



# LYNDON TOWNSHIP UPDATER, DECEMBER 2023

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## Election News, Early Voting:

Early voting is the opportunity to cast a ballot in person before Election Day. The early voting experience will be similar to the experience of voting at a polling place on Election Day and will include the familiar act of feeding the voter's completed ballot into a tabulator.

Michigan's constitution requires early voting to be offered for statewide and federal elections for at least nine consecutive days, beginning two Saturdays prior to the election and ending on the Sunday before the election, for at least eight hours each day. The first election in which early voting is constitutionally required will be the 2024 presidential preference primary.

Lyndon Township voters will be able to vote early at one of two sites: Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 23, Chelsea, MI 48118, or the Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. We will be updating our website with dates and times when they become available.

## Maintaining Current Contact Information:

Please contact our office whenever you have a change of mailing address, phone number, and/or email. These are our only means of contacting you! You can provide this information on your bi-annual tax bills, or by calling the office, or sending an email. If you are not receiving a tax bill in June and December, we may not have your most recent contact information on file. Updates can be emailed to [Treasurer@lyndontownshipmi.gov](mailto:Treasurer@lyndontownshipmi.gov).

## Lyndon Local Roads Advisory Committee:

On September 27, the committee invited Peter Torola, PE, of the Center for Technology & Training at Michigan Tech University, to present his program "Gravel Road Basics for Decision Makers." This program is geared toward better decision making about managing and maintaining gravel roads; committee members found it to be very informative. The ZOOM recording is available on the township website, [www.lyndontownshipmi.gov](http://www.lyndontownshipmi.gov); you'll find the link on the home page.

## Lyndon Township Internet Services Review:

In 2018 Lyndon Township entered a 5-year contract with Midwest Energy and Communications (MEC) to provide internet services. The 5-year term of the contract was designed to provide the opportunity to review the service and pricing options available in the current broadband marketplace to ensure we are receiving the best possible services and pricing.

As we near the end of our current contract, the Township Broadband Oversight Committee is undertaking a review of our current contract and requesting information from other qualified providers interested in working with the township. We are exploring our options to ensure we can continue to receive the best possible service at an affordable price. Any benefits from potential new providers will be weighed against the potential disruption of switching providers: renewing the contract with MEC is a possible outcome of this process.

Additional information on this topic can be found on the township website at the above-noted address. We encourage you to send your questions, concerns, or suggestions to [oversight@lyndonbroadband.org](mailto:oversight@lyndonbroadband.org).

## Potential Single Hauler Trash Program:

Lyndon Township is exploring a trash hauling program for residents that would reduce costs. A postcard survey will be used to gauge resident interest in adopting the program. Information about the pros and cons of the program will be included

with the survey. Please look for the information in the early spring and complete the survey so that your voice will be heard.

### Can First Responders Find Your House Quickly in an Emergency?

**Driveway Access**  
Help fire, ambulance and law enforcement personnel get to your home quickly and safely in the event of an emergency

**Turnaround**  
Provide a place for emergency vehicles to turn around near your home or cabin

**Clearance**  
Ensure driveway has adequate height and width from vegetation for large emergency vehicles  
13.5 feet minimum\*  
12 feet minimum\*

**Visible**  
Make sure your address sign is visible from both directions of travel  
Trim vegetation away from sign  
Large reflective numbers  
Address numbers on both sides

**Questions?**  
Contact Chelsea Area Fire Authority (734) 475-8755

\* Based on standards set by the National Fire Protection Association. Talk to your local fire chief, town chair or village administrator to learn about local driveway ordinances or requirements.

To order driveway address markers from the Chelsea Firefighters: <https://www.chelseafire.org/reflective-address-orders-payment>  
\$20 each

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### Useful resources

Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative [www.huron-waterloo-pathways.org](http://www.huron-waterloo-pathways.org)

Chelsea Area Fire Authority (CAFA) [www.chelseafire.org](http://www.chelseafire.org) 200 W. Middle, Chelsea, 734-475-8755

Chelsea Area Construction Agency (CACA) [www.chelseaaareaconstructionagency.org](http://www.chelseaaareaconstructionagency.org) 12172 Jackson Road, Dexter, 734-475-4420

Administration and enforcement of building codes for residential/commercial buildings, including in Lyndon Twp

Multi Lake Water and Sewer Authority (MLWSA) [www.mlwsa.org](http://www.mlwsa.org) 12088 N. Territorial Rd., Dexter, 734-426-9797

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) [www.wwrarecycles.org](http://www.wwrarecycles.org) 8025 Werkner Rd., Chelsea, 734-475-6160

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