



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
November 1- March 31

Thursdays
11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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

The Township Hall
will be closed on November 11th
in honor of Veterans Day and
November 24th and 25 in
Honor of Thanksgiving



The State General Election

Midterm Elections are November 8th. Polls open at 7 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. Please take time to ensure you're ready to vote.

To check your registration status go to:

<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>.

On our website, you can find your polling place, see sample ballots, and track your absent voter ballot. Go to: <https://comstockmi.gov/election/>

Last minute Registration

You can register to vote at the Comstock Township Office, located at 6138 King Highway, up until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

To register after October 24th, you are required to provide proof of residency. Valid proof of residency can be Michigan driver's license or state ID with current address, Michigan driver's license without current address and an additional proof of residency such as a utility bill or government check.

If you register on election day at the Clerk's office, you can vote absentee or at the polls. You can find a list of proof of residency documents here: <https://tinyurl.com/yece36mn>

Township Messages

Randy Thompson, Township Supervisor

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November is an important time for our community and state. The November State General Election is one of the many ways we make our voices heard. Whether you choose to go to the polls in person or vote absentee at home, please take time to vote this midterm election.

On another note, the Township Office will be closed several days throughout the next two months as we take time to celebrate the holidays. We will post the dates the Township Office is closed on our website and on social media.

Nicole Beauchamp, Township Clerk

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We want to express a huge thank you to all of our election workers who commit their time to a very long day to ensure our elections run smoothly and safely. Thank you! Stay tuned for proposed improvements to our cemeteries, projected for 2023. More information to come soon.

Bret Padgett, Township Treasurer

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Winter property tax bills will be mailed out by December 1, 2022, and tax amounts become due and payable on that date. To avoid a 3% penalty, tax payments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2023. Payments can be made by mail, 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). Any payments not received by February 28, 2023, will be turned over as delinquent to the Kalamazoo County Treasurer.

Curious about where your tax dollars go? Head to www.comstockmi.gov and navigate to the Treasurer's page. There you will find summer and winter property tax information sheets that detail when each millage was created, when it expires, and what it's used for.

Announcements

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As of October 25th, the only way to register to vote is at the Clerk's office in person with proof of residency. Please see the list of acceptable proof of residency on the front page.

On November 1st, the Transfer Station switches to winter hours. We're open on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Important Dates

Township Board Meeting

The Township Board is meeting on Monday, November 21st at 6:00 PM.

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

The Parks and Recreation Board is meeting on Monday, November 14th at 6:00 PM.

Planning Commission Board Meeting

The Planning Commission is meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 7 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Reviews Meeting

The Zoning Board of Reviews is meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd at 4:00 PM.

The Downtown Development Authority Meeting

The Downtown Development Authority is meeting on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 PM.

State General Election

The State General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th

Township Office Closed

The Township Office will be closed on Friday, November 11th, Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of holidays.

Parks and Rec

Fall Fest at Merrill Park



Join us on November 5th from Noon-3 for our Fall Fest at Merrill Park. It's a free outdoor event for the whole family. We'll have a bounce house, face painting, music, kids activities, and a presentation from the Kalamazoo Nature Center at 1:30 P.M. Concessions available for purchase.

Haunt your House

Sherri Keizer on Berry Street is the winner of our first ever "Haunt your House for Halloween." Township Supervisor Randy Thompson picked this house because the family clearly put a lot of thought into their haunted house, using homemade and store bought props together. We saw a lot of amazing houses this year, we'll have a holiday house contest this Christmas.



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](#).

Comstock's New Centenarian

Kenneth Dunlap is turning 100 on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022. Kenneth has spent most of his life in Comstock.

As a boy, Kenneth went to school in a coal heated wooden school house. His father worked on the interurban and the family leased an orchard near their home on North 30th street. Additionally the family raised chickens and cows. His mother sold eggs during the great depression.

Kenneth says he spent most of his free time hanging out with other boys by a dance hall on Joe lo Island. "It was the place to hang," Kenneth said.

