



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring/Summer

2021

20th ANNUAL PULLMAN PRIDE DAY SATURDAY JULY 17

We have so much to celebrate together! 20 years of supporting our youth as they seek college opportunities and celebrating the pride we have in our community. Below is a list of events happening throughout the weekend of July 15-18 (as of this mailing). Some event times/locations may change. Lee Township Facebook page will have updated information on the days events as we get closer. Most activities will be held outside. All are welcome! Call the township office with questions (269-236-6485).

SCHEUDLE OF EVENTS:

Thurs/Fri July 15-16

Community Yard Sale-Check leetwp.org for list of participating homes and go find your treasure!

If you want to have a yard sale at your home on Thursday & Friday July 15-16, email your name, address, time of sale, and basic description of items being sold (clothing, tools, housewares, furniture, etc.) to pullmandays@gmail.com by July 9. A list of participating addresses will be posted on our FB page and Lee Twp. website to help promote your sale.

Saturday July 17

*Throughout the day: Live Music, Car Show, Montoya Wood Carver, and chainsaw demo-downtown Pullman

8-11am Pancake Breakfast @ Fire Station/take-out and eat-in

9am-3pm Community Clean-up (check leetwp.org for free dump day restrictions @ Transfer Station)

9am-3pm Historical Treasure Hunt sponsored by Beautify Pullman (pick up guide in front of Pizza Plus)

9am-2pm Flea Market/Craft Fair/Farmers Market @ Lee Twp. Community Center

9am-Noon Fishing Tournament for kids (meet at Ravenswood Park)

10am-Disc Golf (meet at course behind Pullman Elementary-all ages welcome)

10am-2pm Dunk Tank, Kids Games and Pinata @ Love, INC

10am-1pm RC Car demo @ Love, INC

11:30am-1:30pm Community Picnic lunch @ Linking Center

Noon-4 VFW bake sale and hotdog lunch (\$2)

1pm-2pm Pullman's Got Talent @ Linking Center

1pm-3pm Father & Son soccer game @ Pullman Elementary School soccer field

2pm-4pm BINGO @ the VFW; Dinner 5-7pm; Pool Tournament 6pm (check with VFW for details)

4pm-6pm Live Music @ The Pullman Tavern

9:45pm Drive-In Movie @ Northwoods parking lot

Sunday July 18

4pm Lee Township Community Prayer Service @ ballfield next to Township Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 DEE WESBEY PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER JOSELINE MARTINEZ



Joseline received a \$1500 scholarship. She will be attending Lake Michigan College studying in the diagnostic medical sonography program, and then plans to transfer to Ferris State University.

Here is an excerpt from her scholarship essay:

"Being a part of the Lee Township community has allowed me to become the determined person I am today. My teachers not only taught me the basic subjects in school but they also taught me how to build a powerful spirited character. My 3rd grade teacher, Mr. Whipple, played a major role. He helped me overcome many of my toughest battles. He proved to me that I am the author of my own story and I need to remain true to who I am. A majority of residents in Lee Township are of the Mexican community. This has brought me closer to my culture. From when I was younger I was captivated by those who were also a part of this community. They have shown me never to be ashamed of who I am and to love the beautiful culture I was born in. The community here truly knows how to make one feel included. Always willing to lend a hand to others. Having their support gives me the confidence and security to venture out into the world and to never be afraid. Academic success is possible no matter where you are from and no matter the obstacle, with determination, you can succeed."

If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please mail a check to Lee Township with "Pullman Pride Scholarship" in the memo section to P.O. Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

After a year with no parade due to the pandemic, Lee Township came out with enthusiasm to remember and honor all our service men and women on Memorial Day 2021. A beautiful service was also held at the Lee Township cemetery. Thanks to all who planned the days' events and came out to participate.



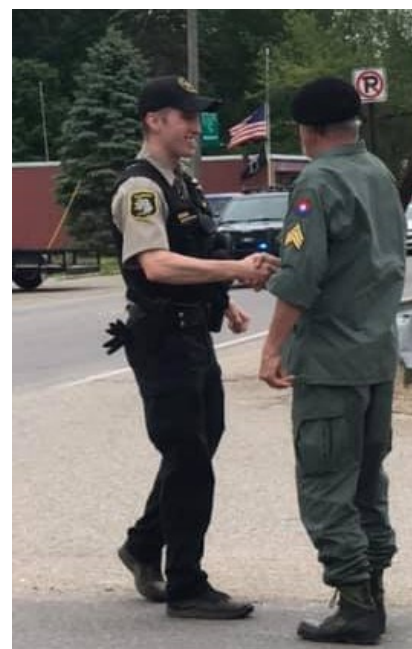
VFW Post 6134

The local VFW offers Friday dinners from 5-7pm (\$5-8), open to the public, and take-outs available. Billiard tournaments are held Fridays @ 6pm (\$5 entry fee). Banquet room rental available. Check the Pullman VFW Post 6134 Facebook page for additional information and hours.

