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Weekly Report – March 22, 2026

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Recent Meetings – Listed Chronologically

Board of Review, 12/09/25, 12:00 PM

Minutes - [BOR Meeting Minutes December 9, 2026](#)

There were six petitions at this half-hour meeting. See the table summarizing the results for 2022-2025, where a few property owners prevailed in getting their taxable value decreased. Thanks to Manager Joseph Merucci for making these minutes available.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Wednesday, 3/11/26, 7PM

Agenda summary – Many Topics copied from agenda, see below. Item #10 is probably of most interest.

- 8. Public Hearing: Marsh View Park MNRTF Development Project
- 9. For Approval: Resolution 26-01 Recommend Support for Submission of MNRTF Grant Application TF26-0004
- 10. For Review & Recommended Approval: 2026 Parks & Recreation Millage Ballot Language (*Editor’s note – The discussion of this item can be seen at the video link below in section 10*) .**
- 11. For Review & Approval: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Development Project Bid Award
- 12. For Review & Approval: 2026 Prescribed Burn Contract
- 13. For Review & Approval: PEA Proposal for Marsh View Park Boundary Staking
- 14. For Review & Approval: Peklo Portables LLC Contract Amendment
- 15. For Review & Approval: Fougny Mowing Contract Amendment
- 16. For Review & Approval: Hiring of Seasonal Stewardship & Seasonal Maintenance Technicians

- 17. For Review & Approval: Hiring of Maintenance Technician & Maintenance Foreman
- 18. For Review & Approval: 2026 Employee Wages & Pay Ranges
- 19. Park Director's Report
- 20. Commissioners' Reports

Agenda - [Microsoft Word - 3.11.26 PRC 7pm Regular Meeting Notice & Agenda](#)

Packet - [753236050.pdf](#)

Video - [Parks & Rec - March 11, 2026](#) (1:38)

Draft minutes – not yet available

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, Tuesday, 3/17/2026, 7 PM

No minutes yet. Only agenda items were to approve last meeting minutes and election of officers.

Historic District Commission, Meeting, Wed., 3/18/26, 7 PM

Agenda: [HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION](#)

Packet: [753236925.pdf](#)

Video: [Historic District Commission - March 18, 2026](#) (1:10)

Minutes: Not available yet

Parks and Recreation Commission Personnel Committee, Wed. 3/18/26, 6 PM

Agenda summary

For Review: Parks & Land Preservation Staffing Updates

Agenda - [753237340.pdf](#)

Minutes – none available yet on line

Video – none made

Packet – none

Meetings Next Week

**PARKS & RECREATION MILLAGE RENEWAL COMMITTEE Monday,
3/23/26, 6 PM**

Agenda - [753237702.pdf](#)

Agenda summary

For Review & Discussion: Proposed Parks & Recreation Millage Renewal Ballot
For Review & Discussion: Public Materials & Engagement Initiatives

Board of Trustees, Two Meetings on Tuesday, March 25, 2026

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM - OAKLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CLOSED SESSION

- I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call
- II. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda
- III. Consideration of moving into closed session under sections 8(c) and (e) of the Open Meeting Act, to discuss our attorney's legal opinion regarding strategy in connection with pending IAFF negotiations to establish a successor collective bargaining agreement, a confidential legal opinion for the purpose of discussing pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.267 (e) and a confidential legal opinion regarding township millage rates pursuant to MCL 15.267 (h).
- IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda
- V. Adjournment

Statements in State Law Act 267 of 1976 [MCL - Act 267 of 1976 - Michigan Legislature](#) cited above that permit closed sessions -

“15.268(e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open

meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.

15.268 (h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. “(Editor’s note: Apparently discussing an Attorney’s written, not oral, legal opinion is OK. See Open Meetings Handbook, page 12. [Open Meetings Act Handbook March 2026](#). Thanks for Trustee Jeanne Langlois for this information.)

(Note, the agenda incorrectly cites these as sections of 15.267.)

