

**THE YATES TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IS HAVING A
CLEAN THE BEACH DAY ON WILLIAMS
ISLAND!**

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2022



TIME : 10 AM TO 5 PM

**CONTACT PERSON: VERNITA HURST –
PHONE – 313-613-5714**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CLEAN-UP AND PLANTING OF
FLOWERS AND BUSHES**

**THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL (WE NEED DONATIONS
OF WATER AND POP)**

DONATIONS NEEDED: MONEY

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- PLANTS & BUSHES (To beautify the beach)
 - LARGE BOULDERS (We can have your family name put on the boulder)
 - WE WILL ALSO HAVE A PLANT AND BUSH SWAP (Bring a plant or bush and receive a plant or bush)
 - NEED PEOPLE TO BRING THEIR WEED WHACKERS AND LAWN MOWERS (we will provide gas)
 - BRING YOUR GLOVES AND DIGGING TOOLS.

Monetary Donations to: Yates Township (please designate – Beautification) 6427 S. Nelson Rd., Idlewild MI 49642 – 231.745.3940



STOP

You must schedule a bulk pick-up before
placing items OUT for pick-up on property

Bulk pick-up provided by;

INDEPENDENT WASTE HAULERS 1-231-832-4990

Smith Dumpsters 1-231-745-3679

Yates Idlewild Dumpster Rentals 1-734-215-9112

Junk Knights Inc. 1-616-805-9773

Ready Rolloffs Dumpster Rental 1-231-598-1424

Yates Township Zoning Administrator

Gregory M. Hurst

NEW OPEN MEETINGS ACT HANDBOOK – by Attorney Dana Nessel available at the following website - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/OMA_handbook_287134_7.pdf

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 6, 2022 EXCERPT

MTA believes that **providing electronic meeting access to the public**, including participating in public comment or on the record in a public hearing, is one way to provide public access, input and transparency.

Note that no law currently requires a township public body to provide electronic meeting access to the public. The public is not legally entitled to be able to access a meeting of a public body via electronic means. If a meeting of a public body is being held physically, without any electronic access, the public body is not required to provide electronic access because a member of the public has asked them to. Even if a township board, for example, is accommodating the absence of a member due to their participation in the military to enable them to “Zoom in” to a board meeting, that does not mean the board is required to allow anyone or everyone else to do so, but it is also not prohibited by the OMA’s restrictions on the members of the public body. Also note that there is no mandated level of quality or utility for “electronic” meeting access.

But, if a public body does choose to provide electronic meeting access for the public, that may encourage the public to attend and participate electronically, reducing some health concerns from having a large gathering. Note that all participants must be able to hear and be heard by a member of the board absent due to military participation and any member of the public participating electronically, in both the in-person and the electronic meeting spaces, so some form of microphone and speaker system must be provided in the in-person meeting space.

The OMA prohibits turning any person away from an in-person meeting, including turning them away to require them to use electronic access (or for not wearing a mask), so even if a township does provide electronic access and/or participation to the public, it cannot turn anyone away from an in-person meeting unless that person is actually disrupting that meeting. But having electronic access and participation as an option might encourage more people to participate remotely.