



# Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring/Summer 2022

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION PULLMAN DAYS Moved to June 3-5, 2022

For more than 2 decades Lee Township has supported our youth as they seek college opportunities and celebrated the pride we have in our community. This year we continue that celebration with a weekend of activities that includes something for everyone. Taking into account suggestions made, we have moved up the event to avoid the mid-July heat. Most activities will be held outdoors. Lee Township Facebook page will post any last minute updates to the schedule of events. If there is inclement weather, as many events as possible will be moved inside the Linking Center. Call the Township office with questions at 269-236-6485 or email [pullmandays@gmail.com](mailto:pullmandays@gmail.com).

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### Friday June 3

- ◆ Drive-In Movie (Tom & Jerry) @ The Sawmill Diamond Diner parking lot-9:30pm

#### Saturday June 4

- ◆ Free Dump Day @ the Transfer Station (Community wide clean up\*) - 9am - 3pm
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast @ Lee Twp Fire Station - 8-11am
- ◆ Vendor Craft Fair, Petting Zoo & Kids Games @ Linking Center - 9am-3pm, Climbing Wall 11am-3pm
- ◆ Car Show 10am-4pm & Student Art Show Noon-2pm @ Pullman Elementary School
- ◆ Fishing Tournament meet at Ravenswood Park - 9am
- ◆ Disc Golf meet Behind Pullman Elementary - 10am
- ◆ History Walk begins at Pizza Plus 9am - 3pm
- ◆ Lumberjack & Carving Demo at Diamond Supply Station parking lot – throughout the day
- ◆ Hot Dogs, Beer Specials & Ice Cream Sundaes - VFW Noon-5pm
- ◆ Bingo (coffee & sweets) at the Worship Center (was the Lee Township Community Center) Noon - 2pm
- ◆ Tug of War Contest 2pm-Behind The Pullman Tavern - Corn Hole & Big Jenga 3pm-5pm
- ◆ The Black River Band @ The Pullman Tavern - 4-8pm

#### Sunday June 5

- ◆ Free Dump Day @ the Transfer Station (Community wide clean up\*) - 9am-3pm
- ◆ Unity Service and Community Appreciation Dinner @ ballpark next to Township Hall - 5pm

#### \*COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CONTEST\*

Take a before and after photo of your clean up project and [email photos with your name, phone # and address by June 6 to pullmandays@gmail.com](mailto:pullmandays@gmail.com). You will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 gift card to Meijer or Walmart. *Thank you for helping to keep our community clean!*

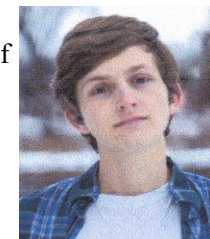
## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 DEE WESBEY PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

2022 Pullman Pride recipients awarded a \$1000 college scholarship are three graduates from Bloomingdale HS:

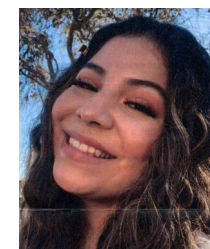
**Makennah Vandommelen-** Makennah plans to attend MSU to pursue a degree in the medical field. Her hope is to serve her community and help people as much as she can. During HS she volunteered at Love, INC Pullman and witnessed how the community gathers together to do what is needed to support one another.



**Jacob Kolean-** Jacob plans to attend U of M in the hopes of becoming a lawyer so he can help those whose lives have been turned upside down. Jacob wants to be a leader in helping to create a safe space in which everyone feels welcomed.



**Sharon Lozano-** Sharon plans to attend Lake Michigan College to major in Business. She hopes to be a positive influence and prove that anyone can be successful as long as they are committed. Sharon has volunteered at the Linking Center serving as a positive role model for children and hopes to inspire those children to become leaders themselves.



Three additional seniors awarded a \$500 scholarship are:



**Bryan Garcia-**After graduating from Fennville HS, Bryan plans to attend Ferris State University to study Elementary Education. Bryan hopes to be the kind of teacher kids can relate to and help them see the road to success and the importance of giving back to their community.



**Adrian Flores-**After graduating from Bloomingdale HS, Adrian plans to attend Western Michigan University to study Business Administration. His 3rd grade teacher Mr. Whipple had a tremendous influence on his self-confidence and his Mexican heritage and local church have been an important part of inspiring his sense of community.



**Cailin Lenont-**Cailin, a Bloomingdale HS graduate, will be attending Cornerstone University studying history and secondary education. She noted that growing up her community and all school staff have supported her along her journey. She also has a passion to serve the senior population.

