

# GROUT TOWNSHIP

## Summer 2026 Newsletter

**Board Meetings/Website:** Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 1490 S. Grout Road, unless otherwise posted. A complete list of monthly meetings is available on the Township's website of [grouttownship.org](http://grouttownship.org) and also posted at the Township Hall. There are no offices in our Township Hall. All elected officials can be reached at their contact information below.

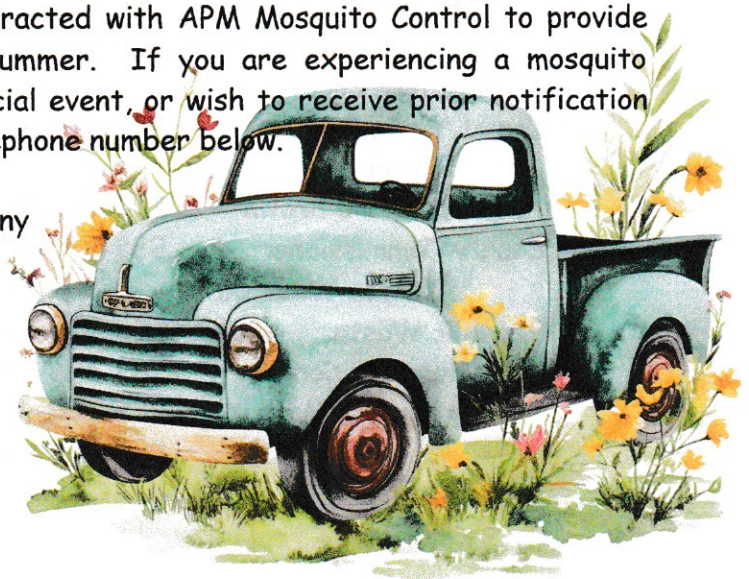
**Hall/Pavilion Rental:** Fees for rental of the facilities remain at \$75 for the Hall and \$50 for the pavilion. A \$50 security deposit is also required and will be immediately returned if the Hall/pavilion are left in good order. There are tables and seating for up to 100 people in each facility. A walk through of the facilities will be done before and after use. Please contact Angie Card for rental questions at her contact information provided below.

**Weekly Trash Pickup:** Any residence in the Township which has a street address is entitled to garbage pickup. If you need a container, please contact Supervisor Shea at his information below. Trash pickup is on Wednesday of each week, unless a holiday occurs on Monday through Wednesday of that week, and then the trash will be picked up on Thursday one large item can be disposed of each week. No arrangements are necessary to be made with Republic. **The Road Commission is requesting that all garbage canisters be removed from the road right-of-way or at least 20 feet from the edge of the road promptly after trash day to allow the Road Commission to perform its maintenance activities without obstacles and/or damage to the garbage canisters. You cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

**Treasurer Information:** A receipt is provided upon request or if an envelope is provided. If payment is made through the drop box, a receipt will be provided automatically. Any check returned by the Bank, will be assessed a \$25.00 fee for Bank charges and staff time to monitor/reverse payments and make contact with taxpayer. If the NSF fee is not paid, future personal checks will not be accepted.

**Mosquito Abatement:** Grout Township has contracted with APM Mosquito Control to provide mosquito abatement services this spring and summer. If you are experiencing a mosquito problem, have standing water, are hosting a special event, or wish to receive prior notification before spraying begins, contact APM at their telephone number below.

**Gypsy (Spongy) Moth:** If you become aware of any gypsy moth or similar activities somewhere in our Township, please contact Chris Haupt who is the coordinator of the gypsy moth program. His contact information is also below.



Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday America!!

**Road Work:** There will be three (3) road brinings again this year. Two miles of Parker Road [from M-18 to Grout Road] will have crack and chip seals. The total cost for the repairs is \$89,160 and the Township's portion is \$44,580.

**Cemetery Information:** To purchase lot spaces or for any questions pertaining to the cemetery and its grounds, please contact Sexton Jim Hite at his information provided below. The costs of the cemetery plots, burial fees, headstone fees, etc. are all posted on the Township's website and also in the Cemetery. If there are any issues at the Cemetery, or if you have any suggestions, please contact Jim Hite.

An amended Cemetery Ordinance and Rules were approved by the Township Board and copies can be provided upon request from Melody Hill, Cemetery Administrator. The Cemetery Ordinance and Rules are also posted on the Township's website and the Rules at the Cemetery.

**General & Primary Election Information:** Early voting will be available again for this year's election cycles. Grout Township is participating, as well as most every other Township, with the County of Gladwin to provide for early voting availability. Commencing nine (9) days prior to each election date, you can vote on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the County Courthouse during normal County hours [8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.]. Elevator access is available. There is no voting at the County Courthouse on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> OR Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will vote at the Township Hall on the actual election dates ONLY for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and the General Election on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A ballot box is available at the Township Hall effective immediately for absentee ballots to be dropped off. For any other election/absentee ballot questions, please contact Clerk Diana Fritzler at her contact information below.

**Township Contact Information:**

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Treasurer Melody Hill	989-426-0736	<a href="mailto:grouttownshiptreasrer@yahoo.com">grouttownshiptreasrer@yahoo.com</a>
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Trustee Julie Beck	989-701-6571	<a href="mailto:juliebeck.48624@yahoo.com">juliebeck.48624@yahoo.com</a>
Rentals/Hall Custodian Angie Card	989-313-1853	<a href="mailto:Angela69Henry@gmail.com">Angela69Henry@gmail.com</a>
Cemetery Sexton Jim Hite	989-418-9939	<b>New</b> telephone # <a href="mailto:hitejm2@gmail.com">hitejm2@gmail.com</a>
Assessor David Brown	231-881-4000	<a href="mailto:townshipassessing@gmail.com">townshipassessing@gmail.com</a>
County Commissioner Thomas Winarski	989-426-5407	<a href="mailto:TWinarski@gladwincounty-mi.gov">TWinarski@gladwincounty-mi.gov</a>
Republic Waste	800-438-0966	
APM Mosquito Control	989-426-2420	
Spongy (Gypsy) Moth [office]	989-720-4901 [cell] 989-426-7741	<a href="mailto:chaupt@gladwincounty-mi.gov">chaupt@gladwincounty-mi.gov</a>