
From:
Dorr Township Library



Special Thanks

To the Dorr Township Library for creating and maintaining this welcome guide.

To the businesses and organizations for giving us information for you.

And to you! For moving to our lovely township and we hope that you stay here for many wonderful years.

**A welcome packet
from the
Dorr Township Library
to you!**








Pictured above: 2014 Michigan Library Association Annual Conference where the Dorr Township Library was awarded a State Librarian's Excellence Award (one of two awarded each year). Pictured from left to right: Shera Van Goor (library employee), Derrick McLain (teen board liaison), Peggy Otto (board president), Lexi Adrianse (library employee), Randy Riley (state librarian), Karen Brower (library employee), Natalie Bazan (library director), and Reilly Brower (library employee).

What? Where? When? How?






And anything else we could think to print here!



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Things To Do

Local Attractions, Then & Now Historic Association

Don't miss the fabulous fall activities at the New Salem Corn Maze just outside of town!

New Salem Corn Maze
Dorr, Michigan



Want to do some research into your family history? Love learning about the area and helping other to as well? Check out the Then & Now Historical Society.

Fantastic weekend of local music, great local beer and a fun time had by all!



Love golfing? Check out Sandy Pines (p.s. watch out for the water traps!) Give them a call to book a tee time: 616-896-8315 or Check out Dairy Ranch's Mini Golf Course!

Get a good game of bowling in at High Mark Lanes right next to the Seasons in Time restaurant on 142nd Ave.



Things To Do

Dining & Shopping

Dining:

- ☛ Jake's Goodtime Bar and Grill and Seasons in Time - 1640 142nd Ave. - 616-359-9186
- ☛ AJ's Grill - 1830 142nd Ave - 616-681-0257
- ☛ Colonial Kitchen - 1825 142nd Ave. - 616-681-2417
- ☛ BC Pizza - 1628 142nd Ave. - 616-681-6000
- ☛ Between the Buns - 4204 18th St. - 616-681-2558
- ☛ Enza's Pizza - 1817 142nd Ave. - 616-681-2297
- ☛ Dairy Ranch - 1717 142nd Ave. - 616-681-9732
- ☛ Tilly's - 1730 142nd Ave. - 616-681-9724
- ☛ Subway - 1612 142nd Ave. - 616-681-2329

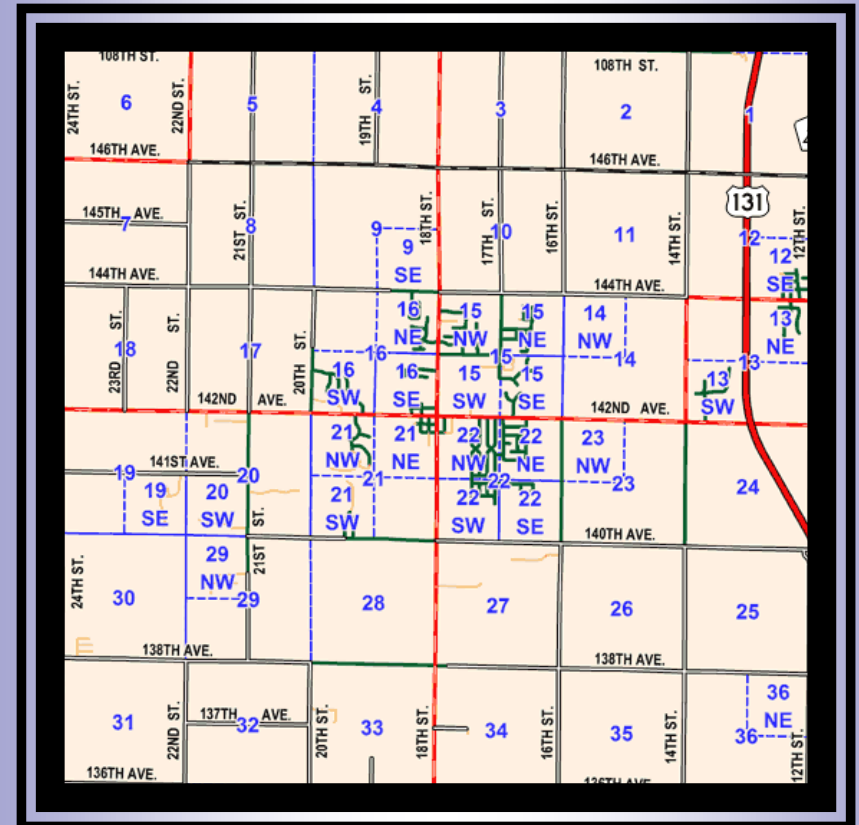
Shopping:

- ☛ Dick's Grocery Store - Wonderful local grocery store for all your shopping needs.
- ☛ Bridal Lane - 616-681-2300 Looking for a local bridal shop rather than the impersonal big bridal salons in town, shop for your wedding in Dorr!
- ☛ Family Dollar - Who doesn't love hunting for bargains!

