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GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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Notice for Public Hearing #2
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY
PATRIOT ESTATES STREETLIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, Michigan ("Township"), will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on April 14, 2026, at the Grass Lake Charter Township Hall (373 Lakeside Drive Grass Lake, MI 49240), to review the proposed special assessment roll and hear objections thereto from certain record owners of land in the Township for improvements related to the installation, improvement, and maintenance of lighting systems within Grass Lake Charter Township, which generally relates to a streetlight improvement project (referred to as the "Patriot Estates Improvements") at an estimated cost of $434.16 to the Special Assessment District.

The Improvements and the Special Assessment District established by the Township Board as the district against which the cost of the improvements to be assessed are generally described as below. Proposed assessments for the project are approximately $21.71 annually per parcel. The Special Assessment District shall exist in perpetuity (subject to annual review below), and the Township Board may increase the project costs annually, up to a 10 percent increase in the total costs, by publishing notice of the increase. Annually, the Township Board may decide to continue or discontinue the assessment district. In the absence of a decision by the Township Board to terminate the districts, the same shall remain valid and in effect in perpetuity, subject to annual redeterminations of costs when deemed necessary by the Township Board upon issuance of notice of the redetermination of costs by publication or pursuant to MCL 41.724(4), if applicable.

Proposed Patriot Estates Improvements: A project to install, improve, and maintain lighting systems within Grass Lake Charter Township, specifically within the Patriot Estates Subdivision, which can be summarized as a project to install and maintain lighting systems within the Patriot Estates Subdivision.

Proposed Special Assessment District: Properties within Patriot Estates Subdivision within Grass Lake Charter Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll and all other associated documents for this project have been prepared and are on file with the Township Clerk, Gail Harris, 373 Lakeside Drive Grass Lake, MI 49240, for public examination during ordinary business hours and at the public hearing. The proposed special assessment roll would assess the cost of the improvements at rates located on the proposed special assessment roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the proposed district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Please see MCL 41.723 for rights to file any objection petition.

Grass Lake Charter Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk not less than four days before the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
Gail Harris, Clerk
373 Lakeside Drive
Grass Lake, MI 49240
Phone: 517-522-8464 ext. 123

Notice of Election

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
To be held Tuesday, May 5, 2026:

To the qualified electors of the State of Michigan, of Jackson County, of Columbia Charter, Liberty, and Norvell Townships, and of Hillsdale County, of Somerset Township, and of Lenawee County, of Cambridge and Woodstock Townships, and of Washtenaw County, Manchester Township, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held for the following purposes:

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED
TAX BOND PROPOSAL
FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES
IN THE AMOUNT OF
NOT TO EXCEED $14,800,000

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Columbia School District, 11775 Hewitt Road, Brooklyn, Michigan 49230-8961, telephone: (517) 592-6641.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

All polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

POLLING LOCATIONS:

Cambridge Township:
*Pct 1 & 2 – Columbia Fitness Ctr, Pct 3, 11775 Hewitt Rd., Columbia (temporary location)

Columbia Township:
Pct 1 - Columbia Twp Hall, 8500 Jefferson Rd.
Pct 2 & 3 - Columbia Fitness Ctr, 11775 Hewitt Rd.

Liberty Township:
Pct 1 - Liberty Fire Station, 1205 Lindsey Rd.

Manchester Township:
*Pct. 1 – Norvell Township Hall, Pct 1 & 2, 300 Mill Rd., Brooklyn (temporary location)

Norvell Township:
Pct 1 & 2- Norvell Township Hall, 300 Mill Rd.

Somerset Township:
Pct 1 – Somerset Township Hall, 12715 E. Chicago Rd.

Woodstock Township:
*Pct 1 – Columbia Fitness Ctr, Pct 2, 11775 Hewitt Rd., Columbia (temporary location)

Sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township or city clerk in advance of the election. The in-person location will have a voter assist terminal (VAT) available for voters with disabilities.