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE AND AGENDA Tuesday, March 24, 2026

7:00 PM - OAKLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call**
- II. **Announcements and Proclamations**
- III. **Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. **Public Comment for items not on the Agenda**
- V. **Consent Agenda:**
 1. Approval of Bills
 - a. March 24, 2026, invoices in the amount of \$809,102.60.
 2. Payroll via ACH
 3. March 13, 2026, in the amount of \$144,988.38.
 4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 10, 2026 - Special Meeting
 - b. March 10, 2026 - Regular Meeting
 - c. March 10, 2026, Special Meeting
- VI. **Pending Business**
 1. Consideration of approving Resolution No. 26-03, a resolution supporting the submission of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application TF26-0004, for access improvements to Marsh View Park.
 2. Consideration of the request from the Safety Paths & Trails Committee to retain PEA to conduct a survey of Sheldon Road.
 3. Consideration of participating in the 2026 Road Commission for Oakland County Dust Control Program.
 4. Consideration of the request from the Historic District Commission for site management of the 10.6 acre Garling Barn site.
- VII. **Public Comment for items not on the Agenda**
- VIII. **Township Manager's Report**
- IX. **Board Reports & Correspondence: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees**
- X. **Adjournment**

Other Future Meetings of Likely High Interest

Link: [Gallagher / Silverbell Possible Paving – Public Open House Meeting with Road Commission, April 2nd, 5-8 PM, Township Hall | Oakland Township Sentinel](#)

See also recent email to Township email subscribers on page 8.

Other Information

New Newsletter from Township Hall – 3/19/26.

The exact newsletter follows:

“You are invited to stay informed and get involved. Join in on the discussion with the Road Commission for Oakland County, in partnership with Oakland Township, on the proposed paving project at Gallagher and Silverbell Roads. We’re also sharing important updates on the upcoming water system flushing schedule, dog license renewals, and No Hazardous Waste (NoHaz) collection dates—everything you need to keep your household and community running smoothly.”



The flyer features a background image of a road with a sun flare. The main title is "Gallagher & Silverbell Road Paving Project Community Discussion" in large, blue, bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, on a light green background, is the date and time "Thursday, April 2 | 5-8 PM" and the location "Township Hall". To the left of the date is a calendar icon, and to the right is a location pin icon. At the bottom right is the official seal of the Charter Township of Oakland, which includes the text "CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND" and the motto "CERAMUS TERRAM" with the year "1827". The bottom of the flyer shows a close-up of cracked, dry earth.

The residents of Oakland Township are invited to join the Road Commission for Oakland County, in partnership with Oakland Township, to discuss the paving project currently being considered at Gallagher and Silverbell Roads.

When: Thursday, April 2, 2026

Where: Township Hall (4393 Collins Road)

Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

[Meeting info](#)

[Project scope synopsis](#)

[Watch: March 10th Special Meeting concerning the project](#)



It is recommended that you store water ahead of time for use while your subdivision/street is being flushed and avoid using the water during the flushing period.

April 13: Oakland Farms, Oakland Knolls, Oakland Hills, Knorrwood Pines, Knorrwood Ridge, Oak Arbor, Deer Point, Park Hill, St. Johns Church, Oakland Crest, Guardian Angel Cemetery

April 14: Oakland Farms, Oakland Knolls, Oakland Hills, Knorrwood Pines, Knorrwood Ridge, Oak Arbor, Deer Point, Park Hill, St. Johns Church, Oakland Crest, Guardian Angel Cemetery, Oakland Valley, Coachlamp

April 20: Country Creek, Woods of Country Creek, Country Creek Commons, Village of Country Creek, The Crossings, Century Woods, Plum Creek, Knorrwood Knolls, Twin Lakes

April 21: Country Creek, Woods of Country Creek, Country Creek Commons, Village of Country Creek, The Crossings, Century Woods, The Heights, Wyngate Club House, Pinnacle

April 22: Kirklands, Cloisters, Claremont, Kingsridge, Silvercreek, Carrolton, Century Oaks, Silverbell Road, Trout Creek, Belmonte, Blossom Creek, Blossom Springs

April 23: Goodison Place, Orchard Ridge, Wynridge, Wellington, Collins Road, Oakland Hunt, Wynstone

Flushing Information: After flushing in your neighborhood is complete, flush your home plumbing to get rid of rust and sediment. If you're not sure how, [here's what you need to do](#). For more information, visit the [Water Resource Commission's webpage](#) for FAQs and more.