More:

- ☛ Dorr Pharmacy - 616-681-9947 Your Good Neighbor Pharmacy, the Dorr Pharmacy can fill all of your pharmacy needs!
- ☛ Booth Hilaski Insurance - 616-681-9959 Give them a call for a great local insurance agency.
- ☛ Charter Phone/Internet Service: 1-888-438-2427
- ☛ Farmer's Trash Service: 616-681-2799 Local Service
- ☛ Bob's Disposal: 616-455-1155 Very near by!

Map of our Township



Dorr Township Library

Welcome to our Township and to our Library!

To our new resident,

Welcome to our town! Dorr has a long and wonderful history and I can't wait to see what a wonderful addition you will be! Dorr has that wonderful small town feel with community oriented programs and fantastic opportunities for you to be involved in your new community from the library (always looking for volunteers, instructors for all sorts of things you are passionate about, and suggestions for classes, books or movies) to the schools and local churches. And before I forget, join the Dorr Business Association, our American Legion, the Moose Lodge, the Dorr DDA, Then & Now Historic Society or the Lions Club.

Don't miss out on our community's annual events like our three day 4th of July Celebration, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt (with the Easter Bunny), Christmas Breakfast (with Santa), Dorr's Mini-Comic Con, or Dorr's Wurst Fest. Close to the city and yet with firm country values, Dorr is a wonderful place to raise a family. Don't be a stranger, read about all the things you can get involved with any time of the year.

I hope that our Welcome booklet will help you make the most of your new community,

Natalie Bazan

Library Director

Things to Do

Local services

Medical:

- 📍 Dorr Pharmacy - 616-681-9947 Your Good Neighbor Pharmacy, the Dorr Pharmacy can fill all of your pharmacy needs!
- 📍 Dorr Chiropractic: 1627 142nd Ave. - 616-681-2000 Stop by for all your chiropractic needs or just to talk about services.
- 📍 Dorr Family Dentistry: 1697 142nd Ave. - 616-681-9943 Why drive to town for a great dentist when we have one right here!

Insurance:

- ① Booth Hilaski Insurance - 1743 142nd Ave. - 616-681-9959 Give them a call for a great local insurance agency.
- ① Clemens Agency - 1676 142nd Ave. - 616-681-2800

Services:

- 📍 Charter Phone/Internet Service: 1-888-438-2427 (some south western portions of the township do not have access to Charter.
- 📍 Farmer's Trash Service: 616-681-2799 Local Service
- 📍 Bob's Disposal: 616-455-1155 Very near by!

Banks:

- 📍 United Bank - Corner of 142nd Ave. and 18th St.
- 📍 Chemical Bank - 1604 142nd Ave.

Veterinary Clinic:

- 📍 Dorr Veterinary Clinic - 3752 18th St. - 269-793-7387 Just south of town on 18th, Dorr Vet can handle all of your animals and stop by to get their farm fresh eggs!



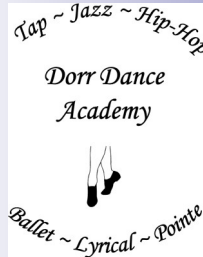
Things To Do

Athletic Programs, Clubs, and Organizations



If you are looking for a good local gun range, place to learn more about how to shoot, take hunters safety or CCW classes, look no further than our own Center-shot Gun Range just west of town.

Do you have a little girl or boy interested in dancing? Help them learn more at the Dorr Dance Academy. Talented instructors teach Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet and more from ages 3 through teens.



Dorr Recreation

Dorr Rec. is a non-profit group in Dorr Township which works

to provide athletic programs for our residents. Check out the website (<http://www.dorrrec.org>) or the Facebook: Dorr Recreation Programs for the current programs and what's coming up! Dorr Rec focuses on youth programs.

The Dorr Moose Lodge (International order of the Moose) is on the west side of town on just off of 142nd Ave. They celebrate life and work to being the community closer together through events and programs. <http://www.mooseintl.org/>



American Legion (4310 18th St.) hosts community and veteran events throughout the year. Join the Legion and be a part of a dynamic group of veterans in Dorr. Call 616-681-2259 for more information or just stop by.

