



# Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring/Summer

2024

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION PULLMAN DAYS July 19-20, 2024

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's event will be held the third weekend in July and will include some favorite activities including a pancake breakfast, car show, craft fair, corn hole tournament, and live music. This year will also include "Worship & Testimonies" sponsored by Pullman Church, morning walking class sponsored by Pullman Fitness, and free games all day at MFS Reelplay. Most activities will be held outside. 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). This is a community-wide event and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy all that Pullman has to offer. There is still time to get involved!

For Car Show information email: [mike@phppullman.org](mailto:mike@phppullman.org)

To reserve space at Craft/Vendor Fair email: [ann@phppullman.org](mailto:ann@phppullman.org)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FRIDAY JULY 19

6-10pm Live music by Crazy Mic @ The Pullman Tavern

### SATURDAY JULY 20

8am-11am Pancake Breakfast @ Lee Twp Fire Station on 109th  
8:30am Outdoor Walk (all ages) sponsored by Pullman Fitness (meet out front of Linking Center)  
9am-3pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show @ Linking Center 925 56th St  
9am-3pm Craft Fair/Vendors @ the Pullman Town Square  
9am-3pm Lee Township Cutest Baby Photo Contest (look for roaming photo board throughout downtown to vote)  
9am-11am Pullman History Museum tours (Pizza Plus lot)  
10am-10pm Free all day! Family friendly games & movies @ MFS Reelplay-including Mario Cart!(109<sup>th</sup> & First)  
10am-3pm (Younger) kids activities & bounce house outside Linking Center  
10am-1pm Teen sports behind Linking Center  
10am-Noon Disc Golf at course behind Pullman Elem. School  
11am-2pm Senior Fun & Lunch @ the Linking Center Cafeteria  
Noon-4pm Worship & Testimonies @ Worship Center 915 56th  
Noon-8pm Food/Drink Specials, Pet Photo Contest & Raffle @ the Pullman VFW Post 6134 @ 5632 109th  
1pm Cornhole Tournament @ Pullman VFW (Registration at Noon)  
4pm-6pm Jimmy Savage Band @ Town Square sponsored by Beautify Pullman

\*Be sure to check local shops and restaurants for specials. Sigil Meta-physical, located at 5581 109th, will be giving away free gift with every purchase, plus enter your name for an extra special raffle gift.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 DEE WESBEY PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Lee Township awarded 4 High School students the 2024 Pullman Pride scholarship. Congratulations to all Lee Township graduates as you go on to pursue your dreams.

**Evan Jewett** was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Evan, a Bloomington HS graduate, plans to attend Central Michigan University to study Product Design Engineering. He hopes to be able to design products that improve accessibility, sustainability and overall quality of life. He appreciates his life-long friendships made and diverse and nurturing community that has taught him the value of empathy, respect and understanding.



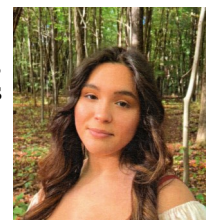
**Sherlyne Moreno**, Bloomington HS graduate, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Sherlyne plans to attend Ferris State University to become a dental hygienist. Growing up in Lee Twp., she feels very connected to her community that has supported her through hardships, and new beginnings. Sherlyne credits her mother for being her role model and teaching her a good work ethic, responsibility and courage. Sherlyne has already started "paying it forward" by volunteering at People Helping People after school program as well as service projects through her role as 1st runner up "Miss Bloomington."



**Julissa Sanchez**, a Fennville HS graduate, was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Julissa is interested in studying immigration law or medicine at a local university. Her future interests stem from seeing what her parents went through to become citizens and from her own healthcare experiences. She wants to help and support others as they navigate these complicated situations. Julissa is grateful for the bonds she has formed through her volunteering at People Helping People.



**Ruby Gonzalez**, Bloomington HS graduate, was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Ruby plans to become a Child Advocate so she can be a voice and positive role model for children. Ruby grew up in Pullman and sees her community moving forward and growing with her. She credits her teachers for inspiring and encouraging her. "Be proud of where you came from and take that pride to where you are going."