Important Update: Dog License Process Change



Oakland County Animal Shelter now offers a new, streamlined way to purchase and renew dog licenses through its website. This update makes the process more convenient while keeping costs the same. Residents may still renew dog licenses in person at Township Hall; however, **license tags will no longer be distributed there and will instead be mailed directly to your home.**

Key highlights include:

- No increase in license fees
- Simple and secure online registration
- HomeSafe® 24/7 lost pet recovery service included with each license
- Optional designer tags available
- License tags mailed directly to residents by DocuPet

For additional details, visit [Dog License | Oakland County, MI](#).



The NoHaz Consortium is a group of Oakland County communities that have come together to provide residents with a safe, reliable and environmentally-responsible way to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW). These wastes are the substances in your home that can be harmful to humans and the environment if not disposed of properly. Each year, NoHaz schedules collection events to provide disposal opportunities for residents of the member communities.

[Registration](#) will open approximately **three weeks prior to each collection event**. If you are unable to register online, forms will be available at the collection events. [Visit NoHaz](#) for more information. Oakland Township resident fee per vehicle: \$15.

2026 Schedule Collection Events

[Saturday, April 18, 8 am – 1 pm](#) - *Registration Opens March 28th* - Pine Knob Music Theatre 33 Bob Seger Drive, Clarkston

[Saturday, June 13, 8 am – 1 pm](#) Oxford Middle School 1420 Lakeville Road, Oxford From M24/Lapeer Road, travel east on Burdick Street

[Saturday, August 1, 8 am – 1 pm](#) Kensington Church 4640 S. Lapeer Road, Orion Township

[Saturday, September 12, 8 am – 1 pm](#) Oakland County Service Center Campus 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac

Letters to the Editor / Editorials

Oakland Township Sentinel accepts letters to the Editor / Editorials with factual statements and / or opinions as long as personal attacks are avoided and anything presented as fact cites specific reports from sources that we consider credible.

Governments and our elected officials should not be in the business of sneaking tax increases past their citizens.

However, that is what's been happening in Michigan for decades. It has become the norm for schools, libraries, municipal departments and public works commissions to employ this tactic to secure more cash out of taxpayer pockets.

They do it by election shopping and looking for the most favorable possible ballot dates to present millage and bonding proposals to voters like this August. Generally, they shoot for the elections with the lowest anticipated turnouts.

Rarely are taxpayers asked to decide a local funding question in November, when half-to three-quarters of the electorate typically participate.

Let's expect more from our elected officials and Boards and promote transparency and data availability through FOIA process as well.

The tactic allows local governments to rally to the polls proponents of the millage increases, while those who might oppose them aren't paying attention. Some residents won't know the higher tax was under consideration until it shows up on their next tax bill and then it's too late.

This is how nearly all local tax increases end up being decided by less than 25% of taxpayers

In August, Oakland County Schools may be the latest to turn to this strategy as they plan passage of a 1.5 mill "enhancement millage" that would raise \$125 million a year for six years.

We should all remain extra vigilant on how our taxes are spent and how they are approved!

