



Comstock Connect

A Community in Bloom

Township Office 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

Superintendent
Scott Hess

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.



Redevelopment Ready

We're taking big steps for
Comstock Township

On August 16th, Comstock celebrated being certified as a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC).

The Township voted to become a RRC on April 18th and we were officially certified as a RRC on June 14th.

Becoming a RRC was a four-year long process that involved the Township removing barriers to economic development, streamlining the approval process for developers, and showing the world how great Comstock is through marketing!

Why does being a RRC Matter?

Redevelopment Ready Communities work with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to develop several priority sites. Those priority sites will have access to grants and funding opportunities for developers working with these priority sites.

Additionally we've worked hard to ensure the process to approve developments has as few delays as possible.

Township Messages

Randy Thompson, Township Supervisor

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supervisor@comstockmi.gov



Fall curbside pickup is coming up quickly. Please do your part in keeping Comstock a clean and safe community by taking this opportunity to remove any bulk trash this October. With curbside pickup only a month away, please take time to ensure that everything you need thrown away is out on your curb by October 2nd.

We have updated our rules for what can be left out for curbside pickup. Please see the flier attached at the end of this newsletter for the update list of what can and can't be accepted. [The Kalamazoo County Hazardous Waste Center](#) and [Consumers Concrete](#) may be able to handle some of the prohibited items for curbside pickup.

Nicole Beauchamp, Township Clerk

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We're gearing up for the November 8th General Election. We'll be sending out [Absent Voter \(AV\) applications](#) in the next few weeks. If you're on the permanent AV list, you should receive your application soon. If you're not on the list but would like to receive an AV ballot for the November election, please call our office to request an application. An application must be received before a ballot can be issued. The signature on your application will be verified against the signature in our Qualified Voter File, which comes from the Secretary of State. Please make sure you sign your application neatly and how it's shown on your driver's license or State ID.

Our cemeteries are receiving some much-needed TLC. We are discussing plans to improve our cemeteries with more signage, tree plantings, an expansion, and columbariums/cremation walls. There are already new ordinance signs in multiple locations around both cemeteries.

Bret Padgett, Township Treasurer

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treasurer@comstockmi.gov



Summer property tax season is wrapping up. As a reminder, payments must be received in our office by 5:00 p.m. on September 14 to avoid any interest charges. Payments can be made in-person at the Township office, by using the drop box located near our front entrance, or online at www.comstockmi.gov. We accept cash, check, money order, electronic check (\$3 fee), and major credit cards (3% fee). Postmarks are accepted if payment is received by September 21, and the Township is not responsible for lost mail or mail delays.

Curious about the Township's budget or financial position? Head to www.comstockmi.gov and navigate to the Treasurer's page. There you will find a multitude of reports and links to our budget and financial information.

Announcements

Announcement



Due to inclement weather, we had to reschedule our Family Movie Night to September 17. We hope you're still able to swing by and enjoy "The Lego Movie" for free at Merrill Park. Popcorn and Pop will be on sale. The movie will run from 8-10 PM.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Important Dates

Township Board Meeting

The Township Board is meeting on Monday, September 19th at 6:00 PM.

Planning Commission Board Meeting

The Planning Commission is meeting on Thursday, September 15th and Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 PM.

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

The Parks and Recreation Board is meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 PM.

The Downtown Development Authority Meeting

The Downtown Development Authority is meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at 5:30 PM.

The Zoning Board of Reviews Meeting

The Zoning Board of Reviews is meeting on Tuesday, September 27rd at 4:00 PM.

Certified RRC

On August 16, 2022, Comstock Township was presented with the Redevelopment Ready Community Certification Award.

This award officially marks that we are a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC).

It took four years of hard work to become an RRC. This team effort included the Township Board, Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority. Comstock Community Development Director Jodi Stefforia spearheaded the project.

RRC is a free program through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

The program helps governments attract and retain developers, businesses, and investors by streamlining the approval processes for development, identifying strengths and opportunities within their communities and providing information around the clock.

We began the process of becoming an RRC in the Fall of 2018 and were officially certified in June of 2022.

Being an RRC has many benefits, but we're most excited about our priority sites.

We are working with the MEDC to select several sites within our community for development.

These sites will receive additional funding and support from the MEDC.

Comstock Charter Township is the 3rd Township Certified as an RRC.



Michigan State Representative Matt Hall speaks to Township Supervisor Randy Thompson, while congratulating the Township on achieving RRC Certification Status.



Michigan State Senator Sean McCann speaking at the Certification Ceremony.



A plaque honoring Comstock Charter Township as a Certified Redevelopment Ready Community that was given to us at the ceremony.



Comstock Community Development Director Jodi Stefforia watches Peter Dickow speak at the Certification Ceremony. Mr. Dickow was there representing Senator Gary Peters.