Welcome Deputy Tyler Jackson

Deputy Jackson has been with the Allegan County Sheriff's Dept. for about 2 years. He grew up in the Allegan county area. His goal as Lee Twp officer is to help the citizens in any way he can. If you see him in the township patrol car feel free to stop and say hello. (Photo right: Deputy Jackson thanking a veteran during the Memorial Day celebration).

Lee Twp. Fire & First Responders are merging and need interested folks to join their dedicated team. For information on training opportunities contact Fire Chief Ted Chamberlain at 269-543-2025. Join this team and we promise it will change your life.



The **Annual Lee Township Holiday Social** took place December 5, 2020 a little differently, with an afternoon drive-thru gift distribution of over 400 gifts, cookies, and books! Families also took photos with Santa with social distance guidelines in place. A great celebration thanks to a dedicated crew of elves and all their hard work!

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman and are open to the public.
- Additional information @ www.leetwp.org or our Facebook page @ Lee Township Allegan County MI.
- Pullman Branch Library is open based on volunteer help. Hours posted on their window. Fennville District Library offers free library cards to Lee Twp. residents.
- Transfer Station hours SAT & SUN 9 am - 3 pm .
- The Lee Township newsletter can be viewed in Spanish on the Township website @ www.leetwp.org.

Cemetery

Grave sites must be kept within the rules that are posted in the cemetery and are available in print at the Township office. All decorations placed upon lots that become unsightly, will be removed without notice. All artificial decorations will be removed during spring and fall clean up.

Township Board Members & Department Staff

Township Office 236-6485

Scott Owen, Supervisor 236-6485
Heather Friel, Clerk 269-365-7102
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614
Ann Hatfield, Trustee 269-206-6196
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119
Kyle Harris, Assessor 574-596-6566
Dan Poll, Building Inspector 673-3239
Ted Chamberlain, Fire Chief 236-5988
Pam Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Tyler Jackson, Twp Deputy 673-0500
Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485

Township Ordinances are available at the Township office or can be viewed on the Lee Township website @ www.leetwp.org.

Township Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on the Lee Township website.

Volunteer Fire Dept. If you would like to learn more about serving as a fire fighter contact Chief Ted Chamberlain at 269-236-5988.

Community Center is available for rent. Contact Ann Hatfield at trusteeah@leetwp.org or call 269-206-6196 .

CHURCH NEWS

Check with Churches for updates on service times.

Bravo Christian Reform - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.), Fennville, Pastor Duane Terpstra. 616-581-5295

Horseshoe Community Bible Church—4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, Pastor Don Miller 269-521-4580

Mt. Calvary MB Church - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-236-5225.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - 558 58th St. Pullman, Rev. Caroline Black, 236-5693 or 5722.

Pullman Bible Church - 5508 109th, Pullman, Pastor Jeff Stephens, 236-0409.

Pullman Church —915 North Ave. , Pullman, Mike Jones. 616-350-0711.

Ray of Light Church - 886 60th St., Pastor Mary Hoots, 236-6966.

Seventh Day Adventist Church - 671 52nd St., 236-5011, Pastor William Richardson 616-644-4153.

2021 SUMMER TAX INFORMATION

We encourage mailing in your tax payment or putting check/money order payment in an envelope with your name and address in the drop slot at the Township office door. Receipts will be mailed if requested (write "mail receipt" on envelope). If paying by cash, the Treasurer will be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays to accept cash payments. No change can be made so exact payment is required. Anyone entering the Township office must wear a mask.

The Treasurer will collect tax at the Township Office **Tuesdays and Fridays (9 am-4 pm)** the months of July, August and September. Interest will be added to taxes paid after **September 14th. POSTMARKS NOT HONORED.** **Summer Tax 2021 must be paid to Lee Twp. Treasurer until February 28, 2022.**

Summer deferment Form may be filed to defer payment of interest on principal residence of persons 62 years of age or older or property that is classified or used as agricultural property until the time that winter taxes are due. Forms are available at the Township office, www.leetwp.org, and www.allegancounty.org. The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 15, 2021 .