Dorr Township Library

Library Board of Trustees

Our Library Board of Trustees is composed of 6 community members (you must live in Dorr Township to serve on our Library Board) who serve 4 year terms. Board members are elected every four years running in the August primary elections and the November presidential elections for their seats. The library board serves with no compensation. The library tries to budget for board education through trustee workshops and trainings.

Our board president is currently in the process of creating materials for any government students who are required or offered extra credit to attend a local government meeting. Our board will become a teaching board. Since we have fewer materials to cover at each meeting, the board will be able to slow down, answer questions and explain the process of what we are doing for students who choose to attend our meetings.

Below is a list of our current board members and their positions. The board self elects a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary each December to serve the following year.

President: Peggy Otto

Vice President: Barb Gibson

Treasurer: Ken Huizenga

Secretary: Tara Cornelius-Reece

Representative: Louis Harnish

Representative: Rachel Vote

Dorr Township Library - Services

Groups, Program, Clubs, Community Room Rental



- 📖 **Novels at Night Book Club:** Join a wonderful bookish group of ladies and gentleman for monthly lively discussions. Help the group pick new books, meet new people, and create lasting friendships in our Novels at Night book club. Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm.
- 📖 **Seeds of Change Garden Club:** Join our fledgling garden club! Headed by a master gardener we work to have a new and exciting program each month. In addition we are starting the Dorrr Community Garden right here at the library. The Seeds of Change meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.
- 📖 **Teen Group:** Want to change the library to be more like what you need and are interested in? Apply to be the teen liaison to the Library Board, volunteer for programs and more!
- 📖 **Dorr Karate Club:** Join the Dorrr Karate Club here at the library after hours on Tuesdays at 5pm and Fridays at 6pm to learn the art of karate from a talented instructor.
- 📖 **Programming:** The Dorrr Township Library works hard to provide programming that meets the educational and recreational needs of our community. If you have suggestions, please let us know.
- 📖 **Community Room Rental:** Our Community Room is available for rental. Please come in for more information.

Things To Do

Dorr Business Association, Special Events, Parks



- ✦ **Dorr Business Association**
 - Starting a business here? Why not join the Dorrr Business Association? Work together with over 100 other local businesses to promote Dorrr, your businesses, put on local events, and work to promote the shop local ideal in our community. Meeting are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1pm in the Dorrr Township Library's community room. Refreshments are provided.
- ✦ **Special Events**
 - DBA Annual Easter Egg Hunt: This spectacular event is usually the Saturday before Easter in North Park (1850 142nd Ave.).
 - 4th of July Celebration: A three day celebration featuring concerts, races, fireworks, breakfasts and much more! Don't miss out on the annual lantern launch.
 - Christmas at the Library: Every December the Dorrr Township Library hosts a local holiday concert and Santa at the library complete with hot chocolate, crafts, pictures and more!
- ✦ **Parks**
 - Dorrr Township owns and maintains three parks for your enjoyment with trails, pavilions, equipment, ball fields and more. Each park has a pavilion area that is available for rental. Check the Township's website for a restrictions and rental information.

Things to Do

Just for you!

Hair, Nails, Skin:

- Tips & Toes - 4190 Pro Line Ct. - 616-877-4580
- Summer Sun Tanning - 1668 142nd Ave - 616-681-2240
- La Bella Hair Studio - 1672 142nd Ave - 616-681-2910
- Eclipse Studio - 4190 Proline Ct. - 616-877-0878

Exercising:

- Fit 24 - 1581 142nd Ave. - 616-877-4085

Local Food:

- Farmers Market - Local produce, homemade and hand-made goods are available for you the last Saturday of each month May-October in front of the library 9am-1pm.
- Community Garden - Dorr Community Garden will begin spring of 2015 to produce herbs, vegetables and fruits for the community and to be used in classes at the library.