## PAM RAWSON REMEMBERED



It was with heavy hearts and deep appreciation the Lee Township community came together on March 26th to celebrate the life of Pam Rawson. Pam was a passionate and dedicated servant to Bravo Church, Pullman Elementary School, the Lee Township First Responder team, and the community as a whole. She has left a legacy for generations to come. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family.

*Pam, pictured above center, with longtime friends and fellow First Responders Sam and Chelsea Kasinger, doing what she loved, serving our community.*

## IT DOESN'T TAKE A SUPERHERO TO HAVE A CLEAN COMMUNITY

If you asked Lee Township residents why they live here there would be a wide variety of responses, from *I grew up here, this is home, to get away from busy city life, its affordable, to enjoy the rural beauty*, just to name a few. In order for everyone to have their health and safety needs met within the community, Township Ordinances were enacted to establish general guidelines for all. From time to time, we all could use a reminder about how these ordinances, and community efforts to clean up, maintain appropriate standards of living for all residents.

Studies have consistently shown that prolific litter in underserved communities and neighborhoods can misrepresent the area and contribute to health risks and low levels of self-image. We've all heard negative comments about "Pullman," mostly from those who are not aware of the caring and supportive community we live in. It is the hope of the Township Board that everyone takes pride in their own property and understands the value that adds to the community as a whole. A common misbelief is that the trash/blight problem is so big that nothing we do can really make a difference. However, shifting our mindset to recognizing that even the smallest task gets us a step closer to the solution. As author Edward Everett Hale wrote, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." Look around and you can see the positive change over the past year, with improvements to public spaces, and individuals willing to work together to better something that belongs to all of us. This is a great example of people investing positively in their community and building community spirit. Over the years, volunteers have organized and participated in many clean-up projects and have generously helped their neighbor, or even a stranger, to better their living environment.



So how do we continue the positive momentum? Don't get discouraged. Change, even good change is difficult and can take time. The Township continues to provide each taxpayer with 2 free dump tickets to use at the Transfer Station. In addition, **3 Free Dump Weekends have been approved for Lee Township residents (May 14 & 15, June 4 & 5, and September 17 & 18)**. World Clean-Up Day is celebrated September 17, 2022 and harnesses the power of people around the world to achieve incredible things by joining together. Its beauty lies in cooperation and collaboration from citizens, to businesses, to government. **Let's all do our part.**

If you are not sure what to do or how to help. **here are some brief reminders taken from local ordinances** (All Township ordinances are available online at [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org) or copies can be picked up at the Township office):

- Trash & Leaf Burning Ordinance #2013 Section 2 describes requirements for trash and leaf burning. Remember to call 269-686-5222 for burn permit, burn in designated areas set forth in ordinance, and be sure your burn container meets requirements.
- Litter Ordinance #2022 Section 2 defines "Litter" as all garbage, scrap, and waste material, inoperable appliances and equipment, brush, discarded concrete, brick or building materials or any other loose or discarded articles. Section 3 clearly explains no dumping or leaving trash on public or private property.
- Blight Ordinance #2025 Section 3 defines blight factors (similar to items listed above under Litter Ordinance with more detail) and prohibitions along with maximum time these types of items can be left sitting out (not to exceed 15 days). This ordinance includes any vacant dwelling, garage or outbuilding unless they are kept securely locked, windows glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent unauthorized entry as blight (Section 3D).
- Single Family Dwelling Ordinance #2026.2 Section 2 prohibits living in tents, campers, trailers, vehicles, or any other structure that does not meet the State of Michigan Building codes. This is a major area of concern for personal safety and public health requirements.
- No residence can be constructed, moved in, or relocated within Lee Township without a permit from the building official (contact MTS at 269-673-3239).
- Lee Township has hired a Code Official, who will work with residents to meet the requirements set forth in Township Ordinances in order to avoid a municipal civil infraction which carries penalties and fines.
- If you are in need of assistance in cleaning up your property, contact the Township office @ 269-236-6485 or Jeff @ People Helping People @ 269-236-2001 or email [jeff@phppullman.org](mailto:jeff@phppullman.org).

**A safe and healthy living environment is a basic right for each of us. Let's all do what we can & take pride in our community.**

## 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](http://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](http://www.leetwp.org).
- Memorial Day Parade & Service May 30, 2022.
- Elections will be held at Township Hall 8/2 & 11/8/22.
- Donations for to the Scholarship Fund can be mailed to Lee Township P.O. Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450, with "Pullman Pride" in the memo section.

### 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, Chief, Fire & First Responder 236-5988  
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](http://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/first responder contact Chief Ted Chamberlain at 269-236-5988.

