

# Comstock Connect

## July 2023 Newsletter



### Township Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and 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

Summer Hours  
April 1-October 31

Tuesday and Thursday  
11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

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



A father and son fishing on Campbell Lake at Robert Morris Park.

Happy July! It's summer time! Put on sunscreen and come on out to some fun community events for the whole family. Find details on those events and much more important information, such as:

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# Messages from the Township

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**Randy Thompson, Township Supervisor**

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Fall Curbside Pickup will begin on September 11th. While it is still a long way out, we want to ensure you have plenty of time to get ready for Curbside Pickup. As a reminder we do have some rules that need to be followed:

Our crews cannot accept everything. Household doors and windows, furniture, carpeting, toys, miscellaneous rubbish/junk, and packaging are all accepted. Glass is accepted but **MUST** be a cardboard box or another sturdy container and taped shut. Mattresses are allowed, but **MUST** be wrapped in plastic. We have a flyer on page 12 that lists what is accepted and isn't accepted by crews at Curbside Pickup. As a general rule- anything two people cannot **SAFELY** pick up and put into a truck is not accepted.

Please understand that not following these rules will result in your items not being removed from your curb, we must prioritize the safety of our crews first and foremost.

**Nicole Beauchamp, Township Clerk**

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The assigned polling location for Precinct 4 is the Northeastern Baptist Church on G Ave.

For this election only, the polling location has changed to Comstock Middle School, [3100 N 26th Street](#) in the gymnasium. Every voter in this precinct will receive a postcard in the mail prior to election day informing them of this change. If you opted to be on the permanent Absent Voter Ballot list, this will be the first election you will automatically be sent a ballot.

**Bret Padgett, Township Treasurer**

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Property tax bills were mailed out on June 30. If you expect to receive a property tax bill and it does not arrive by July 14, please contact the Township Treasurer to make sure your correct address is on file. As a reminder to taxpayers:

- 1.Failure to receive a tax bill does not preclude the collection of taxes.
- 2.The Township Treasurer is required to charge interest for payments received after 5:00 p.m. on September 14.
- 3.The Township Treasurer does not have the authority to waive interest.
- 4.Postmarks can only be considered if received by September 21.

Curious about where your tax dollars go? Head to [www.comstockmi.gov](http://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



### Got Scrap Tires?

We're coming up on the second of three Passenger Scrap Tire Collection Events hosted by the [Kalamazoo Conservation District](#) on July 13th.

- The event will be held from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- The event will be held at Swan Park in Vicksburg located at 50 East VW Ave., Vicksburg, MI 49097
- Appointments are required, you can sign up [online](#).

The Kalamazoo Conservation District is looking for volunteers for their scrap tire collection events this summer. They could use help loading and unloading semi-trailers. If you have questions or want to help, please reach out to the Kalamazoo Conservation District at [269-775-3368](tel:269-775-3368) or [kalamazooconservation@gmail.com](mailto:kalamazooconservation@gmail.com).

If you cannot make it to this event, the Kalamazoo Conservation District is hosting one last event this summer. It will be held on August 8th in Scotts.

## Important Dates

### Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

The Parks and Recreation Board is meeting on Monday, July 10th at 6:00 pm.

### Planning Commission Board Meeting

The Planning Commission is meeting on Thursday, July 13th, July 27th at 7:00 pm.

### Township Board Meeting

The Township Board is meeting on Monday, July 17th, and July 31st at 6:00 pm.

### The Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

The Zoning Board of Appeals is meeting on Tuesday, July 25th at 4:00 pm.

### The Downtown Development Authority Meeting

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

# Movie in the Park

Saturday, July 8th

Looking for a fun, family-friendly night out? Come down to Merrill Park for a free movie night. We're watching Super Pets! The movie will begin at sunset. Before the screening, we'll have a costume contest with prizes for kids, families and their dogs. Concessions will be available to purchase. Dogs must be on a leash.

A colorful poster for the 'Movie in the Park' event. The top half has a dark blue background with white stars and the text 'MOVIE IN THE PARK FEATURING SUPER PETS'. The bottom half has a yellow background with a red polka-dot border. It lists the date 'JULY 8', concession times, and movie start time. A yellow speech bubble says 'CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES! PRIZED COSTUME CONTEST -CATEGORIES- KIDS, FAMILY & PET VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS'. Logos for Comstock Parks & Rec and Celery City are at the bottom.

**Robert Morris Park Passes**  
are available for purchase at Robert Morris Park or the Township Office located at 6138 King Hwy, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. Passes cost \$25, or \$10 for seniors (60+). Day passes can be purchased at Robert Morris Park for \$5.