2nd Hand Shopping:

- Project Hope Thrift Store and Food Pantry- 1808 143rd Ave. - 616-681-4673 Check their website www.projecthopedorr.blogspot.com
- Pawn Shop -

Dorr Township Library - Services

Makerspace Kits, Craft Supply Exchange, and more

- Makerspace Kits: Do you love to make things? Well we want to help you try something new, get into a hobby, or borrow the tools to make something out of those garage sale finds! Come and check out our Makerspace kits! If you are interested in learning more about Makerspaces (literally places where people make stuff and share their knowledge) check out the GR Makers or Kalamazoo Makerspace. They have amazing tools and classes! Here's a few of our kits:

- Rock tumbler
- Knitting/Crochet
- Rainbow loom
- Metal Stamping
- Gardening tools
- Carving
- and much more

- Craft Supply Exchange: Is your craft supply hoard getting out of control? Or need to add a few things and don't want to go to the store? Come in and donate to (or pick up from) our craft supply exchange room. Right next to the Book Sale room in the back of the library.

- Reading kits: Have small children who love books on one subject and you don't want to hunt for them? Look for our Reading Kits at the entrance to the children's area.

Dorr Township Library

Computers, Scanning, Fax, Tech Help, Tutoring

- 📖 **Computers:** The Dorr Township Library maintains 8 computers for patron use in the computer room. All library patrons must stop at the circulation desk to receive a pin number the first time they want to use the computers.
- 📖 **Copying/Printing:** All the patron computers are connected to the printer. Black and white prints and copies are 10 cents each, color copies and prints are 25 cents each and larger paper will be more expensive.
- 📖 **Scanning Service:** The library offers scanning services at 25 cents per page or photo. All documents and photographs can only be scanned to your thumb/jump drive.
- 📖 **Faxing:** The library does offer faxing here. The first 5 pages are free to send and each additional page is \$1. The library does not receive faxes. If your papers are not 8.5x11, are in poor condition (ripped/torn/crumpled) or 2 sided you will have to make a copy of that sheet before we fax. Confirmation pages are \$1 each.
- 📖 **Wifi:** The library provides a Wifi network for you to use with your devices at the library. The network is public and does not require a password.
- 📖 **Tech Help:** Technical assistance is available at the circulation desk. If you are in need of specialized assistance, please set an appointment.
- 📖 **Tutoring:** The library offers free tutoring services on Friday afternoons for middle/high school or GED students.

Educational Institutions

Daycares

Dorr Township has a wide variety of daycare options for you. We have multi-location institutions, church daycares, and home based day cares are all available here.

We recommend that you put some research into finding the daycare option that is best for you and your child/children. However, below is a list of a few daycares to get you started.

Kids First Learning Center

1682 142nd Ave.

616-681-8463

Educational Institutions

Schools


Depending on where in the Township you live, you may be in either Hopkins School District or Wayland School District.

Hopkins School District is mostly the southern and western portions of the township and would attend Sycamore Elementary School (contact below) and Hopkins Middle and High Schools.

Wayland School District is mostly the northern and eastern portion of the township and would attend Dorr Elementary School (contact below) and Wayland Middle and High Schools.

We also have several parochial schools in the area: St. Mary's Visitation (Catholic) and St. Stanislaus School (Catholic) as well as Moline Christian Schools (Christian Reformed).

Dorr Township also has a large number of home schoolers who go to the Home School Building in Wyoming.

 Sycamore Elementary

2163 142nd Ave

Dorr, MI 49323


616-681-9189

 Dorr Elementary

4159 18th St.

Dorr, MI 49323

616-681-9637

 St. Mary's Visitation

2455 146th Ave.

Byron Center, MI 49315

616-681-9607

 St. Stanislaus

1871 136th Ave.

Dorr, MI 49323

269-793-7268

 Moline Christian

1253 144th Ave.

Moline, MI 49335

616-877-4688

 Home School Building


5625 Burlingame Ave. SW

Wyoming, MI 49509


616-532-9422


Dorr Township Library


Books, Magazines, DVDs, Books on CD, Ebooks, Databases, and more


 **Books:** We have both print and e-books for you if you have a valid Dorr Township Library card (or a card from another Lakeland Library). We take and encourage suggestions, please do leave us a note (in the bowl on the circulation desk) or email us. Overdue fine is 15 cents/day. You can also get books through interlibrary loan from other libraries in Michigan.

 **Magazines:** We add new magazines and review the magazines we are currently subscribing to on a yearly basis. Keep watching our website for e-magazines!

 **DVDs:** The library carries DVDs that are for entertainment and for education. We do carry films rated R so be aware of this when checking out DVDs. Overdue fee is \$1/day on DVDs.