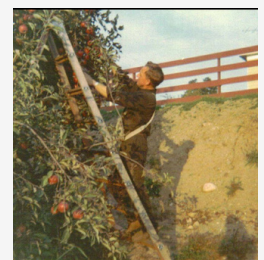
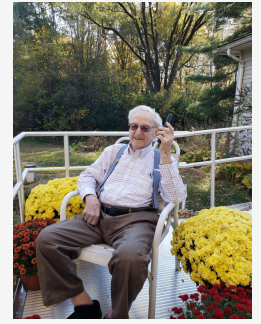
He also remembers fighting fires on his family's orchard. Occasionally when trains passed, sparks from coal could catch in the orchard, then Kenneth would be out fighting the fire on a horse drawn wagon.

During high school, Kenneth earned 15 varsity letters in baseball, basketball, track, and football. "I was always an athlete," Kenneth said. He was inducted into Comstock High School's hall of fame in 2013.

After graduation, Kenneth was drafted to serve in the Army during the Second World War. He served in the South Pacific and Japan, working to keep troops safe from mosquitos and malaria. His brothers served in both the Navy and Marines during World War 2 among a number of other young men from Comstock. His sister, Lt. Helen Dunlap, served as a WAC in the second world war

Upon returning, Kenneth worked as a union carpenter and on the family orchard, working 12 hours a days to do so. His family sold apple cider at a stand outside of their home, sometimes earning as much as \$100 on a weekend.

Please join us in congratulating Kenneth Dunlap on 100 years in Comstock!





Training Grant

Comstock Fire & Rescue received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the Fiscal Year 2021, in the amount of \$117,321.14, with a 5% department match. This award will allow us to provide advanced incident command training and health & safety officers training for all members. The training will be a combination of classroom and simulation labs. During the incident command training, students will be able to practice their skills utilizing computer technology for simulated fires. By allowing multiple participants to practice together, it will provide more "life like" scenarios. The health and safety officer training will ensure all of our members understand risk management principles related to the fireground and the station. Through this grant, the cost of the course, training aids, instructor time and personnel time is all included.



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

Scrabble Tournament

Saturday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Are you a Scrabble fan? The library will be hosting a two round Scrabble tournament with prizes for the three highest scoring players. The tournament is open to ages 13 and up. Registration is open.

Holiday Portraits

Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19

Looking for some perfect Holiday photos for you or your family? We'll have a professional photographer book to take your portrait for free. Each family or individual will have a 15-minute session with a wintry background and will have 3 professionally edited photos emailed to them.

Registration is required and begins October 31st.



Wednesday, November 9 at 2:00 P.M.

Medicare Information

Informational Medicare event open to anyone who has questions or wants to learn more about Medicare options. Medicare Annual Enrollment is October 15 to December 7th. This program is free by Humana.



Dates to Note

The Library will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day

The Library will close at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 23

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving

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Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/comstock-charter-township/>



Thank you very much for reading this edition 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?

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Communications Development Coordinator

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Important Election Dates

Voter Registration

- October 24th- Last day to register online or anywhere other than in person at your Clerk's office to vote in this election.
- October 25th through 8:00 PM November 8th- In person registration at your Clerk's office with ID and proof of residency.
- November 8th from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM- In person registration and voting available on Election Day with ID and proof of residency.
- *Proof of residency- Michigan driver's license or state ID with current address, Michigan driver's license without current address and an additional proof of residency such as a utility bill or lease.*

Absent Voter Ballots

- November 4th by 5:00 PM- Deadline for Clerks to mail an absentee ballot. After this date, residents will need to request a ballot in person.
- November 7th by 4:00 PM- Deadline to obtain an Absent Voter Ballot in person or obtain a new Absent Voter Ballot in person or obtain a new Absent Voter Ballot if your ballot was lost in the mail or you never received it.
- November 7 by 4 PM- Deadline to request in writing to spoil your Absent Voter Ballot.

Special Hours

- Saturday November 5th 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM- The Clerk's office will be open to assist residents with obtaining Absent Voter Ballot and registering to vote.
- Election Day- November 8 by 4:00 PM- Emergency Absentee voting is available.
- <http://www.michigan.gov/vote> is a very useful link for voters.

