

Comstock Connect

October 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.



Happy October! We're finally in our new Township Facility. We're also gearing up for another Haunt Your House Contest. You won't want to miss these articles about:

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Messages from the Township

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Randy Thompson, Township Supervisor

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We're officially moved into our new home at 5858 King Highway. We're very happy to finally be in our new Township Hall. We hope you are able to stop by and see our new building.

A few reminders:

- All of the Township's public meetings will be held in the new Township Community Room in the new Hall.
- All Township Business will be handled in the new facility.
- The Township's drive up drop box is at the new facility.

Nicole Beauchamp, Township Clerk

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On the ballot for the November 7th election is a countywide millage proposal. If you've been on the Absent Voter APPLICATION list and haven't selected to be on the permanent BALLOT list for all future elections, this election is your last chance to do so. After this election, we will no longer be sending applications for ballots.

There are a lot of changes coming to our election process next year due to the passage of Proposal 2022-2, that voters passed overwhelmingly last November. Stay tuned for more details.

Bret Padgett, Township Treasurer

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September 14 was the last day to pay summer property taxes, and interest is now accruing at 1% per month on any unpaid balance. Payments can be made by mail, in-person at the Township office, by using the drive-up drop box located at the east end of the parking lot, or online at www.comstockmi.gov. We accept cash, check, money order, electronic check (\$3 fee), and major credit cards (3% fee) at the counter. If paying online, we also accept PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, and Google Pay (3% fee each).

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



Wondering what's going on in our community? Come down to the new Township Hall!

We will soon have a monitor list of news, agendas, and announcements available outside of the new Township Hall. Just drive by and check it out.

We'll update this monitor as necessary, so stop by from time to time to see the latest from Comstock Charter Township.

Important Dates

Township Board Meeting

is meeting on Monday, October 2nd, October 16th, and October 30th at 6:00 PM.

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

is meeting on Monday, October 9th at 6:00 PM.

Planning Commission Meeting

is meeting on Thursday, October 12th, and October 26th at 7:00 PM.

The Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

is meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 4:00 PM.

The Downtown Development Authority Meeting

is meeting on Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM.

Haunt Your House

The Haunt your House for Halloween competition is back for a second year! Decorate your house for Halloween and register for a chance to win a prize. The top 3 house displays will be chosen and announced by October 30th. Make sure to sign up [online](#).

Robert Morris Park Passes

are available for purchase at Robert Morris Park or the Township Office located at 5858 King Hwy, Kalamazoo. Passes cost \$25, or \$10 for seniors (60+). Day passes can be purchased at Robert Morris Park for \$5.

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Thank you very much for an awesome summer! We look forward to serving you again for the 2024 summer season.

Robert Morris Park is open year round for you to enjoy.



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. 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.



Fall Fest 2023

In Pictures: Fall Fest 2023

We were so excited to see the wonderful turnout for this year's Fall Fest!

We estimate we had approximately 400 people come out to Merrill Park.

We'll be hard at work to make sure next year's Fall Fest is bigger and better!

All photos are courtesy of Sandra Katje, Comstock Center Downtown Development Authority Chair.

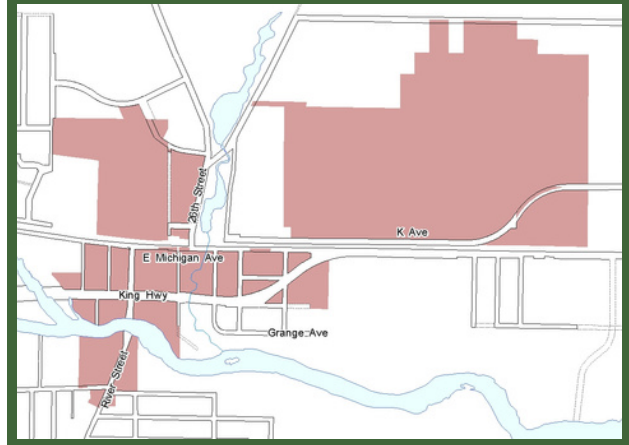


Board of Directors

- 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/>



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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.

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\$1 a Bag Book Sale

The \$1 a Bag Book Sale will be held October 2-14. Come fill a bag of books for the best deal in town! Standard size bags cost \$1 while oversize bags cost \$5. The sale includes adult, teen, and youth books as well as audiobooks.

Sensory Storytime

Thursday, October 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30am

Sensory Storytime is an interactive, inclusive program geared toward families with neurodivergent children experiencing sensory processing challenges. This storytime aims to engage the children with literacy learning in a calm, welcoming, and comfortable space. Designed for ages 3-6.

Banned Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 11 @ 6pm

Join us to discuss the classic graphic novel and banned book, *Maus*, by Art Spiegelman. Using the imagery of cats and mice, Spiegelman retells the real-life events of the Holocaust. Light refreshments will be served. Please register if you would like to participate.

Fall Fest

Saturday, October 28 @ 11am

Come dressed in your Halloween Costume for our 9th annual Autumn party for all ages! Be amazed by Magician Cameron Zvara, play games, enjoy fall snacks, and have lots of spooky fun! No registration is required for this free event.

Haunted Gettysburg

Saturday, October 18 @ 6pm

Join author, Kathy Conder, as she shares her experiences with Gettysburg and its inhabitants who never really left after the Civil War battle. Registration is required for this free program

Clue Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, October 25 @ 6pm

Welcome to the Comstock Township Library on a particularly dark and stormy night! Based on the classic Board game, *Clue*, you will be sent on a scavenger hunt through the Library to locate clue cards that will help you determine who killed Mr. Body, with what weapon, and where. It's time to put on your thinking caps and get down to business solving the murder. Please register for this program by calling or visiting the Events page on the library website.



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



Comstock Fire and Rescue

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FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

COMSTOCK FIRE & RESCUE

**OCTOBER 14TH - STATION 9-1
(1960 RIVER ST)
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

We are excited to invite you to our annual Fire Prevention Open House, an event that promises fun, education, and community engagement. Comstock Fire & Rescue is proud to be teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) for more than 100 years – to promote this year's FPW campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.



>>> MEET YOUR LOCAL HEROES

Meet the firefighters who dedicate their lives to keeping our community safe. Get to know the men and women who work at Comstock Fire & Rescue.

>>> MEET SPARKY AND FRIENDS

Our special guests, Sparky the Fire Dog, and his friends, will be joining us for the day. They'll be available for photos and will teach valuable fire safety lessons in a fun and interactive way. It's a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about fire prevention in a memorable and enjoyable manner.



>>> GET UP CLOSE WITH A FIRE TRUCK

Ever wondered what it's like inside a fire truck? Wonder no more! Climb aboard, explore the equipment, and learn how our firefighting vehicles operate. It's an experience that kids of all ages (yes, adults too!) will enjoy.



>>> ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

We'll have light refreshments on hand, ensuring that you stay energized throughout your visit. Share stories and chat with your neighbors while savoring some tasty treats.

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

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

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

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.

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

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Communications Development Coordinator

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