

OUR MISSION

The elected officials and employees of the Township of Yates pledge to serve the citizens, both full time and seasonal, with transparency, efficiency, and in compliance with all laws related to township government.

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Monthly Meetings

Join us at the Township Hall for our monthly Township Board meetings to gain firsthand information on what is happening in our Township. Your input and perspective are encouraged.

UPCOMING 2024 BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Yates Township Website

Visit our Township website on a weekly basis for updated information and announcements.

<https://www.yatestownship.com>

A MESSAGE FROM

KURT JOHNSON, YATES TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR



As your recently elected Township Supervisor, I am honored to serve, represent, and spend quality time with community members. Our Township continues to work diligently in keeping Yates Township on a positive trajectory.

Updated Zoning Ordinance & Regulatory Ordinance

- The Yates Township Planning Commission updated the Zoning Ordinance after numerous public input sessions. The current 2024 Zoning Ordinance may be viewed on our Yates Township website's zoning page. View the text and maps adopted by the Board with the effective date of May 23, 2024.
- Refer to our online Zoning Ordinance, and contact Zoning Administrator, Chris Jacobs, at 231-745-3940, Ext. 4 to inform, guide, and make sure you are in compliance.
- The Williams Island Regulatory Ordinance went into effect September 12, 2024.

Commission Appointments

- The Board welcomes Kyle Green and Beulah Guydon as newly appointed Yates Township Planning commissioners.
- The Board welcomes Kendra Brooks-Manier, Kyle Grier, Blair Evans, and Kenya Johnson-McHenry as newly appointed Parks & Recreation Advisory Commissioners.
- The Board wishes to acknowledge those who submitted applications. The applicants are appreciated for their time and effort invested in applying for commission positions.

Yates Township Transportation Authority Board Appointments

- The Board welcomes Kyle Grier and Kristine Raymond as newly appointed Yates Township Transportation Authority (YTTA) board members.

Historic Tabernacle A.M.E. Church

The Board wishes to acknowledge historic Tabernacle A.M.E. Church's 100th anniversary of ministry and service in Idlewild and surrounding communities. Commemorations took place in August under the leadership of Pastor Edward C. Harris and Reverend Deborah Elliott.

Community Service

Multiple community service entities actively serve residents of Yates Township in various capacities. This month, a few will be showcased. They are Idlewild 365 Wild Kids Annual Events; Training, Educating, Equipping, & Mentoring (T.E.E.M.) Center; McClure-Rabb Idlewild Foundation's Education in the Wild; Boys 2 Men Youth Mentoring Program; Idlewild Collaborative Community (ICC) Technology Tutoring for Seniors; Dukes Hands-on-Training Youth Program; and Susan Matous who live-streams and then archives all Township meetings on the Yates People for Progress Facebook page.

Activities & Events

Business establishments, event organizers, clubs, committees, families, vendors, volunteers, and more provided education, entertainment, festivals, food, and merchandise for Yates Township throughout the summer.

Downed Trees & Power Lines on Roads

During the recent storm, the Board received phone calls about downed trees and power lines blocking or on roads. While the calls are informative, citizens are advised to first dial 9-1-1 under such emergency **road** circumstances. They will be informed whether or not to contact Lake County Road Commission at 231-745-4666 or local utility company: Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050 or Great Lakes Energy at 888-485-2537.

Yates Emergency Shelter

Shelter at the Henrietta Summers Senior Center was available to those who had power outages during the recent storm. The Board wishes to thank Mrs. Betty Foote and Eric "E.J." Lindsey for the many hours spent making sure residents of Yates were safe and comfortable at the Senior Center.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Blood Drive was held at the Henrietta Summers Senior Center on July 8, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gardens

A very special thank you to the residents, volunteers, and maintenance team for creating and maintaining various public and private spaces that beautify and uplift our community. The Board is grateful for the flower, vegetable, and tree donations as well as time spent planting, weeding, and watering throughout the season.