Steven DeRaedt

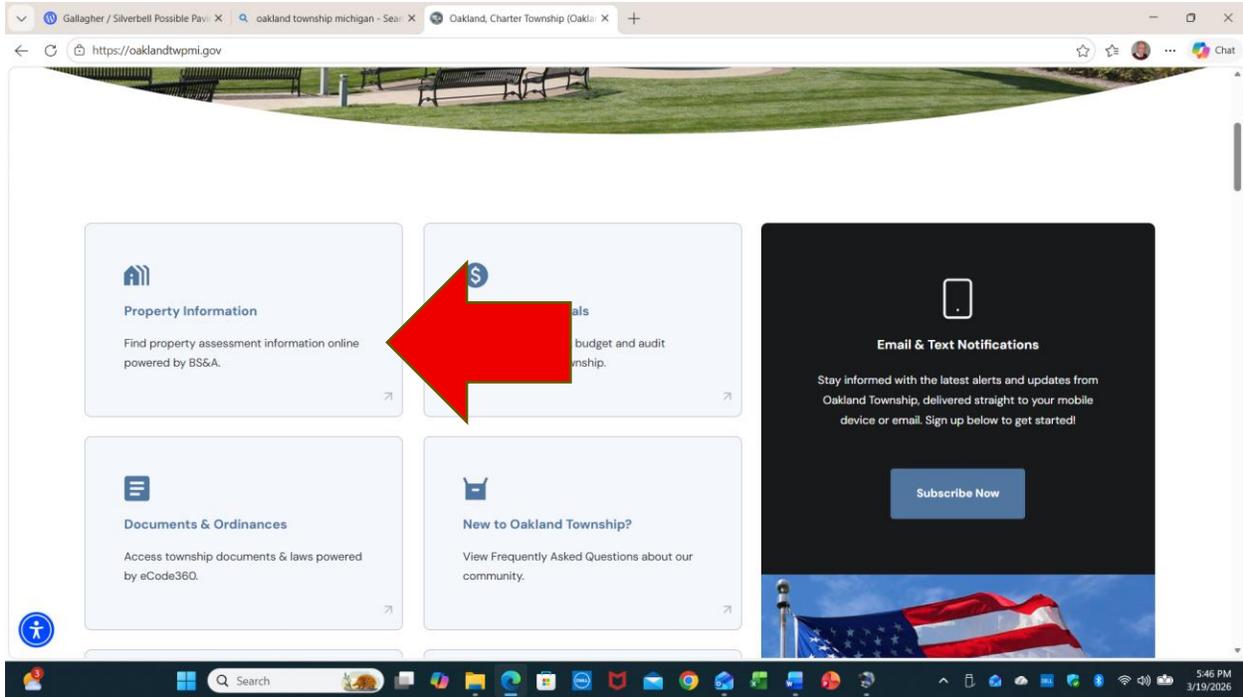
Township Website “How-To”

Per the request of a local long-time resident to do some training on finding things on the website, I offer this weekly section.

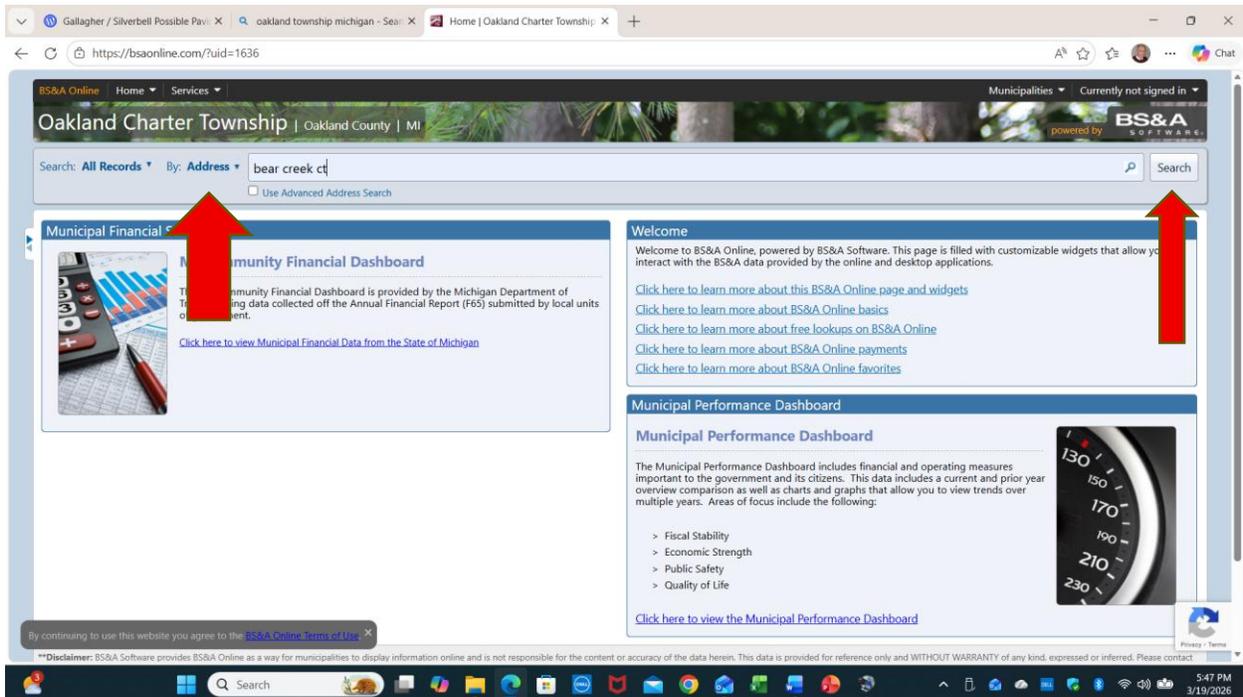
How to look up your neighbor’s taxable value.

