



# Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter 2023

## Community Holiday Celebration Saturday Dec. 2nd 4-6pm @ the Pullman Town Square



The community is invited to come out on Saturday December 2nd to the Town Square (corner of 56th St & 109th) for a Holiday Celebration sponsored by Beautify Pullman & the Lee Township Holiday Committee. This is an outdoor event, so bundle up the kids and head downtown to enjoy some holiday music, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. Families can make an ornament to hang on the community tree that will be lit at 6pm. A special holiday movie will be shown from 5-6pm and Santa will arrive at 5pm for family photos. You can get in a little holiday shopping as well. All are welcome to come out and share the joy of this special holiday season with neighbors and friends. This is a free community event. If you would like to set up a table to sell items at the Holiday Market, please email Shirley at skay5374@gmail.com. Questions, call the Township office at 236-6485.

### Lee Township Welcomes New Officer Deputy Godsey

Lee Twp. contracts with the Allegan County Sheriff's Dept. for an officer assigned to Lee 40 hours a week. Deputy Godsey has been with the Sheriff's Dept for 2 years and came in with six years of experience from TN. He and his family reside in Hamilton. Godsey looks forward to meeting our residents and encourages folks to reach out if you have a need or say hello when you see him in town.



### IMPORTANT WINTER SAFETY TIPS

We hope everyone has a safe holiday season. Here are some safety reminders that could help save a life this winter.

Decorations like dried flowers, corn stalks and Christmas trees are highly flammable. Keep these away from flames and heat sources. Every second counts during a fire. Experts say you have less than 2 minutes to escape a burning home. It is critical for you to have a family escape plan. Make sure all doors and windows that lead to outside are accessible and easy to open. Consider an escape ladder for sleeping areas located on the 2nd floor. Choose an outside meeting place for children and teach children how to escape on their own if you are unable to help them. Remember to:

- \* Test your smoke alarms & carbon dioxide detectors.
- \* Have your chimney cleaned if you burn wood.
- \* Do not leave electric heaters unattended. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.
- \* Clean out your dryer filters. Change your furnace filter.
- \* Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window or door.
- \* Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly.
- \* Never heat your home with a gas range or oven.
- \* Never run a car or truck inside an attached garage.

*Special thanks to our Lee Twp. Fire/EMS volunteers who work tirelessly to respond to emergencies 365 days a year. If you would like to join this dedicated team, contact Chief Chamberlain at 269-236-5988.*

### Bloomington School District Winter/Spring Breaks /Events

- \* November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break / No School
- \* December 22-Jan 5—Winter Break/No School
- \* February 23 & 26-Mid-winter Break/No School (make up snow days if needed)
- \* March 29-April 5—Spring Break/No School
- \* May 27-Memorial Day Holiday
- \* June 6—Last Day of School

*The Lee Township Board would  
like to extend  
Happy Holiday Greetings to  
All!*

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Lee Township residents had many opportunities this summer and fall to participate in a variety of events and programs offered by several nonprofits committed to improving the future of Lee Township. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ Over \$3500 was raised for college scholarships during Pullman Pride Day Celebration June 24.
- ◆ PHP assisted in providing 275 students with backpacks and school supplies prior to the start of school.
- ◆ Beautify Pullman sponsored a summer Farmers Market and Concert Series at the Town Square and held their annual Octoberfest along with the first Lumberjack Festival in September.
- ◆ Lee Township Fire/EMS celebrated Fire Prevention Week mid-October by providing an interactive program for Pullman Elementary students. See page 1 for fire safety tips and **remember smoke detectors save lives.**
- ◆ Thanks to a grant from EGLE and dedicated volunteers, 1000 tires were removed from Lee Township on October 7.
- ◆ The Linking Center held its annual Fall Festival on October 26.
- ◆ Pullman Elementary enjoyed its annual Halloween parade on October 28.
- ◆ VFW Post 6134 and Sigil Metaphysical/SND Cleaners/Reelplay Arena hosted Trunk n' Treat events on Halloween.
- ◆ West Michigan Ministries held its monthly commodities distribution that served hundreds in need.



PHOTOS: Far Left: Will Haenni, WWMT Meteorologist at Pullman Pride Day with disc golfers.  
Left: Lumberjack presentation at Town Square  
Lower Far Left: Linking Center Fall Fest  
Lower Middle: Tire Collection  
Lower Right: Pullman Elementary Halloween Parade



### **VFW Post 6134**

The local VFW offers activities and events throughout the year. Banquet room rental available. Check the Pullman VFW Post 6134 Facebook page for additional information on upcoming holiday events.

