



newsletter

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP

SPRING 2025



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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Ambucs Memorial 5K

Run a 5K and support AMBUCS. The race begins at 8AM at Honor Credit Union (1963 Baldwin Street). For more information or to register to participate, visit the event's website: kenowaambucs.com.

Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Parade begins at 9AM and travels along Baldwin Street from the corner of 20th Avenue to Cottonwood Drive.



Memorial Day Service

Please join us for a Memorial Service at 11AM. The services will be held at the Georgetown Township Cemetery. Seating is not provided.



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Township Board

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SIGN UP FOR THE MONTHLY TOWNSHIP E-NEWSLETTER!

OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays-Fridays 8AM-5PM

1515 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49428



Township Updates



Elections Update

As of December 31, 2024, there is no longer a Permanent Absentee Application list. This list has been changed to the Permanent Absentee Mail Ballot list. To be added to the list, you will need to request to be added to the Permanent Absentee Mail Ballot List; you will not be automatically moved from the application list to the ballot list.

To request to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Mail Ballot List, you may submit a completed request form. This form can be found at gtwp.com or you may pick up the form at our office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (616) 457-2340 (ext. 304).

Assessing



New homeowners must own and occupy their property (among other qualifications) by June 1st to receive the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) for the 2025 year. PRE exempts homeowners from paying school operating millage on the summer tax bill. For new homeowners who purchased an existing home or a completed new build, the PRE form is almost always filled out at your closing and mailed to the Township by your title company. However, for homeowners who purchased vacant land and then built their new home, completion of the PRE form is often missed.

Residents can easily check to see if they filed a PRE form by reviewing the Change of Assessment Notice that was sent to you in February or by going to our website, gtwp.com, click on "Property Info" and then search for your address. On your property's page, scroll down to the Principal Residence Exemption Information section and verify that it shows 100% for June 1st.

Fire Department



Spring cleaning is an annual ritual for many of us. It can also be a time to check our homes and yards for unsafe conditions. Here are some ideas to add to your spring cleaning routine:

- Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.
- Check for water around electrical appliances.
- Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.
- Remove dead leaves and debris.
- Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.

KEEP IT GREEN: PROTECT WATER QUALITY WITH PLANTS!



Every effort to minimize waste runoff into storm sewers counts. Whether in residential or commercial settings, landscaping choices wield influence over the water we cherish. Connect with experts to stabilize shorelines and implement game changing BMPs like stream buffers, filter strips, conservation easements, and bioengineering techniques.

Learn more lgrow.org



SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 6

Polling locations will be open 7AM-8PM on May 6 for a special election. On the ballot will be a special education millage proposal for the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. For more information, please visit gtwp.com.



Check out our website at
www.gtwp.com

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Experience Georgetown



Farmers Market

June 16–August 11

Join us weekly on Mondays from 4-8PM at the Georgetown Township Public Library for an outdoor market. Each week produce, baked goods, kettlecorn, and artisan products will be available, along with food trucks, live music, and family entertainment. **For list of vendors and schedule of events, please visit gtfarmersmarket.org.**



Library Events

Georgetown Township Public Library

Haven't checked out the library in a while? We not only have a huge collection of books, movies, music, and digital items, we also have programming for all ages! Be sure to check out our services and events at gtpl.org.

Amateur Photography Contest: April 1-18



Do you enjoy taking pictures? Be a part of our Amateur Photography Contest! All ages are welcome to participate. Entries are due by April 18 and will be displayed for voting by the public during May.



Summer Reading for all Ages: June 1-August 1

Read for prizes! We have Summer Reading programs for all ages. Participate online or pick up a reading log at the library. We also have fun programs all summer long.

Jenison History Events

Upcoming Programs:

Open Houses @ the Museum:

March 4: 10AM-12PM

March 15: 2-4PM

Admission is FREE but donations are appreciated



1956 Tornado Presentation

April 17 @ 12:45PM: Georgetown Connections

April 30 @ 7PM: Georgetown Library

The Jenison Historical Association is always looking for new members, docents, and volunteers. If interested, please email info@jenisonhistory.org.

GT Connections



Nearly 1,000 members aged 55 or better from Georgetown Township and our surrounding communities attend a vast array of activities at Georgetown Connections almost every weekday of the entire year. This is possible, in part, because of our loyal sponsors who give generously of their time and resources to help keep fees at a minimum, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate. Many speakers, performers, and workshop leaders who share their expertise with us, also do so for a reduced rate. On the flip side, several of our members give back to the community by way of volunteerism. This benevolent, supportive spirit is the connective tissue that binds the body of our community together and gives it strength.

Every month, more than 100 GT Connections members enjoy free breakfast, conversation with friends, and bingo with prizes thanks to the collaborative efforts of Cook Funeral Services, Georgetown & Cambridge, and Rivertown Ridge. A typical week at Connections has included special sponsored programs such as: a Valentine's Day party, free balance classes led by Dr. Michael Jones of Amerifirst Physical Therapy and Wellness, and a free lecture on the inner workings of the systems of the human body by retired doctor Bruce Gardner. Additionally, we recently heard from Love Your Neighbor, where several GT members currently volunteer, and from New City Neighbors about their important outreach programs and ways we can get involved in supporting them.

GT Connections senior-community center is at the top of its class for the number and quality of services and programs we offer thanks to our supportive community sponsors. The benefits are great, as our members receive, and then turn around and give, making Georgetown Township a beautiful place to live.





Township Parks not only help increase your property value, but also provide a safe and fun place to connect with community, with accessible amenities and fun play areas for everyone. From splash pads to bike paths, playgrounds to pavilions, fishing spots to soccer fields, Georgetown Township parks have something for everyone.



LEARN MORE ABOUT
TOWNSHIP PARKS



Splash pads are located in Rosewood & Maplewood Parks
Operating Hours: 10AM-8PM Memorial Day-Labor Day