



# Comstock Connect Township Newsletter

Charter Township of Comstock, Kalamazoo Michigan

*A Community with Opportunity*

## April, 2022

### Township Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Township Board

Supervisor  
Randy Thompson

Clerk  
Nicole Beauchamp

Treasurer  
Bret Padgett

Trustees  
Jerry Amos  
Terry McIver  
Jason Knight  
Clyde "Bub" Sherwood

Transfer Station

April 1-October 31

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Saturday  
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

## New facility- where we are at!

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Where did the money to purchase Niko's Landing come from?**

The money was received by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and not taken from the general fund populated by taxpayer money. Taxes will not be raised for the new facility.

#### **Why did the township become interested in creating this new facility?**

The township's long-term plan was to build or buy a new facility to ensure continued growth for the township. However, the opportunity was presented to purchase Niko's Landing.

#### **Why did we decide on Niko's Landing?**

After looking at the possibility of building a new building, it was more affordable to purchase the Niko's Landing facility.

#### **When did we start using our current hall?**

1967, it's served us for 55 years!

#### **What's the next step for Niko's Landing?**

After closing on the building in early April, the Comstock Township Board will choose an architectural firm to come up with a design, then we'll begin remodeling.

#### **When can the public expect the township hall to be open as the new township hall?**

Projected in 2023

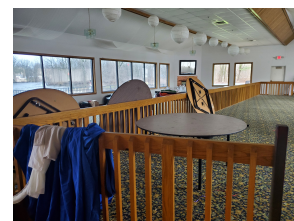
### **Next Step:**

The township is planning on closing on the Niko's Landing property in the first few weeks of April.

The Township Board approved the purchase of Niko's Landing on January 20th for \$975,000. That is paid for in ARPA funds.

### **A Look in Pictures:**

It's still a work in progress as the Grafos finish moving out, but we're excited that our visitors will have more space and beautiful views at our new hall.





## Township Reports

Randy Thompson, Township Supervisor

(269) 381-1260

[supervisor@comstockmi.gov](mailto:supervisor@comstockmi.gov)



We're thrilled to continue working on creating our new township hall. It will be more than a place for the township to govern, it will be a place for the Comstock community to come together and grow. It will provide a wonderful place for our community to gather.

It will give us additional space to create a voting precinct in the township hall, which we haven't had since 2016. We to be able to connect the new property to South Wenke Park via a new walking bridge to allow safer access to the park We look forward to sharing more details with you as we continue working on this wonderful project and thank you for your continued support.

Nicole Beauchamp, Township Clerk

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We're gearing up for the May 3rd Special Election. Absent Voter (AV) ballots have been mailed to those who have returned a signed application for this election. If you're interested in voting absentee, you can submit an application online or via mail to be received by Friday, April 29th at 5:00pm and in-person until 4:00pm on Monday, May 2nd. A voter who requests a ballot in-person after April 29th must vote the ballot in the office.

The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00am-4:00pm if you need to handle last minute voter registration and absent voter applications. Visit [Michigan.gov/vote](https://Michigan.gov/vote) for more information on registering to vote, upcoming elections or tracking your ballot.

Bret Padgett, Township

Treasurer (269) 381-2360

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Over \$30 million in property taxes were collected by the Treasurer's office and paid out to the appropriate taxing entities for the 2021 tax year. I'm proud to report that everything balanced and was settled with the County Treasurer on March 7th, 2022. I will start to receive the information I need to create the 2022 tax database in mid to late May. In preparation for the new tax year, I will be ordering tax bill supplies, setting up all my collection reports and spreadsheets for 2022, and attending some professional development.

Special assessment notices will be mailed out on April 25th and payments are due by August 1st, 2022. As a reminder, any special assessment amounts not paid by November 1st, 2022, will be added to the winter tax bill.





## New Employees at the Township



### **Matt Miller- Communications Development Coordinator**

**Email:** [mmiller@comstockmi.gov](mailto:mmiller@comstockmi.gov)

I came to West Michigan to work in local news and fell in love with the area. I'm a big fan of the outdoor festivals, trails, parks, and nature areas. I look forward to working in the community and help engage you all with you township government.

## **Meetings**

### **Township Board**

The township Board meets the first and third Monday of the week every month. April meetings are on April 4th and April 18th at 6 p.m.

### **Planning commission**

The Planning Commission is meeting on April 14th and April 27th at 7 p.m.

### **Parks and Recreation**

The Parks and Recreation board is meeting on April 11th at 6 p.m.

### **Zoning Board**

The Zoning Board is meeting on April 26th at 4 p.m.

### **Downtown Development Board**

The Downtown Development Authroity is meeting April 27th at 5 p.m.



