



# Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2024

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN PULLMAN



The community is invited to come to the Town Square on **Saturday December 7th** (corner of 56th St & 109th) from 5-7pm for the annual Lee Township Holiday Social, sponsored by Beautify Pullman.

This is an outdoor event, so bundle up the kids and head downtown to enjoy the tree lighting, holiday music and caroling, and of course a visit from the jolly ol' man himself, Santa! Gifts for children up to age

12 will be available. A lite meal will be served along with hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. All are welcome to come out and share the joy of this special holiday season with neighbors and friends.

There will also be a collection box for winter hats and mittens for local children in need.

The VFW Post 6134 Toy Giveaway event is **Saturday December 14th from 1-3pm** where Santa will be on site to distribute gifts to children up to age 12.

Reelplay Arena Community Christmas Social will take place **Sunday December 22nd, 3-7pm** (5581 109th). Photo booth with Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies & hot chocolate, movies & popcorn, and games for the whole family.

## Meet the New Members to the Lee Township Board



**Rich Rawson** was elected Supervisor in the November 5 General Election. Rich has lived in Lee Township most of his life and his family owned a salvage yard for many years. "I am married to my wonderful wife Sue and I look forward to serving our community."



**Kathy Blackburn** was elected Clerk.

Kathy is a software professional, local business owner, and gardening enthusiast. She graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Computer Science and Engineering. In her free time she enjoys a good game of Euchre, snuggling with her dogs, and a dirt bike ride with her husband. "I'm honored to be your new Township Clerk! I can't wait to dive in, streamline services, and ensure everything runs smoothly for our amazing community."

## 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 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. Do not leave electric heaters unattended; clean out your dryer filters; change your furnace filter, and never use a generator inside your home.

*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.*



*Annual Fire Prevention Program presented to Pullman Elementary students by the Lee Township Fire/EMS department on October 17th.*

## New Township Board, continued.



**Ben Lewis** was elected Trustee. Ben stated, "From a person who has been homeless myself my goal is to offer support where I can and ensure that each person can move forward with their dignity intact."

The Lee Township Board welcomes the newly elected officials and extends sincere thanks and appreciation for the years of service Scott Owen (Supervisor), Heather Friel (Clerk), and Lisa Galdikas (Trustee) have given to the residents of Lee Township.

## 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 \$3000 was raised for college scholarships during Pullman Pride Day Celebration July 19-20.
- ♦ Beautify Pullman sponsored a summer Farmers Market and Concert Series at the Town Square.
- ♦ 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 September 14.
- ♦ The Linking Center held its annual Fall Festival on October 31st.
- ♦ VFW Post 6134 and Sigil Metaphysical/SND Cleaners/Reelplay Arena hosted Trunk n' Treat events on October 31st.
- ♦ West Michigan Ministries held its monthly commodities distribution that serves those in need.
- ♦ Broadband work has begun in Lee Township as part of Allegan's countywide project. More information to come in the spring newsletter.



PHOTOS: Top Left: Jimmy Savage Band performing at Beautify Pullman Summer Concert series  
Bottom Left: Folks enjoying the annual Car Show at Pullman Pride Day  
Right: Linking Center Fall Fest  
Below: Trunk N' Treat at Reelplay Arena



### 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.

### 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! We are so grateful for the many Lee Township residents who give their time and talents to help us serve those in the community that just need a little encouragement and support. This is a great community! Here are a few upcoming ways PHP is serving the community.

#### Pantry & Family Services

**Food pantry:** Indoor on Monday & Wednesday, Noon - 2:00pm. To learn more contact Deanna at [deanna@phppullman.org](mailto:deanna@phppullman.org) or (269)236-2001 ext. 105. Outdoor pantry pick-up (free and open to anyone) on Wednesday at Noon @ pantry.

**ESL/GED Classes** – Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, (PHP Linking Center).

**Utility Assistance & Emergency Firewood:** call PHP at (269) 236-2001.

**Youth Program** – Monday – Thursday, 3:00pm – 5:30pm, (PHP Linking Center)

All are invited to upcoming **PHP Holiday Events** (held at the Linking Center 925 56th St. unless otherwise noted).

- \* Thanksgiving Community Dinner Wednesday, November 27, 4-6pm.
- \* Christmas Community Dinner, Thursday December 19, 6-8pm
- \* Christmas Eve Service December 24th, 5pm (at the PHP Worship Center)
- \* Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 19, 2025, 1pm.
- \* Easter Service Sunday April 20, 10am (at the PHP Worship Center)

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.
- 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).
- Applications for the Dee Wesbey Memorial Pullman Pride Scholarship Fund can be found online @ [alleganfoundation.org](http://alleganfoundation.org). Donations by check to ACCF with "Pullman Pride Scholarship" in the memo section or through ACCF's online portal.

### 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 (April 30) and Fall (October 15) clean-up.

### Township Board Members & Department Staff Township Office 236-6485

Rich Rawson, Supervisor 269-236-6485  
Kathy Blackburn, Clerk 269-236-6485  
Joe Godlew, Treasurer 269-416-1074  
Ann Hatfield, Trustee 269-206-6196  
Ben Lewis, Trustee 269-568-4126  
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.

**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.

**PHP Worship Center** —915 North Ave., Pullman, Pastor Mike Jones. 616-350-0711. Bible Study Thurs. 6pm (at Linking Center) & Service Sunday 10am.

## 2024 WINTER TAX INFORMATION

Tax bills will be mailed by December 1st. Please check your bill upon receipt for possible errors. Errors may be corrected at the December Board of Review scheduled for December 10th at 6:30pm at the Township Hall.

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 summer taxes paid after **September 16th. POSTMARKS NOT HONORED.** **Summer Tax 2024 must be paid to Lee Twp. Treasurer until February 28, 2025.**

Beginning March 1, 2025, 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. Winter deferments must be submitted by Feb. 15th. Summer deferments were due by September 16th. For Disabled Veterans Exemption call the Township office or get the form from our website @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).

### REMINDERS FROM THE ASSESSOR:

- 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. If corrections in parcel attributes are needed, please contact the assessor.
- 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. In most cases legally altering ownership in any way will cause an increase in Taxable Value. The scope of the exemptions from uncapping are very narrow. Forms can be found on the Township website [leetwp.org](http://leetwp.org).
- In order for proper ownership to be reflected on the assessment / tax rolls chain of title must be verified. There seems to be an assumption that recording a document at the Allegan County Register of Deeds office assures ownership verification. This is NOT the case. The register of deeds does not carry out chain of title verification and will only verify legal descriptions if a fee is paid. This does not ensure clean title or that the party selling the parcel has ownership of it.



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

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

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

**HELP IS AVAILABLE**

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

- \* People Helping People, 943 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 require 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.

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

- \* November 25-29— Thanksgiving Break / No School
- \* December 23-Jan 3—Winter Break/No School
- \* February 21 & 24—Mid-winter Break/No School (make up snow days if needed)
- \* March 28-April 4—Spring Break/No School
- \* May 26—Memorial Day Holiday
- \* June 6—Last Day of School

*The Lee Township Board wishes everyone*