 **Ebooks/Eaudio:** Visit our Overdrive site for free books with a valid library card.

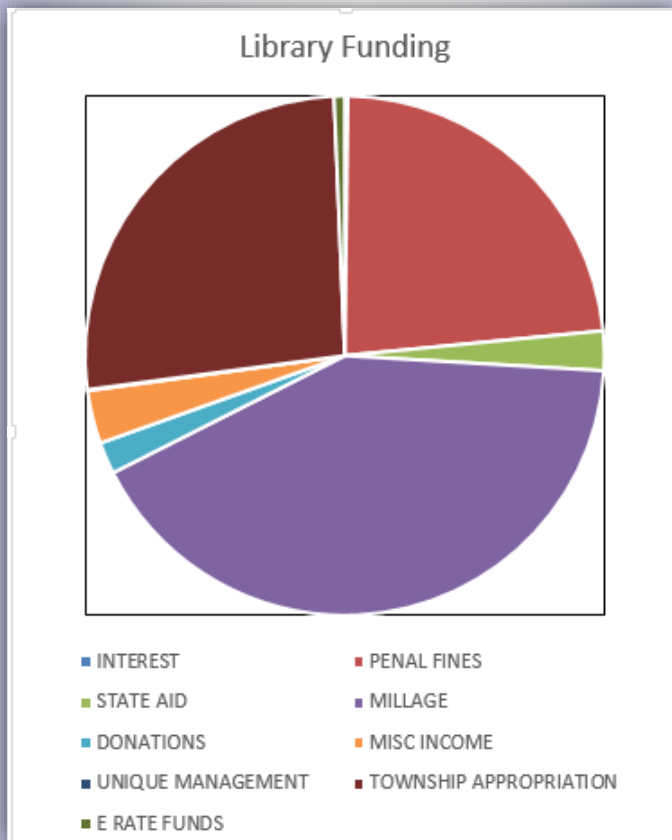
 **Databases:** Databases change yearly based on usage and budget. Please check the library website for access to databases. Most database are accessible with your library card and pin but a limited number can only be used from inside the library.

 **Social Media:** For quick updates on our current programs, closures, library cat, awards, grants and more, follow us on social media. We maintain accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Pinterest.

Dorr Township Library

Where does our funding come from?

The library has about a \$150,000 yearly budget which is smaller than 10 of the 13 libraries in Allegan county. The largest portion of our funding comes from the millage you pay (about \$60,000), penal fines and funds from the township make up the next largest portions (about \$40,000 each) followed by donations, grants, fines, and state aid.



Places of Worship cont.

✦ United Methodist

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| - Byron Center United Methodist
2490 Prescott
Byron Center, MI
616-878-1618 | - CrossWind Community Church
1683 142nd Ave.
Dorr, MI
616-681-0302 |
| - Hopkins United Methodist
322 N. Maple
Hopkins, MI
269-793-7323 | - Monterey Center United Methodist
3022 130th Ave.
Hopkins, MI (Monterey Twsh)
269-793-7288 |
| - Wayland United Methodist
200 N. Church St.
Wayland, MI
269-793-2208 | |



Places of Worship

Contact information, hours, and more

✦ Lutheran

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| - Epiphany Lutheran
4219 Park
Dorr, MI
616-681-0791 | - St. Paul's Lutheran
2906 24th St.
Hopkins, MI
269-793-7222 |
| - St. Peter's Lutheran
4125 18th St.
Dorr, MI
616-681-2561 | - Trinity Lutheran
1235 135th Ave
Wayland, MI
269-792-6624 |

✦ Reformed Churches


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| - Hopkins Community Reformed
2142 128th Ave.
Hopkins, MI
269-793-7361 | - New Hope Reformed Fellowship
4194 18th St.
Dorr, MI
Meeting at the Dorr Township Hall |
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✦ United Church of Christ


- United Church of Wayland
411 E. Superior
Wayland, MI
269-792-2155


Dorr Township Library

Want to get involved? Here's how!

 **Volunteering:** The library loves its volunteers! We encourage you to volunteer to improve your community and get to know the area better and what better place to do that than the library! Books always need straightening, cataloging and covering.

We are always looking for people who are willing to share their passions and teach classes here! Because of our limited budget we are always looking for help from our community to provide quality educational programming.

 **Donations:** Do you have books that you moved here and don't know what to do with now? Spring cleaning and need to get rid of those craft supplies that you know you'll never use? Or did you get a new e-reader and want to donate the old one to a good cause? Bring them down to the library! We love donations!

 **Advocacy:** Love the library and want everyone to know how great libraries are? Be a library advocate! Tell people about libraries, why they need them, write letters, get involved in advocacy. Come in and talk to us about what you can do! Or let us know what you want to do and we'll help if we can.