For Disabled Veterans Exemption call the Township office or get the form from our website @ www.leetwp.org.

A Note from the Assessor: The Assessor has authorized the Board of Review to convene on **July 20th at 2:00pm.** July BOR is to correct any mutual mistake of fact or clerical errors on tax notice. The July and December Board of Reviews are meant for the purpose of correcting qualified errors and to consider appeals related to Principal Residence Exemptions (PRE), Qualified Agricultural Exemptions, Personal Property Exemptions, Taxable Value Uncapping's, Disabled Veterans Exemptions and Poverty Exemptions. Taxpayers qualify for a PRE if the property is their primary residence which means they live there more than 50% of the year and do not claim a PRE on any other property in the state of Michigan or any other state. A taxpayer would also qualify on any vacant parcels that are adjacent or contiguous to their Primary Residence. **Notify the Treasurer or Assessor of any necessary corrections upon receipt of tax bill.**

Fire District Hearing is scheduled for July 12 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

Special Meeting to review **Lee Township Master Plan** is scheduled for Monday September 20, 6:30-8pm at the Township Hall.

Life EMS provides Lee Twp. ambulances service. Residents can sign up for annual Lifecare+ membership online at www.lifeems.com, click "Explore Memberships" at the bottom of the page. Annual cost per family is \$49 with supplemental insurance, or \$79 without insurance.

People Helping People Summer 2021 Programs

"Picnic in the Park" will take place at the park by Pullman Elementary School on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm in place of our traditional "Pullman Ministry/Youth night" program the evenings of July 8, 15, 22 and August 5, 12, 19.

Summer Youth Program runs June 28 - August 20, Monday - Thursday, 12:00PM - 3:30PM. The program is for elementary aged children. Middle and high school students may participate as volunteer leaders. For more information on any of the People Helping People programs or activities, please call 269-236-2001 or email melinda@phppullman.org or jeff@phppullman.org.

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Many business owners have suffered significant loss due to COVID-19.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

BaleTech	MiDroneBotics LLC
Baylor Buddy Johns	Mobile Gas Station
Bodtke Farms	Mystic View Apartment
Cemetery Monuments Sales	Nikki's Chair
Channing Event Center	North Street Storage
Clemons Blueberries	Northwoods Café
Country Life Natural Foods	Once Upon a Time Ceramics
Dave's Tree Service	Pizza Plus
Diamond Supply Station	Preferred Market
Dollar General	Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Dream House Development	Richwood Contracting
El Arcoiris Del Sabor	Rusty Rocket Brewing
El Changarrito Mexican Store	Shek Law Office
InterCare Community Health	Simpсарosa Riding Stables
JMJ Cleaning Service	Supermarket El Arcoiris
Laraway & Son Movers	VFW Post 6134
Marathon Gas Station	Warner Camp
Maynard's Custom Concrete	

OUR COMMUNITY - OUR FUTURE

Have you noticed the improvements happening in downtown Pullman? Over the past several months the Mobil Gas Station has made improvements, the Diamond Supply Station has gotten a face lift, and the old gas station in front of Pizza Plus has new brick walkway and native plants. In addition, Beautify Pullman has set cement planters in front of businesses and added a bench and "Welcome to Pullman" sign on the SE corner of 109th. Also, Lee Township will be sponsoring 3 free dump day weekends at the Transfer Station (June 12-13, July 17-18, September 11-12). See the township website for details.



BEAUTIFY PULLMAN HAPPENINGS

Beautify Pullman, with the cooperation of Frontier Communications, is very excited to have enlisted the talents of muralist Conrad Kauffman. He will be featuring Pullman history on the Frontier building. Mr. Kauffman, who grew up in nearby Bangor, will be depicting significant events in our timeline, from the Mound Builders to the logging industry and settlers, the railroad and much more. He will be working with several high school artists and photographing residents, who will have their faces added to the mural. Mr. Kauffman has done a number of murals in downtown Kalamazoo and we are delighted he will be painting ours (drawing of mural below left). Beautify Pullman also plans to create "selfie walls" on local businesses, some for fun, and some depicting endangered local flora and fauna. Selfie walls are a place where you take a photo of yourself in front of them!

To support these efforts you can send your donation check to Beautify Pullman PO Box 231, Pullman, MI 49450.

