



SENIOR CONNECTIONS

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SUPERVISOR’S CORNER



Welcome to the Supervisor’s Corner, my name is Kenneth Harrington, and I am proud to be the Supervisor for the Township of Covert. As a key elected leader, I am one of five voting members of the Township Board, with all members of the board carrying the same voting weight. My duties include setting the meeting agenda, presiding over Township Board meetings, and creating the annual operating budget with the goal being to keep taxes low and the level of services high. I work with all members of the Township Board to enable the ideas, opinions, and concerns of a wide variety of interest in Township affairs and use that input to manage and enhance the Township in the most effective and efficient manner.

2022 will be an exciting year with many challenges and many more rewards. The Township Board and I look forward to working on your behalf in the year ahead.

Ken Harrington
Covert Township Supervisor
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TOWNSHIP BOARD

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COVERT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

We would like to thank those who gave monetary and non-monetary donations throughout 2021, we greatly appreciate the support! The museum still has lots of history stored in boxes. Our staff is working on a digital project to get more of Covert’s past history out to our residents and visitors. You will find some history on our Facebook page and our website at www.coverthm.org.

We are currently looking for volunteers. If interested, please call 269-764-1298.

PROPERTY TAXES



Winter Tax bills are due February 28, 2022.

On March 1, 2022, tax bills will be turned over to the Van Buren County Treasurer in Paw Paw where additional penalties and interest will be added.

After March 1, 2022, you will not be able to pay at the Township Hall.

2021 Income Tax Preparation for SW Michigan is coming!

This service will be available for all at the South Haven Senior Services Center. This is a Drop-Off Service by appointment only during the months of February and March.

The Senior/Client needs to call 269-655-8000 around mid-January to make an appointment.

A Tax information packet will be mailed to the Senior/Client. The Senior/Client needs to return the packet back per the instructions. The tax preparation will be returned within two weeks (Wednesday).

There will not be Senior Tax assistance in Covert at the VBCO.

March Board of Review

Necessary forms can be found on our website at www.covertwp.com
Meeting dates and times are printed on your annual property assessment notice.

Two ways to Appeal

1. In-Person- By Appointment ONLY held at the Township Hall

Call Laura at 269-764-5138 to set up an appointment.

Appeals heard on: Monday March 14, 2022 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. & 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00-4:00 p.m.

2. By Letter

Deadline also appears on your assessment notice. The 2022 March Board of Review must receive your appeal letter and all accompanying documents by Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Poverty Exemption: In addition to your proof of income and other financial documents required, you will need to complete the application for a Poverty Exemption. All documents must accompany a completed and signed application at the time of your Board of Review hearing. Necessary forms can be found on our website at www.covertwp.com

Disabled Veterans Exemption: In addition to your annual Veteran's Administration statement showing that you are a disabled veteran, you will need to complete the Disabled Veterans Exemption Affidavit. Necessary forms can be found on our website at www.coverttwp.com

Taxpayers must protest first to the March Board of Review in order to protect your rights To appeal further to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Appeals of property classification must also be appealed first at the March Board of Review before you can appeal further to the State Tax Commission.

To appeal a decision of the March Board of Review, you must Petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by August 1, 2022. The appropriate appeal form can be found on the Tribunal's website at www.michigan.gov/taxtribunal.

Chore & Home Repair Services

Chore and Home Repair services are NOT income based!

These services are available to anyone 60 years of age and older through Covert Township Senior Millage Fund.



Chore Services are available to all residents 60+. This service covers household maintenance repairs to increase the safety of the senior.

Home Repairs are available to homeowners only! Home Repairs are considered permanent improvements to a home to prevent or remedy a sub-standard condition or safety hazard.

As the homeowner you pick whom you would like to complete your work. The Township does have a suggested list of Contractors/Handymen you can contact if you like.

Requirements:

1. Qualifying Application
2. Quote- filled out before work is done by contractor/Handyman for each job.
3. Invoice- filled out when work is completed by Homeowner & Handyman for each job.

These forms can be found on the Covert Township website <http://coverttwp.com/> under **Local** then **Senior**, along with the minimum Service Standards set forth by the Township for contractors/Handymen to read, who provide a service for you.

If you or someone you know may benefit from the above services, please call Debbie at 269-764-5144 or stop by the Township Hall.

TRANSPORTATION

Van Buren Public Transit (STAR) offers many services:
(269) 427-7921 or (800) 828-2015



Monday-Friday: 6:00am-7:30pm, Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

FLEX LOOP ROUTES: This route keeps to a regular hourly schedule, but vehicles can deviate from the route to pick-up or drop off passengers from other locations along the way, when prearranged through Dispatch.