Example – look up my taxable value.

1 – Go to Township Website a scroll down slightly. Click on the “Property Information” box that the red arrow points to:



2-Screen below comes up. Make sure it is set to “Address.” “Name” and “Parcel Number” are other ways to search. Enter “Bear Creek ct”. Then click on “Search” at right.



3-Up comes 2 pages. Click on 1146 to see my data.

Search: All Records By: Address bear creek ct

Search Results for "bear creek ct" using the Address Search in Assessing (2026), Tax (2025), and Building Department

Not finding what you are looking for? Try refining your search to narrow your results or changing your search type.

Sort By: Address | Display Style: List View | Want more search result detail? Click to the left to change your Display Style

Records Per Page: 15

Address	Reference #	Name
876 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-002 (Parcel Number), 876 BEAR CREEK CT	ROBERT A QUARLES TRUST
930 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-020 (Parcel Number), 930 BEAR CREEK CT	MARCONI, ERNEST P
1050 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-009 (Parcel Number), 1050 BEAR CREEK CT	ROBIN & SUZANNE DOBBELSTEIN JNT REV
1062 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-008 (Parcel Number), 1062 BEAR CREEK CT	THE NICKOLAS PERLIN & MARGARET E PER
1070 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-007 (Parcel Number), 1070 BEAR CREEK CT	TAYLOR, ION C
1073 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-019 (Parcel Number), 1073 BEAR CREEK CT	THE ANDRUS FAMILY TRUST
1085 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-022 (Parcel Number), 1085 BEAR CREEK CT	MURDOCH, JUDY
1097 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-021 (Parcel Number), 1097 BEAR CREEK CT	HILL, JEFFREY
1109 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-016 (Parcel Number), 1109 BEAR CREEK CT	LAMONTAGNE, EDWARD
1114 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-006 (Parcel Number), 1114 BEAR CREEK CT	SINNOTT, PAMELA
1121 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-015 (Parcel Number), 1121 BEAR CREEK CT	SEABRIGHT, ANGELA
1132 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-005 (Parcel Number), 1132 BEAR CREEK CT	DAVIDSON, RITA
1133 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-014 (Parcel Number), 1133 BEAR CREEK CT	SHANKLE, MATTHEW M
1145 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-013 (Parcel Number), 1145 BEAR CREEK CT	HUGHES, JEFFREY
1146 BEAR CREEK CT	N-10-28-227-004 (Parcel Number), 1146 BEAR CREEK CT	YAGER, ROBERT

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4-Up comes this. See taxable value at end of red arrow. \$180,540. Click away for other information of interest.

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Search: All Records By: Address Enter an address or address range such as 100-200 Main St

Home > Search Results > Record Details

1146 BEAR CREEK CT ROCHESTER, MI 48306-4602 (Property Address)

Parcel Number: N-10-28-227-004

Property Owner: YAGER, ROBERT

Summary Information

- Residential Building Summary
 - Year Built: 1979
 - Bedrooms: 3
 - Full Baths: 2
 - Half Baths: 1
 - Sq. Feet: 3,187
 - Acre: 0.520
- Assessed Value: \$257,360 | Taxable Value: \$180,540
- Property Tax information found
- 7 Building Department records found

Jump To: Owner and Taxpayer Information | General Information for Tax Year 2026 | Land Information | Legal Description | Land Division Act Information | Sale History | Building Information - 3187 sq ft Colonial/2Sty (Residential)

Click here to add this parcel to your favorite records for easy access on your next visit...

