



# Nelson Township News

## Summer 2019



### From Supervisor Robyn Britton's Office:

With all the Road Maintenance – One of the biggest questions.... Why Do we Chip Seal??

One of the best ways to extend the life of asphalt pavement is the use of Chip Seal, a preservation treatment that supports the integrity of a road by protecting its surface. The application of chip seal is comparable to using a layer of wax to protect one's car from harsh elements that can rust the car's exterior. Acting as a "waterproofing membrane," chip seal shields the road's surface from the damaging effects of sun and water and combats oxidation that causes asphalt to become brittle and more susceptible to fractures or cracks. It also helps the road shed water, which restricting water's ability to seep into the road's base material and compromise the road's integrity.

#### Application

During the chip seal application, liquid asphalt emulsion is sprayed onto the road's surface, which is then covered with fine aggregate. Rollers follow to embed the crushed aggregate into the emulsion and sweepers then remove remaining loose aggregate.

After the Chip Seal cures a Fog Seal is typically applied. This application helps to significantly reduce tire noise, eliminate dust, and bind the remaining aggregate into a black, hard-wearing surface.

#### Where and When Applied

Chip seal is applied to roads with asphalt pavement surfaces throughout their life cycle:

- Chip seal is applied one to three years after the completion of a reconstruction or resurfacing improvement project to preserve the investment and extend the life of the road.
- Chip seal is applied to roads showing signs of deterioration. The road first undergoes the appropriate maintenance treatment (Spot mill & fill, crack seal, etc.)

to restore the integrity of the road. Chip seal is then applied to protect the road's surface and prolong the road's service life.

#### Benefits of Chip Seal

- Shields the road from damaging effects of sun and water
  - Prolongs the service life of a road by at least 5 to 7 years
  - Increases the "friction factor" of the road's surface, helping to reduce the number of wet and snow-related vehicle accidents.
- Is cost-effective, allowing KCRC to treat two-to-three times as many roads when compared to applying the next lowest-cost surface treatment.

The Township and Village offices will be closed July 1st thru July 4th during the Sand Lake Fourth of July Celebration

#### Sand Lake Museum

The Museum is now open on the 4th Tuesday of the Month from 12:00pm to 7:00pm. Come and take a trip down memory lane.

The Historical Society is looking for members and volunteers, if you are interested please email the Society.

The Historical Society is working on a new History of Sand Lake. If you have any photos, stories, or information about the Village, please share them with the Historical Society. The email for the Society is:

[historicalsociety@villageofsandlake.org](mailto:historicalsociety@villageofsandlake.org).

A huge THANK YOU to Maggie Merritt for all her hard work getting the Museum open again. Thank you to Mike Bergman and Randy Smith for making sure we stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

**Municipal Building**  
2 E. Maple Street  
Sand Lake, MI 49343

#### Nelson Township Board Members

Supervisor: Robyn Britton  
Clerk: Laura Hoffman  
Treasurer: Katy Austin  
Trustees: Glen Armstrong  
Maureen Mahoney

Office Telephone: (616) 636-5332

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

#### Village of Sand Lake Council Members

President: Tracy Quinlan  
Village Clerk: Nyha French  
Village Treasurer: Brenda Arnold  
Trustees: Tonia Parkhurst, Rachel Gokey, Marcia Helton, Glenn Baker, Theresa Jerome and Bill Rau

Office Telephone: (616) 636-8854

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

#### Board Meetings

Attend your local Board meetings

Nelson Township: Second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

Village of Sand Lake: Third Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Nelson Township Community Room, located at the KDL Library in Sand Lake, may be rented out. It is \$75.00 for a resident and \$100.00 for a non-resident. An additional \$75.00 deposit is required for clean up. The room can seat 55 people with tables set up and 75 with just chairs. Hours available: 9:00 am to 11:00 pm. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. No smoking or alcohol and you must be over 21 to rent the facility. Call the Township for more information or to make a reservation