## COMMUNITY PRIDE BEGINS IN OUR FRONT YARD

*(Worth repeating)* Blight, litter and abandoned cars are the number one complaint to the Township. Just because the township does not have zoning doesn't mean there are no regulations set for the good of all. Lee Township ordinances (can be viewed on the twp. website [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org)) spell out guidelines for all residents to comply with. **A safe and healthy living environment is a basic right for each of us.**

To assist residents in this effort, the Township continues to provide each taxpayer with 2 free dump tickets to use at the Transfer Station. In addition, **3 Free Dump Days are offered for Lee Township residents (May 18, July 13, and Sept. 21).** Let's all do our part.

### Here are some brief reminders taken from local ordinances:

- Trash & Leaf Burning Ordinance #2013 Section 2 describes requirements for trash and leaf burning. Remember to call 269-686-5222 for a 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).

Structures permissible for living in are also defined by local ordinance #2026.2. Please review this ordinance (found on the Lee Township website in its entirety).

- 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
- 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).
- If you need assistance cleaning up your property, contact the Township office @ 269-236-6485 or Jeff @ People Helping People @ 269-236-2001.

## Improvements to Downtown

The building west of the tracks that had been vacant for some time is being moved to make way for expansion at the Mobil Gas Station. This building has a rich history beginning in 1979 when Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd built it and opened Nel's Diner. They ran the diner for 8 years and Eleanor recalls a line out the door for the Friday Fish Fry! We have also known it as Carey's, The Ball Cafe, and Northwoods over the years. It has always been a place for locals and visitors alike to gather for a meal and good conversation. A part of our local history not to be forgotten. It was recently purchased and will be relocated to 56th St., so we can keep an eye on its next chapter.



### PHP PULLMAN & LINKING CENTER OFFERINGS Pantry

Indoor Pantry Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays - 12pm - 3pm  
Outdoor Pantry Hours: Fridays - 12pm - 1pm

### Linking Center Youth Program:

Vacation Bible School: June 17 - 20, 10am - 3:30pm  
Summer Program (FULL): June 24 - August 15  
Back to School Supplies: Accepting applications starting July 8 (contact PHP to apply). Distribution will be August 17.

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

**Worship Services at the Worship Center (925 56th St.):**  
Every Sunday: 10am

**Faith-Formation/Bible Study at Worship Center:**  
Adults: Thursdays 6:30-8pm  
Teen (ages 15-25) Every other Friday- 7-9pm  
Young Adults-Every other Saturday 7-9pm

For information on worship times email [Mike@phppullman.org](mailto:Mike@phppullman.org).



## 2024 Memorial Day Events

A little rain did not stop folks from coming out to honor our veterans at the annual VFW Post 6134 sponsored Memorial Day parade and ceremony at Lee Township cemetery on Monday May 27th. Beautify Pullman also sponsored a free lunch at the Town Square. Lee Township thanks all our service men and women for their dedication and sacrifice.





## NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings are open to the public and held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Twp. Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman.
- Additional information @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org) or our Facebook page @ Lee Township Allegan County MI.
- Pullman Free Library is run by dedicated volunteers. Hours posted on the window. Fennville District Library offers free library cards to Lee Twp. residents.
- Transfer Station hours SAT & SUN 9am - 3pm.
- The Lee Township newsletter can be viewed in Spanish on the Township website @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).
- 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 269-236-6485

Scott Owen, Supervisor 269-236-6485  
Heather Friel, Clerk 269-365-7102  
Joe Godlew, Treasurer 269-416-1074  
Ann Hatfield, Trustee 269-206-6196  
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 269-236-6119  
Heather Jahr, Assessor 616-970-7820  
Dan Poll, Building Inspector 269-673-3239  
Ted Chamberlain, Chief, Fire & First Responder 236-5988  
Michael Godsey, Twp Deputy 269-673-0500  
Lee Township Transfer Station 269-236-6485

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

Fire District Hearing is July 8th at 7pm at the Twp. Hall.