### **PHP/Linking Center Programs**

People Helping People (PHP) is a welcoming and Christ-centered resource destination that shows the love of Jesus to the Pullman community by meeting daily needs and equipping each person to reach their God-given potential! Thank you to everyone who helps us serve our great community! Here are a few upcoming ways PHP is serving the community.

### **Pantry & Family Services**

**Food pantry:** Wednesday & Fridays, Noon - 3:00pm. To learn more contact Deanna at [deanna@phppullman.org](mailto:deanna@phppullman.org) or (269)236-2001 ext. 105.

**Education:** GED and ESL classes are offered on Tuesday and Wednesday 6-8pm.

**Utility Assistance:** Please contact Ann at [ann@phppullman.org](mailto:ann@phppullman.org) or (269) 236-2001 ext. 106.

**Emergency Firewood:** For information please contact Mike at [mike@phppullman.org](mailto:mike@phppullman.org) or (269) 236-2001 ext. 103.

**Coat Program:** We are again helping the community with winter coat needs. For more information, please contact Ann at [ann@phppullman.org](mailto:ann@phppullman.org) or (269) 236-2001 ext. 106.

### **Youth Programs**

**After-school program:** M - Th, 3:00-5:30PM.

**Bible Studies:** Thursdays, 6:00-8:00PM.

For more information about any youth programs please contact Melinda at [melinda@phppullman.org](mailto:melinda@phppullman.org) or (269) 269-2001 ext.10.

### **Holiday Events**

All are invited to the **Thanksgiving Community Dinner** Wednesday, November 22, 4-6pm at The Linking Center, 925 56th St.

Join us for our **Christmas Eve Service:** Sunday, December 24 at 10:00am at our Worship Center located at 915 North St. For more information on any of the worship activities, please contact Mike at [mike@phppullman.org](mailto:mike@phppullman.org) or (269) 236-2001 ext. 103.

## NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings held the second Monday of each month, 7:30 pm at the Twp. 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 Free 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 in English and Spanish is on the Township website @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).
- Donations for to the Lee Twp. College Scholarship Fund can be mailed to Lee Township P.O. Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450, put "Pullman Pride" in the memo section. Scholarship applications are due no later than April 12 and can be found on the Township website.

### 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 & Fall clean-up.

### Township Board Members & Department Staff

#### Township Office 236-6485

Scott Owen, Supervisor 236-6485  
Heather Friel, Clerk 269-365-7102  
Joe Godlew, Treasurer 269-416-1074  
Ann Hatfield, Trustee 269-206-6196  
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119  
Dan Poll, Building Inspector 673-3239  
Ted Chamberlain, Chief, Fire & First Responder 236-5988  
Michael Godsey, 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.

**Ambulance Service**-Sign up for annual Lifecare+ Membership at [www.lifeems.com](http://www.lifeems.com) and click "Explore Memberships" at the bottom of page. Cost per family \$60 with insurance or \$95 without insurance.

### 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, Service Sun. 5pm.

**Mt. Calvary MB Church** - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-236-5225. Sun. 11:30am.

**New Hope Missionary Church**- 558 58th St. Sun. 11am, Bible Study 7pm online. Check FB page for info.

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

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

## 2023 WINTER 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 Wednesdays 3-6pm to accept cash payments. No change can be made so exact payment is required. Debit and credit cards are not accepted.

Tax bills will be mailed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check your bill upon receipt for possible errors. Errors may be corrected at the December Board of Review scheduled for Friday December 15th at 4pm at the Township Hall.

The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office on Tuesdays (10am - noon) and Wednesdays (3-6pm)** the months of December, January, and February. A 3% penalty will be added to winter tax paid after February 14, 2024. Payment must be received by due date; postmarks are not honored.

**Unpaid Summer 2023 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15, 2023).**

Beginning March 1, 2024, all unpaid taxes (Summer & Winter) become delinquent and must be paid to the **ALLEGAN COUNTY TREASURER**, with an additional 4% penalty and 1% interest per month. Verify the correct amount to be paid by contacting the County Treasurer's Office at 673-0260 or [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org).