**Check out our website for information or forms. [www.nelsontownship.org](http://www.nelsontownship.org)**

## From Clerk Laura Hoffman's Office:

Elections for 2019

Tri-County Area School Bond Proposal  
Primary Election  
August 6, 2019  
Polls are open from 7:00 am- 8:00 pm

Precinct 1 is located at the Nelson Township/Sand Lake Library  
Community Room  
88th Eighth Street  
Sand Lake, MI 49343

**Nelson Township showed an 8% growth in population from 2010 to 2018. Kent County showed a 9% growth in population.**

## Nelson Township Seniors

Welcome to the Senior Center Spot. The Senior Center is funded by Nelson Township and is free for those 55 and older. We meet in the Community Room at the Kent District Library in Sand Lake, Fridays from 1pm to 3pm. Senior Center will start up again on September 13th, 2019.

There is a great web site for Seniors ([www.seniorlivinghelp.org](http://www.seniorlivinghelp.org)). Senior Living Help, helps Michigan residents find appropriate senior living and care facilities in Michigan.

There is more information on our website.

## Chamber of Commerce

The Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce is an organization that represents and promotes business activity. Sand Lake has a very active Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is responsible for the 4th of July Celebration. They have organized our Movies in the Park this year. They brought back the 3 on 3 basketball tournament in June. They also planned the Easter Egg hunt this spring. The one thing you probably didn't know about the Chamber is that you do not need to be a business owner to join or volunteer. The Chamber is always looking for new members and volunteers. Planning all these activities brings a lot of visitors into our Village and that is always a good thing for our residents. If you are interested in joining the Chamber please contact Stacy at Wesco.

## From the Assessor, Amanda Toomey:

**Information needed to Split a Parcel Land Split Checklist:**

1. Parent Parcel Number.
2. Legal description of parent parcel.
3. Number of splits being proposed.
4. Written legal description for each new proposed parcel.
5. A professional survey or map drawn to scale.
6. Private roads and streets must have Township Planning Commission approval.
7. Township Approval.

I am available Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. If you have any questions please feel free to stop in or call the Township.

The Kent County Prosecuting Attorney has 4 new programs.

- \* Relationships and Communications for juveniles that addresses sexting.
- \* Youthful Sex Offender Treatment Program.
- \* Courthouse Therapy Dog Program for children and vulnerable adults.
- \* Restorative Justice Conference Program for Juvenile Criminal Behavior.

If you would like to see the flyers, we have them at the Township offices.

## Jerry Gross, Zoning Department:

As a resident of Nelson Township, you need to be aware of the fact that there is a burning ordinance which limits the types of materials burned, the permissible size of an open fire, and the times of day that they are permissible within the township. A domestic fire (backyard campfire or bonfire) has a limit of 3 foot x 3 foot x 3 foot for the flames and fire. The fire must be attended at all times by a responsible adult over 18 years of age and extinguished immediately after use. Burn permits are required for an open fire that is larger. You will need a burn permit to be issued by the fire department. Failure to comply with the ordinance could result in your plans going UP IN SMOKE. Burn permits are required for any large controlled burn and they are issued based on current weather conditions, material to be burned and the ability of the requester to control the burn.

## From the Treasurer's Desk, Katy Austin:

2019 Summer taxes are due Monday, September 16th.

The Treasurer's hours are Monday—Wednesday, 9am to 3pm.

The Treasurer will be in the office from 9am to 5pm on September 16th.

Information is available 24/7 at [www.nelrontownship.org](http://www.nelrontownship.org)

## Flag Etiquette at Parades

When an American Flag passes:

- Stand up
- Remove your hat.
- Place your right hand over your heart.
- Stop any conversation you are having.

Note: It is not necessary to salute every American Flag that passes.

- If it is carried by an honor guard or in a group with other flags, stand up and salute (veterans) or pay respect to the Flag.
- Do not salute small hand-held flags carried by parade attendees and participants

Fall Clean-Up will be in September this year. The day has not been determined. We will have some new guidelines to follow. If you have any questions, please call the Township or look for the flyer in the Cedar Post.

You can purchase Kent County Dog Licenses at the Nelson Township Offices.

Did you know you can donate your old glasses to the Lions Club at Independent Bank.