Owner and Taxpayer Information

Owner: YAGER, ROBERT
YAGER, BARBARA
1146 BEAR CREEK CT
4602

Taxpayer: SEE OWNER INFORMATION

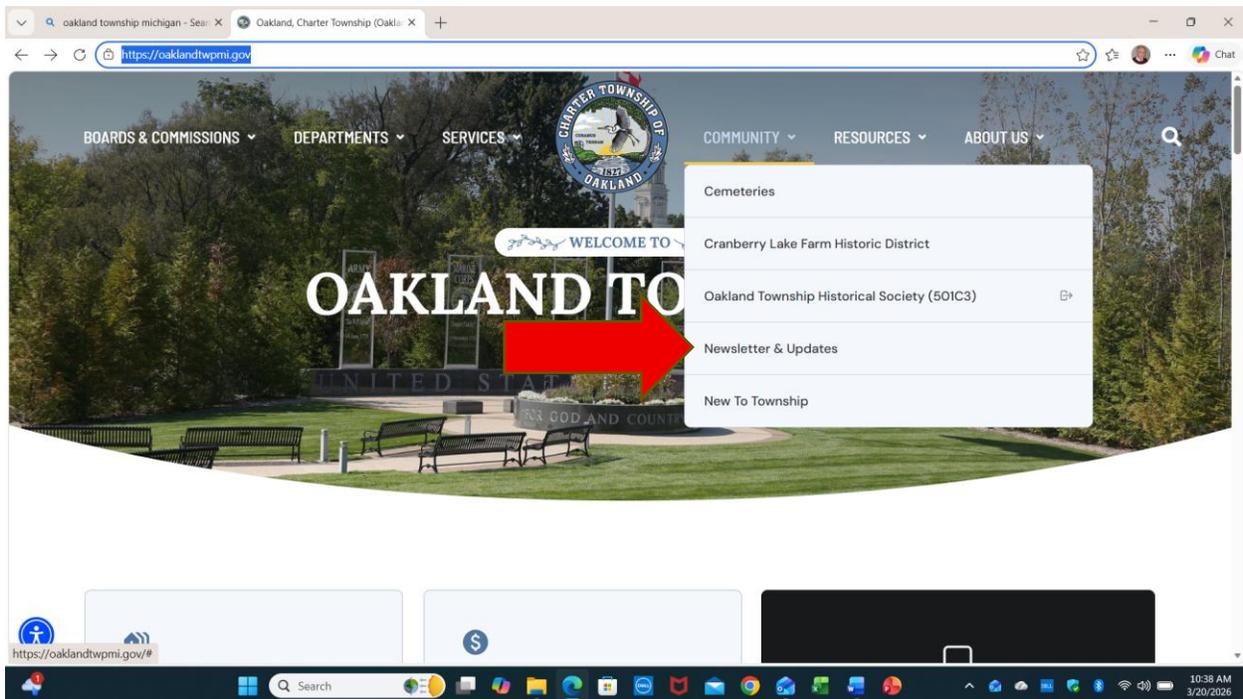
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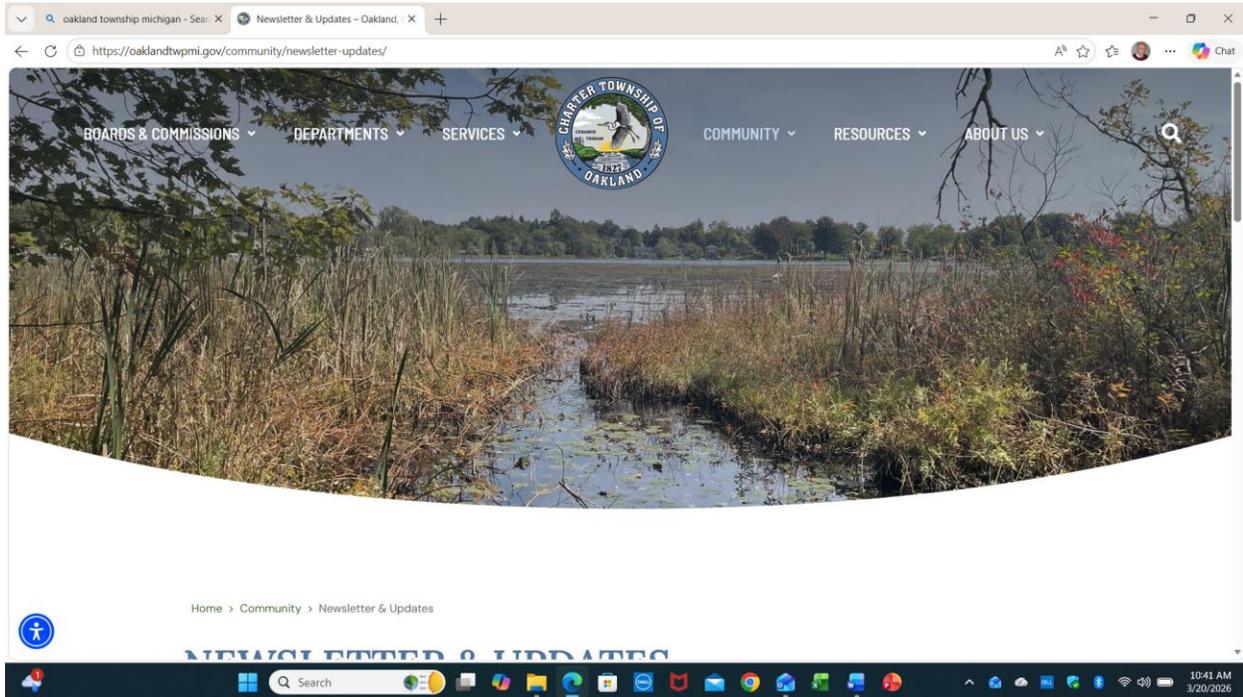
The Township information email sent out 3/19/26 is a first of its kind in my 13 years of following the township. I suggest that you subscribe.