### CHURCH NEWS

*Check with Churches for updates on service times.*

**Bravo Christian Reform** - 5587 113th Ave., Fennville, Pastor Duane Terpstra. 616-581-5295. Sunday 10am.

**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. 4pm.

**Mt. Calvary MB Church** - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-599-9304. Sun. 11:30am.

**New Hope Missionary Church-** 558 58th St. Sun. 11am, Pastor Martin Jackson. Bible Study 7pm online.

**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.

## 2024 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 (NOT THE ABSENTEE VOTER BOX). Receipts will be mailed if requested (write "mail receipt" on envelope). If paying by cash, the Treasurer will be in the office on Wednesday evenings to accept cash payments. No change provided, so exact payment is required. Debit and credit cards are not accepted.

The Treasurer will collect tax at the Township Office on **Wednesdays (5-8pm) and alternate times by appointment**. Interest will be added to taxes paid after September 16th. **POSTMARKS NOT HONORED**. **Summer Tax 2024 must be paid to Lee Twp. Treasurer until February 28, 2025.**

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 16, 2024.

Reminder Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption form must be submitted annually (note any special assessments do not apply to this exemption). Call the Township office or get the form from our website @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).

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### *A Note from Heather Jahr, Lee Township Assessor*

*It has been my pleasure to begin to meet and work with the citizens and property owners of Lee Township. My goal is to provide proficient, considerate service ensuring a high standard of legal integrity.*

Please be aware of the following:

⇒ Any time a deed or land contract is drafted the Grantee (person or entity acquiring the property) needs to file a Property Transfer Affidavit with the Township Assessor. This document serves as notification of a change in ownership and is paired with the deed recorded at the Allegan County Register of Deeds.

⇒ Notify Lee Township if you change your mailing address. It is important to have accurate mailing addresses on the Assessment and Tax Rolls so that notifications and billings are received.

⇒ Parcel information can be reviewed at the Allegan County BS&A website. It is in all property owners' best interest to periodically review the information held on the roll. If corrections in parcel attributes are needed, please let me know.

⇒ If you have recently purchased property in Lee Township that is your principal residence, you must file a completed Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit with Lee Township in order to claim the exemption. Forms can be found on the Township website [leetwp.org](http://leetwp.org).

The Assessor has authorized the **Board of Review to convene on July 16th** (tentative time 6:30pm but check Twp Hall window or website for update). 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.**

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### 2024 Election Dates

Primary Election to be held Tuesday August 6 and General Election on Tuesday November 5. Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. Lee Township polling location is the Township Hall located at 877 56th St.

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

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

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

### DID YOU KNOW.....

**AA Meetings** held every Wednesday 7pm, 915 North Ave. Contact Trevor at 989-429-588. All are welcome.

**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.

**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).

**Need a Ride?** 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.

### Beautify Pullman Activities at the Town Square

The **Farmers Market** returns to Pullman Town Square this summer on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 6:30pm, from June 20th through October 10th. Stop by to support local farmers and producers. EBT cards are accepted for food purchases. The market will feature live music and information booths from local nonprofit services including Lake Michigan College, InterCare Community Health, Allegan Community Action, Meals on Wheels and more. Follow Farmers Market Pullman MI on Facebook for up-to-date information on which vendors and services will be at the market each week.

The **Summer Concert Series** returns on Saturday evenings at 7pm. See flyer for details, and check Beautify Pullman FB page for any changes to the schedule).



**2024 PULLMAN TOWN SQUARE  
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

June 15th The Black River Band  
June 22nd Lynn & The Moonshine Runners  
June 29th Michael & Sophia McIntosh  
July 6th McKinney & Brown  
July 13th Michael Hulett  
July 20th Jimmy Savage Band (starts at 4pm)  
July 27th Kevin McDaniel House Band  
August 3rd Descarga Musical  
August 10th Live Bait  
August 17th Perfect Storm

**FREE CONCERTS SATURDAY NIGHTS**  
7-9pm at  
Pullman Town Square 5593 109th Ave in Pullman

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