but refers instead to the assets (e.g. furniture, equipment, electronics, etc...) owned or leased by a business that operates in Georgetown Township.

In early January, the Township mails to businesses the Personal Property forms they are required by the State to file. If you operate a business within Georgetown Township limits, please watch for these documents. Be sure to file any and all paperwork with us before the due date in February (listed on the form).

Many businesses qualify for the Small Business Property Tax Exemption; however, you only receive the exemption if you are eligible for it and apply for it. The State of Michigan is very particular about the Exemption form and if it is sent to us incomplete, we cannot accept it. A guide to completing the Exemption form will be available on our website around the beginning of the year.

Please contact the assessing department if you have any questions regarding business Personal Property. Accountants are also a helpful resource for business owners trying to navigate tax forms.

ELECTIONS UPDATES FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

- The Presidential Primary in 2024 will be the next election for Georgetown Township residents.
- Nine Days of Early Voting for all State and Federal elections will begin with the Presidential Primary in 2024.
- The Michigan Department of State has created a website for citizens to visit who have questions about Early Voting:
www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting
- Registered voters on the Permanent Mail Ballot List will be receiving a Presidential Primary Ballot Selection form to be completed and returned to the Township Clerk's Office. This form is necessary to receive the appropriate presidential primary election ballot. If this form is not received by the Clerk's Office, the voter will not receive a ballot containing any offices or proposals other than President.
- We are looking for computer proficient poll workers to sign up and assist with upcoming elections. This is a paid position. You must be at least 16 years of age and if 18 must be registered to vote. Students can be poll workers and most school districts will give the student an excused absence with the permission of their parents. Please find the application on the Township website.

Please feel free to contact the Georgetown Township Clerk's Office with any questions or concerns.

BUILDING/ZONING

Thinking about constructing a fence? While the Township Zoning Ordinance (Section 3.8) may answer most of your questions, it is always wise to check with the Zoning Department for township ordinances prior to any construction project at your residence.

If you are unclear about where the Zoning Ordinance permits fencing on your parcel or have any other questions relating to zoning, please contact the Township Zoning Department at 616.457.2340 x221.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

OCT. 5 6-8PM FIRE STATION #1

- See 20+ emergency vehicles
- Jaws of Life demonstration
- Check out an ambulance
- Get your car seats inspected
- Check out the Fireboat & SWAT Truck
- Try on fire gear & spray the hose
- Talk to a rescue diver underwater
- Walk through the Smoke House
- FREE fire swag for the 1st 200 kids!

**POPCORN, FUN,
AND FREEBIES
FOR ALL AGES!**

More info at gtwp.com



The Township Offices will be closed on the following days: Nov. 11, 25 & 26; Dec. 24, 25, 31 (close at 1PM)