### **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. Sunday School 10am, worship 11am.

**Iglesia Misionera en Pullman** - 915 North Ave., Pullman, Pastor Carlos Medina, (269)539-1176, Sun 6pm.

**Mt. Calvary MB Church** - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-236-5225. Sunday 11am.

**Pullman Bible Church** - 5508 109th, Pullman, Pastor Jeff Stephens, 269-236-0409.

**Pullman Church** —915 North Ave., Pullman, Pastor Mike Jones. 616-350-0711. Adult Bible Study Thurs. 6pm & Service Sunday 10am.

**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. Sat. 11am.

## 2022 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 provided, so exact payment is required. Masks are encouraged for anyone entering the Township office.

The Treasurer will collect tax at the Township Office **Tuesdays and Fridays (9 am-3 pm)** the months of July, August and September. Interest will be added to taxes paid after **September 15th. POSTMARKS NOT HONORED. Summer Tax 2022 must be paid to Lee Twp. Treasurer until February 28, 2023.**

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](http://www.leetwp.org), and [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org). The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 15, 2022.

For Disabled Veterans Exemption call the Township office or get the form from our website @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).

*A Note from the Assessor:* The Assessor has authorized the Board of Review to convene on **July 19th (check website for times)**. July BOR is to correct any mutual mistake of fact or clerical errors on tax notice. **Notify the Treasurer or Assessor of any necessary corrections upon receipt of tax bill.**

**Fire District Hearing** is scheduled for July 11 at 7pm at the Township Hall.

Special Meeting to review **Lee Township Master Plan** is scheduled for Monday September 26, 6pm at the Township Hall.

**Life EMS provides Lee Twp. ambulances service.** Residents can sign up online at [www.lifeems.com](http://www.lifeems.com) for annual Lifecare+ membership. Click "Explore Memberships" at the bottom of the page. Annual cost per family is \$59 with supplemental insurance, or \$79 without insurance.

### **People Helping People Pullman News & Program Updates**

With the recent purchase of the Lee Township Community Center, PHP is excited to announce the creation of the Worship Center. Volunteers come every week to keep it clean and well maintained. There is an English and Spanish speaking worship service offered every Sunday. It also continues to be used for various community and private gatherings. Building of the new PHP pantry, where the Love, Inc office was located, will begin this summer.

#### **Pantry & Family Services:**

Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Food Pantry Hours - Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

GED Classes - Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

#### **Youth Programs:**

After School - Elementary grades 3:00pm - 5:30pm Mon - Thur.

Middle & High School grades: 6 - 8pm Mon. & Wed.

Youth Ministry Night (all ages) - 6-8pm Thursdays

Vacation Bible School (elementary students) - June 13-16, 5-7pm

Summer Program - June 20-August 11, Noon - 4:30pm

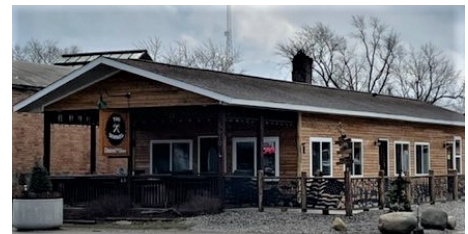
For information on People Helping People programs or activities, please call 269-236-2001 or email [jeff@phppullman.org](mailto:jeff@phppullman.org).

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

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

**OUR COMMUNITY - OUR FUTURE**

Pullman welcomed 4 new businesses since our last issue. **The Sawmill Diamond Diner**, located at 5610 109th, next to the Pullman Tavern, is open 6am-10pm serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Contact owners Sonia & EJ McNamara at 269-236-5050.



**Iva's Place LLC Dog Boarding**, located at 5254 105th. Contact owner Tracie Sellers at 773-680-8600.



**Beautify Pullman Town Square Project**

Keep an eye on the corner of 56th & 109th as the non-profit group, Beautify Pullman, work to create a "Town Square" that will include a pavilion, seating, and a creative play space for children.



*Beautify Pullman is a nonprofit organization established in 2020 to improve the quality of life in Pullman, MI by engaging the community in projects to beautify and restore spaces that exist for the benefit of the entire Pullman Community.*



**Pullman Knight Tire** opened right across from the soccer field on 109th. Charles Hanson is the owner/operator for your tire needs. He can be reached at 269-416-0329.

The mobile food trailer offering authentic Mexican food "**Taqueria La Tia Linda**" is open WED-SUN at 2pm and is located on 109th just east of 56th St. Contact # 269-416-0236.