South Haven Loop Hours of Operation: Monday -Friday 9:00 to 5:00 p.m./4:00 p.m. last loop. Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m./3:00 p.m. last loop.

DIAL-A-RIDE: Curb to curb service within the South Haven area.

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 6:45 to 8:00 p.m./7:30 p.m. last call

VETERANS SHUTTLE: Veterans travel to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Thursday: Drop off: 9:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Returns: 12:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

RESERVATIONS-IN COUNTY: Travel within Van Buren County. We recommend at least 24 hours advance notice for reservation rides. **Reservations** can be made up to 14 days in advance.

RESERVATIONS-OUT OF COUNTY: Travel to surrounding area counties for medical appointments. **Reservations** can be made up to 14 days in advance.

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday: Pick-up 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Return 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Pick-up 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Return 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Wheelchair lifts available in advance

Cemetery Information

If possible, when inquiring information about Covert Cemetery please call the Clerk's office at 269-764-5139 to set up an appointment.

- Just a reminder that all winter decoration/memorials shall be removed after March 15th of each year; all spring and summer decorations/memorials after October 15th of each year.

MEALS ON WHEELS of SW MICHIGAN



Two meal programs are offered to Covert Township residents over 60.

- 🕒 Meals delivered directly to home-bound seniors' homes
These meals are delivered between 10:00 and 12:00 and can be hot or frozen. A second meal, known as a supper snack, can also be delivered. Frozen meals may be available to eat on the weekends.
- 🕒 Hot meals for pick-up only are available at the Van Buren United Civic Center in Covert due to the pandemic.

For more information contact 269-925-0137 between 8:00 and 3:30 p.m.



FRESH CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HEALTH

A Free Nutrition Class for Older Adults

Each class included education, lively discussion, learning activities, a healthy food demo, and food tasting. Come learn more about how to choose and eat healthy foods and be more active. Class is taught by Chriss Flood, a Bronson Nutrition Educator and home cook who is an older adult herself. Participants who attend the class receive a \$20 healthy grocery gift card to Meijer. Classes will be held at Covert Library on Wednesdays, March 16 to April 13, 2022 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Please call 269-764-1298 to register, space is limited.**

What is Cardio Drumming?

It brings together drumsticks, an exercise ball & stand to create one of the most fun workouts you'll ever do. Using the exercise ball and the floor as your drum, mixing in fun moves, cardio drumming turns keeping a rhythm into a workout you won't want to stop. Sponsored by Healthy Haven.



Classes are held at Lily of The Valley Church, 30600 M-14- HWY in Covert
Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m.

COVERT TOWNSHIP LIBRARY



Cover to Cover Book Club

Meet kindred book lovers at Covert's "Cover to Cover Book Club". This is for anyone who is interested in learning more from a wide variety of books as well as from fellow readers.

You even have a voice in what the groups read. A new book is read each month. Come share your perspective, laugh, share stories, and make new friends!

January: 24 Educated by Tara Westover @5:30
February: 28 On Her Own Ground by A'Lelia Bundles @ 5:30
March: 21 Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo @ 5:30

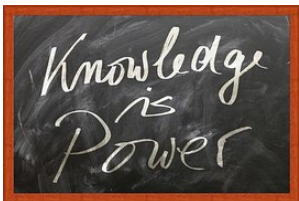
Movie Night at the Library @ 5:00

January: 17 MLK Movie Night
31 TBA
February: 28 TBA
March: 28 TBA



Adult Classes

January: 12 Peaceful Painting @ 5:30 Come paint a beautiful scene
Registration required
February: 7 Create! Black History @ 5:00 Make a decoupage box
in honor of Black History Month
March: 16 & 30 Become a MS Word Wiz @4:30-5:30 Learn
how to use Microsoft Word



Fire & Police

Tips for Driving in the Snow

- Stay home only go out if necessary.
- Drive slowly
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Increase your following distance to five to six seconds
- Know your brakes.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it.
- Don't power up hills.
- Don't stop going up a hill.



COVERT TOWNSHIP TRANSFER STATION

Located 1 1/4 mile west of M-140 on 34th Ave.

Available to Covert Residents only

HOURS OF OPERATION

SATURDAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00PM

(CLOSED HOLIDAYS)

Punch Cards: 4 Punches—\$9.00 / 10 Punches— \$18.00

Punch cards may be purchased at the Township Hall or at the Transfer Station during hours of operation. Please bring a valid ID with current address or other proof of residency (utility bill).

We **DO NOT** accept burn barrel contents, larger amounts of construction material, sleeper couches, certain hazardous waste. Appliances containing refrigerants must be professionally vented and certified before being accepted.