## Road Projects Update

The Charter Township of Comstock is excited to announce we are continuing to contract with the Road Commission of Kalamazoo to pave township roads in 2022:

- Saginaw Drive from 20th Street to Bailey Street.
- Liggett Street from 20th Street to Bailey Street.
- Bailey Street from Liggett Street to Saginaw Drive.
- Charles Avenue from Daniel Street to Shields Street.
- Collette Avenue from 1,000 feet north of Electra Street to Electra Street.
- Benedict Avenue from 1,000 feet north of Electra Street to Electra Street.
- Shields Street from 1,000 feet north of Electra Street to Electra Street.
- Daniel Street will be paved from 1,000 feet north of Electra Street to Electra Street.
- Landing Way from 1,600 feet south of G Avenue to G Avenue.
- Homer Street from Gleason Street to M-96.
- Jones Street from Gleason Street to M-96.
- Level Street from Gleason Street to M-96.
- Hunt Street from Gleason Street to M-96.





**Comstock  
Township  
Library**

Where community meets the world.

### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Library Contact

269-345-0136

[Info@comstocklibrary.org](mailto:Info@comstocklibrary.org)

[www.comstocklibrary.org](http://www.comstocklibrary.org)

### *Community Shred Day*

Saturday, May 14, 2022 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

It might be time to see if you have anything in your house that might need to be shredded.

Comstock Library will be allowing Comstock Township residents to shred up to 5 boxes of material next month. They can shred paper items, such as copy paper, envelopes, and file folders. They can't shred CD's, hard drives, or hard sided binders. Call the library for questions you have.

### Who can get a card? You can!

Anyone who lives, works, or owns properties in Comstock can get a library card. Residents of neighboring communities may also qualify for a library card. Contact the library for more information.



## FREE GIFT!

### NOW AVAILABLE

Comstock Township Library will be giving out goodie bags to all new cardholders!

They will receive: a reusable tote (big enough for an armful of books!), a CTL notepad and pen (with stylus), and a coupon for a free book from the Book Sale room!



## services

- WE ARE FINE-FREE!
- COMPUTERS
- PRINTING
- MOBILE PRINTING
- COPYING
- FAXING - FREE
- WIFI
- NOTARY
- BOOK SALE ROOM
- WEEKLY STORY TIMES
- HOTSPOT RENTALS

- HOMEBOUND SERVICES
- VHS TO DVD CONVERSION
- MEETING ROOM
- LOCAL HISTORY ROOM
- YOUTH DEPT
  - +INFANTS/CHILDREN
  - +TEEN/YOUNG ADULT
- TAKE-HOME PROGRAMS
- EXAM PROCTORING



## Comstock Parks

**We're hiring:** The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for part-time Seasonal Parks Attendants. Duties include collecting entrance fees, working at concession stands, helping visitors as needed and maintaining the parks. To apply, go to the employment tab under resources on our [website](#).

We have pavilions available to rent at Robert Morris Park and Merrill Park. To reserve a pavilion, go to the Parks and Recreation tab under Departments on our [website](#). Season passes for Robert Morris park are available at the township hall. Passes are \$20 or \$10 for seniors (60+). Day passes are \$5.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

### CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

If you enjoy gardening but do not  
have the space at home, this garden  
is for you!

LOCATED EAST OF THE  
COMSTOCK COMMUNITY  
CENTER | \$10 PER 4FT BY  
10FT PLOT

Gardening is a great way to get outside,  
meet new people, and enjoy healthy  
produce all summer long!

WAYS TO JOIN:

COMSTOCKMI.GOV | 269-343-8212 | 6138 KING HIGHWAY



JOIN US FOR OUR

## ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Season runs April 25-July 27, 2022

**LEAGUES AVAILABLE:**  
**Monday- Coed & Wednesday- Men's**

**LEAGUE FEE:**  
**\$580 (includes forfeit fee)**

**GAME TIMES:**  
**6:15pm, 7:30pm, 8:45pm**

WAYS TO REGISTER:

[comstockmi.gov](#) | 269-343-8212 | 6138 King Highway





# Comstock Fire and Rescue



Invites you for a Traditional Push in Ceremony for Engines 911 and 912



Please join us as we continue honoring a tradition that dates back over 100 years when horse-drawn equipment was used. Comstock Township Fire Department continues to embrace this tradition for the newest additions to our fleet.

When:

April 16, 2022

9:30 a.m -10:30 a.m.

Before the Easter Egg

Hunt at Merrill Park

Where:

Comstock Fire Station 9-1

1960 River Street

Kalamazoo, MI, 49048

Comstock Township Fire Department- "Taking Care of Those Who Depend on Us"

Point of contact: Communications Development Director Matt Miller (269) 381-2360— [mmiller@comstockmi.gov](mailto:mmiller@comstockmi.gov)



**BASKETBALLS**

**FISHING  
POLES**

**GOLD  
COINS**

**COMSTOCK VFW  
POST 6252**

# **Easter Egg Hunt**

**SURPRISE  
BASKETS**

**April  
16th**

**MERRILL  
PARK**

**11 Am**

**FLAG  
CEREMONY  
10:45AM**

**AGES  
12 & UNDER**



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