Comstock Community Development Director Jodi Stefforia and Township Supervisor Randy Thompson speak at the Certification Ceremony.



A Walk in the Park

Thank you for a great summer!

BASKETBALL CLINIC
\$20 All Skill Levels
Merrill Park
Thursdays
September 15th - October 20th



Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
10-11am Ages 3-5	4:30-5:30pm Ages 6-9	5:30-6:30pm Ages 6-9

Register by Wednesday, September 7th
Questions & Registration
comstockmi.gov/parks-recreation
269-343-8212 ext. 2

COMSTOCK PARKS & REC

As we wrap up summer 2022, we wanted to thank you all for a great season! We hope you had fun. However, just because summer is over doesn't mean the fun ends!

We still have plenty of programs for the fall of 2022. Our Program Coordinator Katie Bush will be hosting basketball clinics for kids under 3-9. These will be held Thursdays from September 15- October 20. The last day to register is Wednesday, Sept. 7 To register visit:

<https://comstockmi.gov/basketball-clinic-registration/>

Photo Contest Winner!

Lindsey Beauchamp is the winner of our Parks Photo Contest. She took this picture of her daughter stopping to smell the roses. A great reminder for all of us!

Lindsey won a Robert Morris Park Pass for the 2023. We plan to have more photo contests before next spring!



Help us keep our parks safe and clean

If you see something, say something. If you see someone dumping trash or you see other unlawful activities, please contact 269-343-8212 or email us at parks@comstockmi.gov. You can also contact the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department through the non-emergency line (269) 488-8911. If safe, try to record a plate number. We also have a complaint form [online](#).



Fire Safety Tips

It is important for every family to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.

For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home.

These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.



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Fire and Rescue

Retirement Announcement:

Congratulations to Deputy Chief David Wuis on his upcoming retirement from Comstock Fire & Rescue. Deputy Chief Wuis will have served over 32 years on the department when he retires on August 2, 2022. Most of his years on the department have been in a formal leadership role as a Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief as well as acting Fire Chief. A lot of hard work, sleepless nights, and time away from family was put in. Dave has responded to many emergency scenes making a significant impact on public safety within the community and surrounding area. He was an integral part of countless fires, rescues, and EMS operations. His "can do" attitude and leadership has taken the department forward in many aspects. Dave's many years of experience will be missed for sure. We wish him well in his retirement and are grateful for all the hard work and dedication to the department and community.



Comstock Library

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.



Comstock
Township
Library

Where community meets the world.

Library Contact

269-345-0136

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www.comstocklibrary.org

Monthly Book Club

Monday, September 26

Registration begins for Adult Book Club. Next up we're reading "We Can Never Leave This Place" by Eric Larocca. We'll meet on October 27 to discuss the book.

Comstock Caregiver Group

Monday, September @ 10:30 a.m

Join other local youth caregivers at this informal play group in our storytime room. Children can play with our many educational toys and puppets. Library staff also will be there to assist with early literacy resources.



Saturday, September 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

Decluttering 101 with Moxie Life Organizing

Learn tips, tricks, and products to help manage your life.



Thursday, September 29 @ 5:30 p.m.

Haunted Michigan with Local Author Kathy Conder

Join the author of Hauntings, Spirits, and Eats: Michigan as she shares about local and statewide haunts.

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Thank you very much for reading this addition of the Comstock Connect Newsletter. We look forward to keeping you up-to-date on all the latest happenings in our community.

Have a story to share?

Matt Miller

Communications Development Coordinator

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Fall Curbside Pickup 2022

Fall Curbside Pickup will be held from October 3rd-7th. Clean up is for residents that live within the Township limits only.

All items must be out no later than October 2nd.

Household doors and windows, furniture, carpeting, toys, miscellaneous rubbish/junk, and packaging will be accepted.

Limit 4 cubic yards

Glass should be in a cardboard box or other sturdy container and taped shut

Mattresses/Box Springs MUST be wrapped

Nothing will be accepted that 2 people cannot safely pick up and place into a truck

No plastic bags

Items must be in boxes

The following items will NOT be accepted:

- Hot Tubs
- Boats that have been cut up
- Concrete, Blocks, Bricks
- Freon appliances such as refrigerators
- Freezers and dehumidifiers
- Electronics including computers, printers, monitors, and accessories
- Televisions
- Auto parts or engines
- Tires
- Batteries
- Florescent light bulbs
- Chemicals, paints, solvents, pesticides, herbicides
- Other household hazardous waste
- Iron or steel or cast-iron bathtubs
- Stumps, yard debris, brush
- Medical waste
- Oil, Gasolines or antifreeze

Consumers Concrete and the Kalamazoo County Hazardous Waste Center can handle disposal of some of these items. Contact them for more of that information.