Punches:

- 1 (30 Gallon) Trash Bags 1 Punch
- 1 (55 Gallon) Trash Bag 2 Punches
- 1 Barrel (55 Gallons) NO Burn Barrels..... 2 Punches
- 1 Barrel (95 Gallons) NO Burn Barrels..... 3 Punches
- Pickup Trucks..... [See Scale]
- Recycle Bin Items... No Punches
(Discretion of attendant depending on size. We DO NOT accept sleeper couches. Appliances containing refrigerants must be professionally vented and certified before being accepted.)

Tires & Other:

- Passenger Vehicle Tire... \$3.00
- Passenger Vehicle Tire on Rim... \$5.00
- Large Truck Tire..... \$15.00
- Large Truck Tire on Rim... \$23.00
- Cubic Yard \$11.00
- Large Appliances/Furniture..... \$11.00

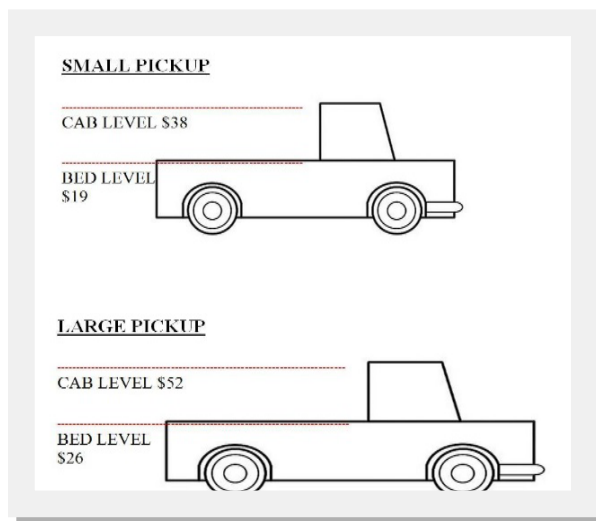
For items too large to fit our compactor, refer to BestWay

Disposal:

Best Way Disposal Watervliet:
7901 Dan Smith Road Watervliet, MI 49098
269-463-3232
Fax 269-463-3718

STILL NOT SURE HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR WASTE?

Refer to Van Buren Conservation District's web site for a comprehensive list of items and where to dispose locally.
<https://vanburencd.org/programs-services/recycling/>



Recycling Do's and Don'ts

PLEASE RINSE ALL CONTAINERS AND REMOVE LIDS FROM CONTAINERS

METAL CANS, ALUMINUM FOIL, ALUMINUM FOIL PANS
Recycle all food and beverage metal cans - steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum

CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER, AND MAGAZINES
You can also include newspapers, inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books, and brochures

PAPER FOOD CONTAINERS
Recycle food boxes including: ice cream & milk containers, and cereal & pasta boxes

PAPER
Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards, & file folders.

PLASTICS
Recycle plastics #1 thru #7. Look on the bottom of containers for a number inside the recycling arrows

DO NOT RECYCLE

- No Plastic Bags
- No Plastic Food Wrappers
- No Pizza Boxes
- No Plastic without Numbers
- No Greasy Food Containers
- No Food or Liquid Waste
- No Yard Waste
- No Construction Debris or Scrap Metal
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Electronics, Cables, or Batteries
- No Diapers, Tissues, or Biohazardous Waste
- No Light Bulbs
- No Ceramics, Dishes, or Mirrors
- No Hoses, Toys, Clothes, Shoes, Tools, or Holiday Decorations
- No Styrofoam





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Important Phone Numbers

- All Emergencies.....Dial 911
- Police (non-emergency) . 269-764 8100
- Fire Department.....269-764 1768
- Township Hall 269-764 8986
- Post Office 269-764 1518
- Library 269-764-1298

SCHEDULE OF MEETING

All meetings are held at the Township Hall except where noted
Please confirm dates and times before attending

JANUARY 2022

11	TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES	6:00 PM
13	SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE	4:00 PM
19	SH AIRPORT AUTHORITY AIRPORT TERMINAL	7:30 PM
19	PLANNING COMMISSION	6:30 PM
20	PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE	9:00AM
27	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 2022

08	TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES	6:00 PM
10	SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE	4:00 PM
16	SH AIRPORT AUTHORITY AIRPORT TERMINAL	7:30 PM
16	PLANNING COMMISSION	6:30 PM
17	PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE	9:00AM
24	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	6:30 PM

MARCH 2022

08	TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES	6:00 PM
10	SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE	4:00 PM
16	SH AIRPORT AUTHORITY AIRPORT TERMINAL	7:30 PM
16	PLANNING COMMISSION	6:30 PM
17	PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE	9:00AM
24	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	6:30 PM

COVERT TOWNSHIP HALL WILL BE CLOSED

JANUARY 17, 2022
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2022
PRESIDENT'S DAY