1 – Go to township website [Oakland, Charter Township \(Oakland, MI\)](https://oaklandtwpmi.gov)

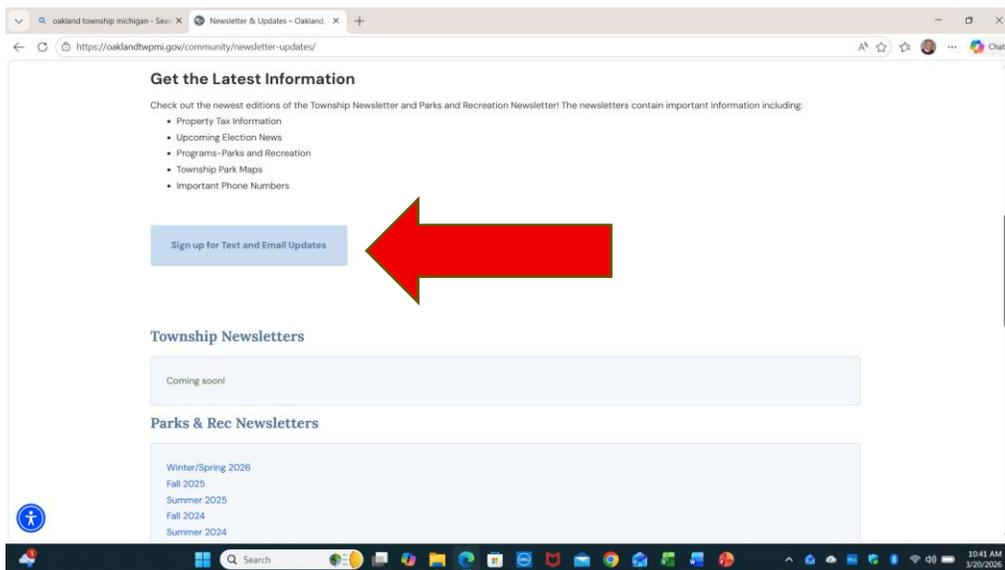
2 – Click on in “Newsletter and Updates” in the “Community” pull down menu. See red arrow below.