### Defer penalty and interest

Qualifying senior citizens or permanently disabled persons may defer penalty and interest on tax payments until April 30<sup>th</sup> for **Homeowner's Principal Residence only**. Notify the Township Treasurer to apply for a **Deferment Application** at the receipt of your tax bill.

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

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### THANK YOU JESSIE!

The Lee Township Board recognized **Jessie Lowery** for her 32+ years of service and dedication as Lee Twp. Treasurer at the May board meeting. We wish Jessie all the best upon her retirement.



New Township Treasurer, **Joe Godlew**, was sworn in on June 12, 2023 by Clerk Friel.

### SAVE THE DATE for PULLMAN PRIDE 2024

**The annual Pullman Pride Celebration will be Saturday July 20, 2024.** This event raises college scholarship funds for area youth and celebrates the pride we have for our community.

⇒ Crafter/vendor - email Ann at [trusteeah@leetwp.org](mailto:trusteeah@leetwp.org).

⇒ Car Show - email Mike at [Mike@phppullman.org](mailto:Mike@phppullman.org).

⇒ Lee Township's Facebook page will have updates on the day's activities.

Lee Township Newsletter  
877 56th Street  
P.O. Box 427  
Pullman, MI 49450

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

BaleTech	Midwest Fun Stuff
Baylor Buddy Johns	Mobile Gas Station
Bodtke Farms	Mystic View Apartment
Cemetery Monuments Sales	Nikki's Chair
Champs Pet Care	North Street Storage
Channing Event Center	Pizza Plus
Clemons Blueberries	Preferred Market
Country Life Natural Foods	Pullman Knight Tire
Dave's Tree Service	Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Diamond Supply Station	Reeplay Arena
Dollar General	Richwood Contracting
Dream House Development	Rusty Rocket Brewing
El Arcoiris Del Sabor	Shek Law Office
InterCare Community Health	Sigil Metaphysical
Iva's Place Dog Boarding	Simparsosa Riding Stables
JMJ Cleaning Service	SND Cleaners
Laraway & Son Movers	Supermarket El Arcoiris
Loretta's Family & Friends Diner	Taqueria La Tia Linda
Maynard's Custom Concrete	VFW Post 6134
MiDroneBotics LLC	Warner Camp

### HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you or your family is in need this winter, please reach out to local agencies here to help.

- \* The Linking Center, 925 56th St., 269-236-2001. Contact Jeff @ [jeff@phppullman.org](mailto:jeff@phppullman.org).
- \* Allegan County Department of Human Services, 269-673-7700.
- \* AA Meetings Wednesday 7-8pm at 915 56th St. Questions, Contact Trevor at (989) 429-5887.
- \* West Michigan Ministries (WMM) provides food, clothing, and household goods the 3rd Wed. of each month, 5-6pm. Contact Carlos Lopez @ 616-834-2604 or email [Los5471@yahoo.com](mailto:Los5471@yahoo.com).
- \* Community Action offers seniors rides for essential services like medical appointments on a donation basis. Contact # 269-673-5472 ext. 261. Allegan County Transportation services requires a one-day notice (before Noon). Cost is \$1 one-way for seniors within the county, \$2 non seniors, and \$5 one way for rides out of the county. Contact # 269-673-4229.

### NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Lee Township welcomes 3 new businesses from one family. Daniel Todd and his wife Sandra Short have been busy. Daniel owns and manages **Reeplay Arena**, a recreation center providing tables games like foosball, billiards, and air hockey, as well as board games, 3-D video games, feature films, and concessions. Cost is \$7 all day (kids under 13 required to come with an adult chaperone). Current hours are Tues-Sun 2-8:30pm. Friday and Saturday extended hours until 10pm. Reeplay Arena is located at 5581 109th Ave, Pullman and is also available for group parties.

Daniel also started **Midwest Fun Stuff**, an outdoor equipment rental business.

He currently has kayaks, outdoor movie screen, canopies, and bounce houses available. You can reach Daniel at 269-455-0322 or email Daniel @ [midwestfunstuff.com](mailto:midwestfunstuff.com).

Sandra is the owner of **SND Cleaners** (Sandra n' daughters). With 20 years of cleaning experience, they are available for residential and/or seasonal rental cleaning. Contact Sandra at 269-455-0369 or email [sndcleaners2022@gmail.com](mailto:sndcleaners2022@gmail.com).

