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**COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Columbia Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Charter Township Hall at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230, to consider the following variance requests:

**Variance 26-003**

**Owner/Applicant:** William & Karen Bixler

**Location:** 8442 N. Shore Dr. Clarklake, MI 49234 (Tax ID #: 000-19-17-327-009-01)

**Request:** Variance application to permit a new single-family two-story dwelling on an approximately 4,360-square foot property. The existing dwelling is intended to be razed. The first floor of the dwelling will have 1,244-square foot of living space, the second floor 941-square foot of living space with a screen room and deck on the rear of the home. The dwelling will be setback 12-foot from the north front property line, requiring a 13-foot variance. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 25-foot front yard setback, Article 3: Table 3-4.

**Variance 26-004**

**Owner/Applicant:** Heart O' The Lakes Church

**Location:** 7031 Jefferson Rd. Brooklyn, MI 49230 (Tax ID #: 000-19-23-301-001-03)

**Request:** Variance application for a new 21,955-square foot parking lot to add 42 parking spaces on-site. The proposed parking lot will be setback 40-foot from the centerline of Jefferson Road, requiring a 50-foot variance. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 90-foot setback from the centerline of Jefferson Road, Article 3: Table 3-4, footnote 4, Special Road Setbacks.

Information associated with the scheduled Public Hearing is available for public review at the Columbia Charter Township office during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Comments will be heard from the public at the hearing, or you can submit comments in writing to the: Columbia Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. All written comments will be entered into the public record and should be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the scheduled hearing date.

Columbia Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the public hearing to individuals with special needs upon five (5) days' notice to the Township Clerk (517)-592-2000.

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