Dorr Township

Board of Trustees

Dorr Township has an elected township board which is elected during the presidential elections every 4 years for their positions from township residents. Meetings are regularly held the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm at the Dorrr Township Hall.

Township Board:

Supervisor: Jeff Milling

Clerk: Brian Boot

Treasurer: Jim Martin

Trustee: Patty Senneker

Trustee: John Tuinstra

Trustee: Josh Otto

Trustee: Dan Weber



Places of Worship cont.

✦ Christian Reformed

- Dorrr Christian Reformed

4220 18th St.

Dorr, MI

616-681-2104

- Moline Christian Reformed

4341 Chappell St.

Moline, MI

616-877-4218

- Wayland Christian Reformed

303 E. Elm

Wayland, MI

269-792-2828

✦ Disciples of Christ

- United Church of Wayland

411 E. Superior

Wayland, MI

269-792-2155

✦ Independent Fundamental of America

- Calvary Church of Wayland

304 S. Main St.

Wayland, MI

269-792-2916

✦ Nondenominational

- Bright Side Church

8175 Broadmoor Ave. SE

Caledonia, MI

616-891-0287

✦ Orthodox

- Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox

1928 142nd Ave

Dorr, MI

616-681-0341



Places of Worship

Contact information, hours, and more

If you are new to the area and interested in attending a local place of worship, below we have listed several of the local churches. Please be sure to check their website for more information or give them a call.

✦ Assemblies of God

- Harvest Assembly of God
3610 Garden St.
Wayland MI
269-793-2926

✦ Baptist

- Dorr Baptist Church
1504 142nd Ave.
Dorr MI
616-877-4431
-Moline Baptist Church
4428 Chappell
Moline, MI
616-877-4843

- First Baptist Church
3514 12th St.
Wayland, MI
269-792-2540

- New Beginnings Baptist Church
1815 142nd Ave
Dorr, MI
616-681-9033

✦ Catholic

- St. Mary's Visitation
2459 146th Ave.
Byron Center, MI
616-681-9701
- St. Therese of Lisieux
432 S. Main St.
Wayland MI
269-792-2138

- St. Stanislaus
1871 136th Ave
Dorr, MI
269-793-7268
- Sts Cyril & Methodius
150 131st. Ave
Wayland, MI
269-792-2889

Dorr Township

Helpful Phone Numbers, Website, Hours, polling locations and more

📍 Address: 4196 18th St.

Dorr, MI 49323

📞 Phone Numbers: 616-681-9874

✉ Email: clerk@dorrtownship.org

🌐 Website: <http://www.dorrtownship.org/>

And don't miss the township on Facebook under Dorr Township

🕒 Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am-Noon and 1pm– 4:30pm

🗳 Polling Locations: Dorr township is divided into 3 precincts. Currently precinct 1 will cast your ballots at the Dorr Township Hall (4196 18th St. Dorr MI 49323) for elections. Precincts 2 and 3 cast your ballots at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (41025 18th St. Dorr MI 49323).

Dorr Township

Ordinances and Recycling

Often asked about Ordinances:

- Please refer to the Dorr Township website for information about the township ordinances. The following are some of the more commonly asked about ones but if you have questions, please contact the township or check on the website.

- Cemetery Ordinance: This was recently enacted.

Recycling:

- Dorr Township has curbside recycling collected every other week on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Homes NORTH of 142nd Ave. will be on Schedule North and homes SOUTH of 142nd Ave. will be on Schedule South. Sign up information is available at the Dorr Township Hall.

Check the Dorr Township website for more information on what is accepted and what is not allowed.



Dorr Township

More information about our Township

Burn permits:

To receive a burn permit for your property, call 269-686-5222 and follow the prompts or apply for one online at Allegan County's website. Please remember that burn permits are only for brush, shrubs and leaves.

Leaf Drop for Dorr Township Residents:

Leaf drop site will be opened April 1st to December 1st at the property on 140th Avenue. Located just west of 18th Street on 140th Avenue in the area with the orange fencing. Please follow the posted rules as this is leased property.

List of Cemeteries:

- Dorr Cemetery is located on 142nd Ave. between 16th St. and 18th St.
- Jones Cemetery is located on 17th St. between 144th Ave. and 146th Ave.
- Sproat Cemetery is located on 14th St. between 142nd Ave. and 144th Ave.
- Richter/Tanner Cemetery is located on the corner of 22nd St. and 138th Ave.