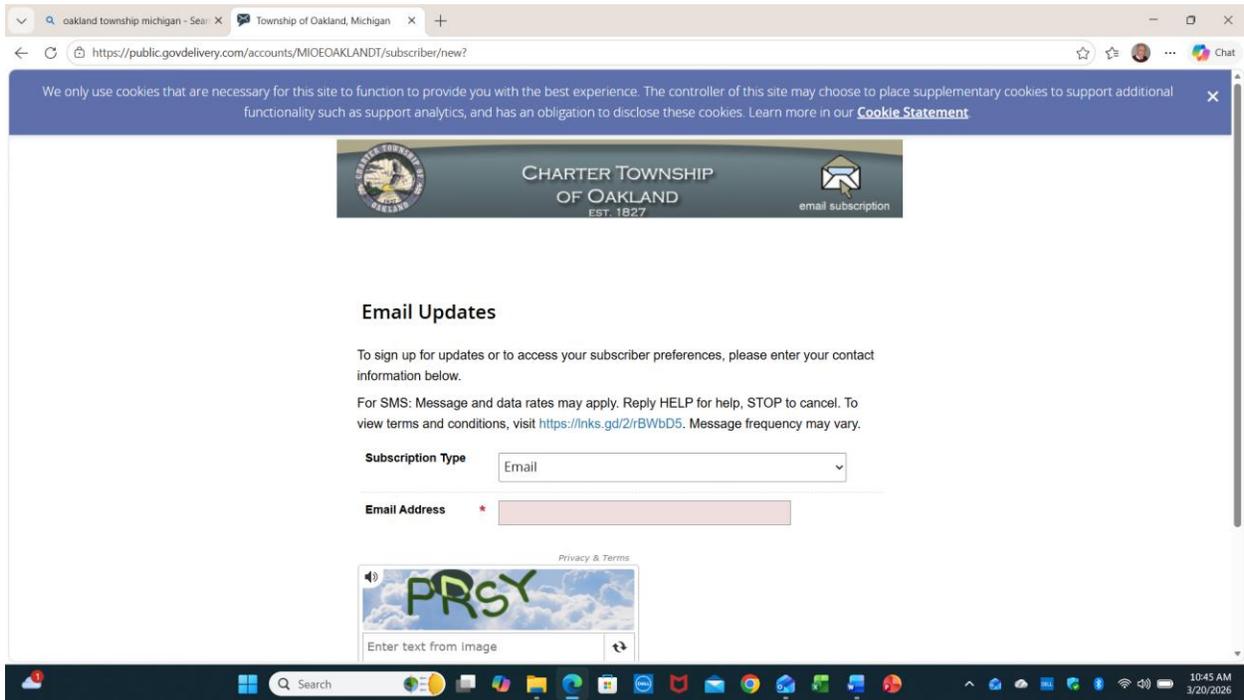
3 – This page comes up.



4. Scroll down a little to see below. Click on “Sign up for Text and Email Updates”. See red arrow below. (As an aside; Note that Parks and Recreation has maintained quarterly newsletters for about 40+ years and are available on-line at this webpage. The Township discontinued newsletters some time ago, more than 13 years ago, I think. Note the page below says Township Newsletters are “Coming Soon”.)



5. Fill out the form as seen on the screen below. It looks like only email, not text is an option.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIOEOAKLANDT/subscriber/new?>. The page header includes the Charter Township of Oakland logo and the text "CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND EST. 1827" and "email subscription". A blue banner at the top states: "We only use cookies that are necessary for this site to function to provide you with the best experience. The controller of this site may choose to place supplementary cookies to support additional functionality such as support analytics, and has an obligation to disclose these cookies. Learn more in our [Cookie Statement](#)".

The main content area is titled "Email Updates" and contains the following text: "To sign up for updates or to access your subscriber preferences, please enter your contact information below." and "For SMS: Message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help, STOP to cancel. To view terms and conditions, visit <https://links.gd/2/rBWbD5>. Message frequency may vary."

The form includes a "Subscription Type" dropdown menu with "Email" selected, and an "Email Address" input field with a red asterisk indicating it is required. Below the form is a "Privacy & Terms" link and a CAPTCHA image with the text "PRSY".

Please help increase our number of readers

If you think the Sentinel is worth reading; please set a goal to tell at least one neighbor during this next week. The 3/8/26 weekly report has had only 138 readers so far. We have about 15,000 registered voters. (I cannot tell who reads what; only how many click on a post.) If appropriate, consider contacting an HOA official for your neighborhood as your “one neighbor” and ask them to spread the word.