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**Neighborhood Park Day:**  
**Fleetwood Park**  
Noon-2 pm  
Saturday, July 15th

**Basketball Camp**  
9 am-noon  
July 17th-21th at Merrill Park

**Neighborhood Park Day:**  
**Celery Street Park**  
Noon- 2 pm  
July 22nd

**3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament**  
See [website](#) for times  
July 22nd at Merrill Park

**Archery Clinic**  
Green Meadow Park  
July 26-Aug. 16 at Green Meadow Park

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 [parcs@comstockmi.gov](mailto:parcs@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.





E Michigan Ave

# The Comstock Center Downtown Development Authority

Come visit and shop in Comstock Center this July: Not sure where to start? Check out our list of businesses below:

Business name	Address	Business name	Address
Advantage Vending	6018 E Michigan Ave	Griffith Transport	5811 King Hwy
Auto Tech	6264 King Hwy	Hair Plus	5831 King Hwy
B&N Food & Citgo Gas	6300 E Michigan Ave	Hartleb Insurance Agency	5840 King Hwy
Barrett's Maintenance & Construction	5960 E Michigan Ave	Kalamazoo Industries	6856 E K Ave
Berts Bakery & Kate's Corner Cupboard	309 River St.	Modern Septic & Sewer	6455 E K Ave
Boer's Comstock Service	502 River St.	Nikos' Express	5876 King Hwy
Comerica Bank	5937 King Hwy	Rabbit Hutch	5922 King Hwy
Comstock Family Dentistry	5901 King Hwy	Sir Roy's	211 River St.
Comstock Library	6130 King Hwy	Speedway	208 River St.
Dollar General	419 River St.	Twisted Automotive	6810 E K Ave
Dopp Pump Company	5972 King Hwy	Valentina's Mexican Grill	351 River St.
Dyer Auto Body	5917 King Hwy	VFW	5990 E Michigan Ave
Eastside Rentals Properties LLC	6133 King Hwy	Vibe Tech	7025 E K AVE
Greater Joy Church of God in Christ	6016 King Hwy		

### Something's always happening:

Want to learn about all the great projects, programs, and events being planned for Comstock Center? Join us for the next Comstock Center DDA meeting on Wednesday, July 26 at 5:30 pm at the Comstock Township Hall.

### New Member

We'd like to congratulate Anne Summerfield on her appointment to the Comstock Center DDA Board.

### Reach out:

You can contact Comstock Center DDA Director Steve Deiser at [269-381-2360](tel:269-381-2360) or [sdeisler@comstockmi.gov](mailto:sdeisler@comstockmi.gov).

Are you a muralist, artist or just love painting? Comstock Center is looking for volunteers to help restore the downtown Comstock History Mural created in 2005. Due to the age and weathering we need to power wash, scrap and repaint the mural to bring it back to life!



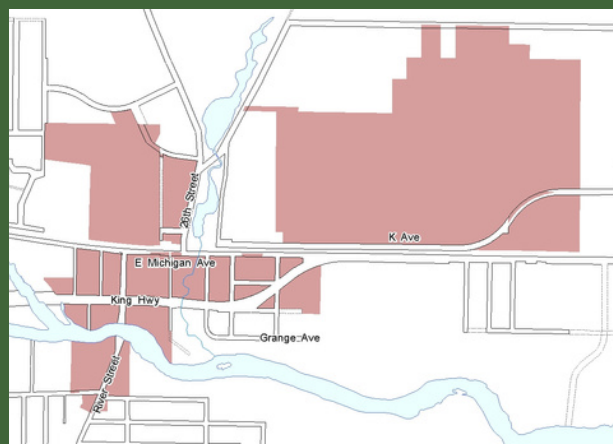
Contact Steve Deisler, Comstock DDA, Director at 269-381-2360 or email at [sdeisler@comstockmi.us](mailto:sdeisler@comstockmi.us) for further details.

### Board of Directors

- Sandra Katje, Chair
- Jon Koets, Vice Chair
- Jeffrey Townsend, Secretary/Treasurer
- Randy Thompson, Township Supervisor
- John Gisler, County Commissioner
- Ryan Davis
- Evan Kowalski
- Matt Norman
- Anne Summerfield

Steve Deiser, Comstock Center DDA Director

### Map of the DDA Area



<https://comstockmi.gov/downtown-development-authority/>



[269-381-2360](tel:269-381-2360)

# Comstock Township Library

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### 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

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

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

## Nelson's Wildlife Safari

Monday, July 24 @ 4pm or 6pm

Prepare for a WILD time at CTL!! Nelson's Wildlife Safari is going to bring the magic and adventure of animals to the library for a truly unique hands on experience! This event is perfect for families as you'll see and touch creatures both great and small from around the globe. Space is limited, please arrive early to get a good seat. No registration required.

## Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program runs through August 31! You can read and complete library challenges to win prizes! We offer programs for all ages, from infants to seniors. Visit our website homepage or drop by the library to register. Visit the Events page on the library's website to see all our upcoming summer events.