Published in compliance with Section 168.653A of Michigan Election Law and MCLA 211.203

CIERRA L. SOWLE,
JACKSON COUNTY CLERK/
REGISTER OF DEEDS

Additional Election information is available at: www.mijackson.org

GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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Grass Lake Charter Township
Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, State of Michigan. Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 1 and 2 for the May 5, 2026, Special Election is scheduled for:

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at the
Grass Lake Charter Township Office,
373 Lakeside Drive, Grass Lake, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law. (MCL 168.798(1)

Gail Harris, Clerk
Grass Lake Charter Township

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Irish Hills AA Meeting, 10341 Springville Hwy., Onsted on Wednesdays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Springville Church AA – Mondays 1 p.m. at Springville Methodist Church, Springville Hwy. & M-50.tf*

Brooklyn AA meetings, Tue. & Fri. 7:30-8:30 p.m. All Saints Church hall, Brooklyn. tf*

Manitou Beach Group meets Monday abd Thursday, 450 Manitou Road. tf*

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Al-Anon meets Thursdays at 7 pm at All Staints Episcopal Church Guild Hall, 151 N Main Brooklyn. tf*

Doug's Sudoku

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Today's puzzle solution

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Anna Gundlach April 5, 2026

ACROSS
1 Torah cabinets
5 Life hacks, sometimes
15 "Mind. Blown."
16 "Seems like a good reason to me"
17 Color similar to khaki
18 Goodyear 400 or Daytona 500
19 Roller derby equipment
21 Squid's ink pouch
22 Boatload
23 The latest dirt, in slang
24 They're inserted into 11-Down
26 Barrel wood
27 Size above medium
29 ___ Dame
34 Sch. for 4-year-olds
36 Kicker's holder
37 Cleaned up, in a way
38 "It's getting late"
41 Clean up, in a way
42 Sushi fish that is never served raw
43 East, in Spanish
44 Energy company in a 2001 fraud scandal
45 Exams for future ENTs
47 Uncertainties
48 Guide
50 Inits. on some pre-1991 maps
52 Major video game foe
56 Ocean State sch.
57 Delivers an address
59 Past the usual maximum, like the volume on Spinal Tap's amps
62 HIV prevention drug
63 Unsettlingly quiet
64 "The Godfather" author Mario
65 Toon whose catchphrase is "Puppy Power!"
66 Chuck, in slang

DOWN
1 Amazes
2 Landscaping that requires little water
3 Where drinking songs are heard?
4 Closes
5 Sardine containers
6 "This American Life" host Glass
7 "Heard loud and clear"
8 Break free
9 Command's neighbor, on a Mac
10 ___ Lingus
11 Media players last manufactured in 2016
12 And others: Abbr.
13 Gumbo accompaniment
14 Gumbo, for one
20 Class that teaches many irregular verbs
24 What a breadfruit grows on
25 Hitch
26 Weigh in
28 Memo abbr.
30 Indigenous Midwestern people
31 "You're not wrong"
32 Possible response to rising housing costs
33 A cube has 12
35 Low-carb diet
37 Martial arts rank indicator
39 Hamilton bills
40 Brown or polar animal
45 Nothing more than
46 California's Big ___
49 Flower in a 1630s bubble
51 Full of schmaltz
52 Chums
53 Grp. whose only member in the Americas is Venezuela
54 Night light?
55 7UP or Starry
57 "Hold ___ your butts" ("Jurassic Park" line)
58 Circular 7Up mascot, or a Dalmatian mark
60 Psychic's "ability"
61 "Another Green World" composer Brian

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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NORVELL TOWNSHIP

THE TOWNSHIP OF NORVELL
NOTICE OF HEARING
NORVELL TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Norvell Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm. at the Township Offices, 300 Mill Road, Norvell MI to hear the request of Baker Builders, Inc. on behalf of Giarratana Vincent for side yard property line setbacks for a proposed addition to the home at 1000 Lakeview Drive, Lot 20, Supervisors Harris South Plat.

Variance request is for East yard setback 3'1" to property line, West yard setback 5'1" to property line. Proposed addition will encroach no further into setbacks than current dwelling.

Interested parties can also provide written comments by forwarding to Attention Zoning Appeal Board prior to scheduled meeting date.

Martin Taylor,
Zoning Administrator

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NORVELL TOWNSHIIP

THE TOWNSHIP OF NORVELL
Public Notice
Spring 2026 Cemetery Cleanup

Notice is hereby given that the Spring 2026 Cleanup for Norvell Township Cemetery has been scheduled to be finished by Saturday, May 2, 2026. Those who have friends or family buried in Norvell Township Cemetery are kindly asked to tidy up around those graves, according to the Cemetery Ordinance as posted on the Township website.

