

# OCEOLA OBSERVER

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Oceola Township Hall is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are located at 1577 North Latson Road, Howell MI 48843.

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## 2016 Office Closures

**August 2, 2016**

State Primary Election

**September 2, 2016**

Observe Labor Day

**November 8, 2016**

State General Election

**November 25, 2016**

Observe Thanksgiving

**December 23, 2016**

Close at noon

Observe Christmas



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Trash Day May 6, 2017**

*A copy of Oceola Township Citizens' Guide to Local Unit Finances is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours.*

## Township News

This year's road maintenance program includes cooperating with Hartland Township and Livingston County Road Commission on the rebuilding and the paving of Hacker Road.

The closed bridge on Eager Road north of M59 is now scheduled for reconstruction in 2017.

We are continuing to see vigorous building in areas of the Township which have sewer and water. Several builders have acquired available properties and are actively building. It will take about 5 to 10 years for the current developments which are under construction to become built out.

## Renewal of Road Millage

The road millage renewal for maintenance and chloride on Township roads will be on the ballot for the Primary Election on August 2.

## Oceola Park

On behalf of the Township Board, thank you all for your patience during the construction that has gone on this season. We are excited about the progress! A children's play structure is being built on our grounds. Oceola trails will now cover approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of walking/biking paths, including a sidewalk in front of the Town Hall, the Fire Hall, and the Community Center.

## Howell Area Parks and Recreation

Oceola Township is part of the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority (HAPRA), which allows all Oceola Township residents two (2) vehicle passes per residence to enter Howell City Park and the boat launch for free. Passes are available from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Passes can be picked up at the Bennett Recreation Center located at 925 West Grand River. For information, please call 517-546-0693. Oceola residents also receive a discounted price when paying to participate in various classes offered through HAPRA.

**Proof of residency is required.**

### Dog License Fees

**1 Year Spay/Neuter  
\$10.00**

**3 Year Spay/Neuter  
\$25.00**

**1 Year Intact  
\$25.00**

**3 Year Intact  
\$60.00**

**Late Fee  
\$20.00**

**Replacement License  
\$5.00**

**Service Dogs  
Free**

### Oceola Community Center

The Oceola Township-owned Community Center is available for use. For information, call Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority at 517-546-0693 or visit [www.howellrecreation.org](http://www.howellrecreation.org).

### Paper Recycling

A paper recycling bin is located in the south parking lot at the Township Hall for recycling paper products such as newspapers, magazines, office papers, school papers, mail and catalogs. The bin is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

## Election Information

Oceola Township will hold two upcoming elections in 2016. August 2 is a State Primary Election, in which congressional, legislative, and county races will be on the ballot, as well as three millage proposals. The General Election will be held on November 8th.

If you would like to be on the Permanent Absent Voter List or to vote absentee in either of the two upcoming elections, please contact the Clerk's office by email at [clerkmclean@oceolatwp.org](mailto:clerkmclean@oceolatwp.org), or call 517-546-3259 during normal business hours.

When you request an application for an absentee ballot, we will send you a dual application that will allow you to request ballots for both the August 2nd and November 8th elections.

### Chemung Hills Golf Course & Banquet Center

The Township is installing white fencing along the front of the property at Chemung Hills Golf Course clubhouse.

## MHOG Utility Department's New Online Payment Website

**Coming soon:** The MHOG Utility Department is excited to announce the launch of our new online access and payment website, with an expected September 12, 2016 activation date. You will soon be able to pay directly from your checking account online with an e-check or still pay with your credit card/debit card. **Customers will have to re-register for this service, and any recurring payments set up on the old system will be cancelled and will need to be set up on the new site.** We are also pleased to offer auto payment using an ACH Auto Debit from a checking or savings account. You will have the option of paying your utility bill as an automatic electronic withdrawal from your bank account on the quarterly billing due date every three months. Customers can sign up easily by completing an authorization form, available online soon, or by calling us at 800-881-4109. Currently, we plan to have all of these new services available the week of September 12, 2016. For future updates and information, visit us on the web at: [www.mhog.org](http://www.mhog.org) or call 800-881-4109.

**To find current data regarding services, meetings, and department links, visit our website: [www.oceolatwp.org](http://www.oceolatwp.org)**