### Jim Gill Concert at Merrill Park

Thursday, July 13 @ 10:30am

Comstock welcomes famous children's musician Jim Gill for a free outdoor performance at Merrill Park! Everyone is welcome, no registration is required. Please bring lawn chairs, blankets and hats as you may be seated in the sun. This free concert is brought to you by the Comstock Township Library and Comstock Parks and Recreation Department.

### Family Storytime at Merrill Park

Wednesday, July 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 10:30am

Join us for an all ages, family storytime where we will explore stories, songs, and rhymes at the lovely Merrill Park. Please bring a blanket or chairs as we will be sitting on the grass. No registration necessary. In the case of rain, we will hold storytime inside the library.

The library will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day



Please register for these free events by calling the library at [269-345-0136](tel:269-345-0136) or by visiting the Events page on the library's website [www.comstocklibrary.org](http://www.comstocklibrary.org)





# Comstock Fire and Rescue

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# Community CPR Classes

Our next Community CPR training session will be offered on Saturday, July 22nd, at 9 AM.

We are excited to continue this community outreach program and encourage all who are interested to consider signing up.

Participants will be contacted in the order they sign up, with preference given to Comstock Township residents. Please do not hesitate to sign up, as the first eight Comstock residents to sign up will be contacted for confirmation first. Vacancies created by cancelations will be filled using the order of the list. People from outside the township will be contacted if we are unable to confirm eight Comstock township residents in a timely manner.

**\*\*\* If you have a disability that requires special assistance (i.e., hearing-impaired/deaf and needing an ASL interpreter), please specify when filling out the registration form attached to this post. Because coordinating special resources takes time, any need for accommodation must be submitted at least 2 weeks before the day of class. Every effort will be made, but nothing can be guaranteed due to a shortage of interpreters and other local resources.**

One registration form must be filled out for each person planning to attend. For example, a family of three would need to submit three separate forms, not three names on one form.

CPR cards will not be issued for this program due to the limited scope of instruction. This class is based on the American Heart Association's Family and Friends CPR curriculum. Since no cards are issued, this training is provided for FREE!

The class will be held at Comstock Fire Station 9-1, (1960 River Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048) on Saturday, July 22nd, 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

We will announce upcoming classes on our Facebook page, so ensure you follow us to stay informed.

Questions can be emailed to FF Crabtree at [ccrabtree@comstockmi.gov](mailto:ccrabtree@comstockmi.gov).

To register, scan the QR code or go [online](#).





# COMSTOCK FIRE & RESCUE



## A JOB LIKE NO OTHER

CHALLENGING

FAST PACED

REWARDING

COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT

TRAINING  
PROVIDED

COMPETITIVE  
WAGES

## PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT

Comstock Fire & Rescue is now accepting applications for Paid-On-Call Firefighters. No prior experience required if you live within the Township. We will provide sponsorship to the Fall 2023 Medical First Responder Class and 2024 Kalamazoo County Fire Chief's Association Fire Academy to qualified candidates

The men and women of Comstock Township Department of Fire & Rescue provide 24/7 essential fire suppression and investigation, education, rescue, and emergency medical services to over 15,000 residents and visitors, responding to over 2,100 requests for service each year.

Visit our website @ [www.comstockfire.com](http://www.comstockfire.com) to download an application. Printed applications can be hand-delivered at Station 9-3 (8700 E. Michigan Ave, Galesburg, MI) or mailed to P.O. Box 8, Comstock, MI 49041. You may also e-mail your application to [kdouglas@comstockmi.gov](mailto:kdouglas@comstockmi.gov).



# Cemetery Update

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As we continue the work on beautifying and adding new interment options to Maple Grove and Comstock Cemeteries, we are also working behind the scenes to create our online Burial Search. You can access the search at [Burial Search - Comstock\\_Township\\_Cemeteries - Comstock](#).



We are finding that more people are interested in genealogy than ever before; in light of that, we are attempting to add as much information to our search tool as we can find. We are looking for stories, obituaries, death notices, and especially information on the deaths of the first residents of Comstock who are buried in the oldest sections of both cemeteries. These stories are so important to the history of our community and we would appreciate your help in preserving them and sharing them through our burial search.

Please consider emailing them to [tpenny@comstockmi.gov](mailto:tpenny@comstockmi.gov) or bringing them into the office so we can make a copy for our records. Thank you for your help!

Contact us  
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## Find us on Social Media

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/comstocktwp>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/comstockctwp/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ComstockCTwp>

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

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## Meet the author



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.

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Have a story to tell? Get in touch with our Communications Development Coordinator and he can help!

Matt Miller

Communications Development Coordinator

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





# VOTE

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AUGUST 8TH

*Precinct 4 only*

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