Any cleanup left undone by May 2, 2026, will be overseen by the Cemetery Sexton according to Norvell Township's posted Cemetery Ordinance.

Sharon Pero
Norvell Township Clerk

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NORVELL TOWNSHIIP

THE TOWNSHIP OF NORVELL
Public Notice
Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2026
Special Election

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2026, Special Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 1 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room, 300 Mill Road, Brooklyn, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer test that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sharon Pero
Norvell Township Clerk

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WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

Summary of Waterloo Township Board Meeting
March 24, 2026

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A regular meeting of the Waterloo Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm. The following motions were made and passed: approval to adopt the consent agenda as presented, acceptance of a lawn mowing bid from Rusty Walz, acceptance of a landscaping bid from Fletcher's Outdoor Services, acceptance of proposed budget amendments, and approval to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Complete minutes can be found on the Waterloo Township website. (https://waterlootwpmi.gov/meeting-minutes/).

Bill Richardson,
Clerk

VILLAGE OF ADDISON

Summary of Poultry Ordinance No. 2026-03
in the Village of Addison, Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on March 2, 2026, Ordinance No. 2026-03 was adopted By Addison Vi "age Council.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

This is an ordinance to regulate the keeping of poultry in the Village of Addison.

A full copy of this ordinance can be seen at the Addison Village clerks office.

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VILLAGE OF ADDISON

Summary of Parking Ordinance No. 2026-04
in the Village of Addison, Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on March 2, 2026, the Ordinance No. 2026-04 was adopted by Addison Village Council.

SUMMERY OF ORDINANCE

This is an ordinance to prohibit the parking of recreational vehicles on an overnight basis on the streets and on or with the village owned lots, properties, and parks within the Vi "age of Addison,and to prohibit individuals from parking vehicles in a manner that occupies more than one designated parking area or space, and to designate village personnel or designed agents to issue parking citations.

A full copy of this ordinance can be seen at the Addison Village Clerks office.

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VILLAGE OF ADDISON

Summary of Cost Recovery Ordinance No. 2026-05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on March 2, 2026 Ordinance 2026-05 was Adopted by the Addison Village Council

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

An ordinance to provide procedures for recovery costs incurred by the Village of Addison for the responses to deliberately caused fires, negligently Caused fires, false alarms, responses to vehicle accidents and other public Safety incidents.

A full copy of this ordinance can be seen at the Addison Village Clerks office.

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm, the Liberty Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hear a request for a 5' variance to the south at 117 Westshore Dr., Jerome, MI, parcel number: 074-18-33-456-045-00, for an addition of a family room.

The meeting will be held at the Liberty Township Hall, 101 W. Liberty Rd., Clarklake, MI.

Debbie Jacobson,
Liberty Township Clerk

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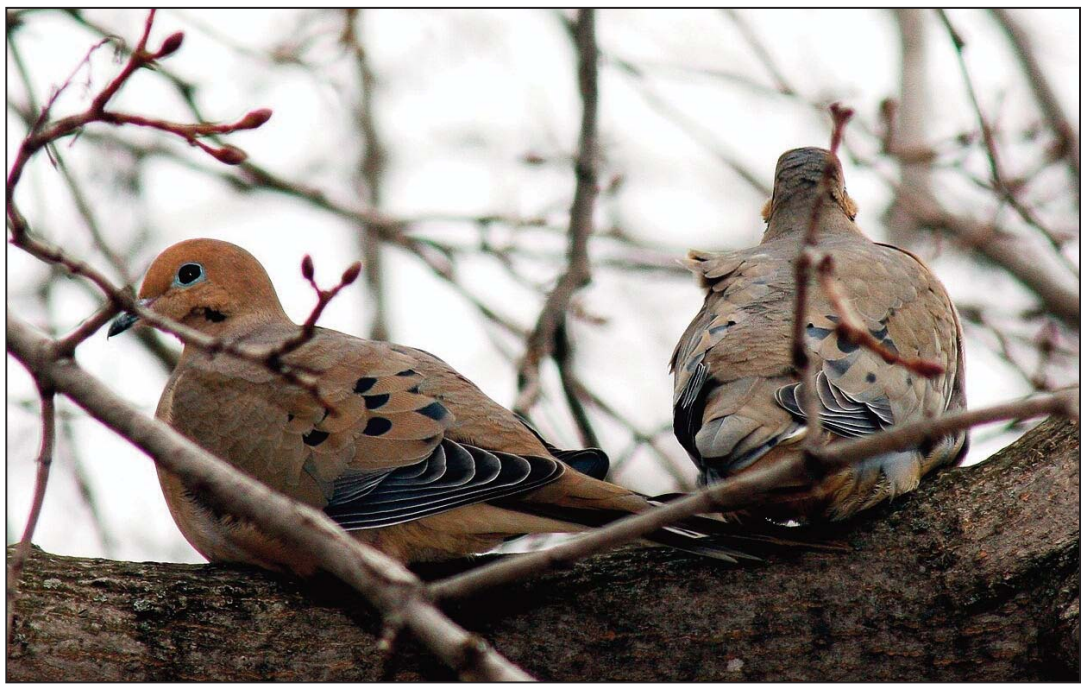
A look at the mourning dove



A pair of mourning doves in winter. Photo via wikicommons Hardyplants - own work

We've all heard them. You wake up early, maybe near an open window or outside sitting on your back deck while you're enjoying those first sips of coffee, and you hear that soothing, very calm cooing sound of the male mourning dove. Its name comes from this somewhat melancholy call, which almost sounds like a lamenting or "mourning" human. The mourning dove is related to pigeons; they are one of North America's most common birds. They can be found in both rural and urban areas and will build nests in your flowerpots and even on top of your gutters. They stand about 12 inches tall. The best way to distinguish a male from a female is that the males are slightly bigger and have iridescent pink and green neck feathers. So, what makes them so special? Below are some interesting facts about this popular bird.

* Very prolific. The female lays two eggs starting in March, but will have up to six broods a year, the highest of any North American bird.

* They are fast flyers, and they can reach up to 55 m.p.h.

* Their diet consists almost exclusively of seeds - 99%, including corn. Can you imagine if YOUR entire diet consisted of only one thing? I could just hear the complaints: "What's for supper? NOT SEEDS AGAIN?!"

* When they take off, they make a whistling sound. This does not come from their beaks. The sound is actually made by their wings, as air rushes through them in such a way that they vibrate. This sound acts as a warning sound, not only for mourning doves but also for other birds as well. Scientists have actually played recorded sounds of these doves in the wild, and it has startled other birds so much that it spurred them to take off.

Once while walking out to a field, while turkey hunting, I spooked about a dozen mourning doves, they startled me so much I fell back and broke my crossbow - the very same one I was going to use for turkey hunting. It didn't help that there was a thick morning fog that morning. I may have used profanity that morning, but this is a family newspaper, so I will keep it clean.

* They have something in common with flamingos, pigeons, and penguins: the way they feed their young. They feed their babies, also called "squabs," by regurgitating digested seeds; this is known as "crop milk." Most baby birds simply have their parents drop whatever they catch in their beaks.

* They drink differently from most birds. Most birds dip their beaks into water, tilt their heads backwards, and let gravity do the work. Not the Mourning dove. They actually pump their tongues like a piston to create a process, kind of like a suction pump.

*Odd sleeper. Most birds tuck their heads under their wings, but mourning doves sleep with their heads between their shoulders.

*Monogamous. The male and female will stay and mate together for the breeding season, and many scientists believe they mate for life.

*Male and female mourning doves both sit and incubate the eggs. Males typically sit on the eggs at night, and the females take "the day shift."

*They store their seeds in their "crops," which is a large sac at the bottom of their esophagus. And they don't follow Jenny Craig! They eat 20% of their body weight each day in seeds. One researcher found a record 17,200 bluegrass seeds in one mourning dove! Talk about needing Pepto Bismol!

Mourning doves have been protected since 1905 because they are a songbird instead of a game bird. There have been many efforts to create a mourning dove hunting season. One hunting season in 1985 was stopped by the Michigan Humane Society, and in 2004, then-Governor Jennifer Granholm signed Public Act 160, allowing the Natural Resource Commission to set up a trial dove season. There was a petition drive to stop any hunting season on these birds. Sixty-nine percent of the people signed to stop this one-month season. After that, mourning dove hunting season was never allowed.

Yep, birds that sing nicely are popular with the "Michiganders." People love their favorite singers. Just ask Taylor Swift.