



# Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2020



## Lee Township Fire and First Responders

Are you ready to give back to your community in a meaningful way? Have you been thinking that you have some extra time and would like a way to help your neighbors and friends in their time of need? The Lee Township First Responders are willing to give you a front seat experience to see just what it is like to be there on the front lines of an emergency response. Anyone seriously interested in committing some time on a regular basis to this type of life saving work is asked to contact Pam Rawson, First Responder Director at 269-434-6477 or Fire Chief Ted Chamberlain at 269-543-2025. Training will be provided to anyone willing to make the time commitment. Lee Township residents are blessed to have a (small) dedicated team of Fire Fighters and First Responders ready at a moment's notice. Join this team and we promise it will change *your* life while you save someone else's.



*Pictured above: Asst Chief, Sandra Kasinger and Firefighter Nick Chamberlain*

## YES, SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

The annual Lee Township Holiday Social will take place outdoors on **Saturday December 5 from 2-4pm in front of Pizza Plus**. Please note a couple changes for this year (to follow health and safety guidelines). Santa's sleigh is scheduled to arrive in front of Pizza Plus (corner of 56th & 109th) at 2pm, where families will be able to take a photo by his sleigh. Families are encouraged to bring their own camera/phone for photo). Mrs. Claus and her baking elves will have hot chocolate and cookies available, and each child (age newborn to 11) will receive a gift to take home. Santa will be in town for 2 hours so everyone will have plenty of time to stop by at their leisure. Questions contact Lisa Galdikas @ 269-236-6119.



## Lee Township Honors Dedicated Servants

We are very aware that this year many families have experienced unexpected loss. The Lee Township family is no different. This spring Lee Township lost its First Responder Director, **Albert Rawson** (*memorial parade pictured above*), Township Trustee **Steppney Black**, and Transfer Station Attendant **Fred Rawson**. Together, these three dedicated individuals gave selflessly to our community over 70 years of service. The Township Board is forever grateful to their commitment to the betterment of Lee Township.



## WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Did you know that sunflowers face the sun? When they can't find the sun, they face each other. Looking to each other for help and support has gotten many of us through a very challenging 6 months as we continue to battle the COVID pandemic. That is what a strong community does—support one another. Often times of crisis brings out the best in people, and rather than focus on our needs we focus on how we can help one another. That dedication and community spirit has certainly been seen throughout Lee Township this fall; from food distributions, to volunteer work, to providing safe holiday community events. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help a neighbor, friend, or stranger. Here are a few photos that capture some of the selfless acts of kindness.



*(Pictured left)* Community Center parking lot paved thanks to a partnership with Emory Yetzke (Michigan Paving & Material Co.), friends of PHP (People Helping People) of Pullman, and the Lee Township board.

*(Pictured right)* Community Center “face lift” thanks to Pastor Carlos Medina and Missionary Church volunteers. Service is held in the Community Center on Sunday’s at 6pm. All are welcome.



*(Pictured left)* Halloween may have felt a bit different this year, but thanks to Erika and Molly Klein, Tara and Kim Morris, and over a dozen volunteers, local kids got a chance to dress up and get candy at the “Trunk or Treat” event held in the parking lot of Northwoods Cafe on October 31st.



*(Pictured above)* Over 2000 tires were removed from the Lee Township transfer station thanks to an EGLE grant and a group of dedicated volunteers who didn't mind getting wet and muddy!

*(Pictured right)* This year’s annual Pullman Pride Day raised over \$1700 for college scholarships for area youth. Along with the annual flea market/craft fair, community luncheon, disc golf, fishing tournament, and games for kids; a couple added attractions included a wood carver demonstration, fire truck parade, lumberjack competition, and drive-in movie. Thanks to everyone who helped organize, participated, and donated. Special thanks to our parade Grand Marshal’s Babe Laraway and Ed Brock.





## 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. Masks are required and seating is limited.
- 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 the 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).

### 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

Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 269-434-6614

Ann Hatfield, Trustee 269-206-6196

Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 269-236-6119

Kyle Harris, Assessor 574-596-6566

Dan Poll, Building Inspector 269-673-3239

Ted Chamberlain, Fire Chief 269-543-2025

Pam Rawson, First Responders 269-434-6477

Dekota Tatrow, 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 Dept. If you would like to learn more about serving as a fire fighter contact Chief Ted Chamberlain at 269-543-2025.

Community Center is available for rent. Call the Twp. office for details. Program suggestions welcomed.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

*Check with Churches for updates on service times.*

**Bravo Christian Reform** - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.), Fennville, Pastor Mark Douglas. 269-236-5037

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

**Missionary Church**-Sunday at Lee Twp. Community Center. Pastor Carlos Medina 269-539-1176.

**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.

## 2020 WINTER TAX INFORMATION **PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO TAX COLLECTION**

Due to the coronavirus, the following precautions are in place at the Township office for everyone's health and safety. 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. Arrangements for credit card payments can be made by calling the Treasurer and providing an email address. Additional charges apply.

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, Tuesday December 15th at 2:30pm at the Township Hall.**

The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office** on **Tuesdays (9am – 12pm) and Fridays (9am - 4pm)** the months of December, January, and February. A 3% penalty will be added to winter tax paid after February 16, 2021. Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

**Unpaid Summer 2020 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15, 2020).** Beginning March 1, 2021, 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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### **Ambulance Service**

Life EMS provides Lee Twp. ambulances service. Residents are encouraged to sign up in March for annual Lifecare+ membership online at [www.lifeems.com](http://www.lifeems.com) and then click "Explore Memberships" at the bottom of the page. Annual cost per family is \$49 with supplemental insurance, or \$79 without insurance.

### **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.

### **Election Update**

452 absentee ballots were received in Lee Township and 715 residents came out to vote on Nov. 3. Lee Township Board elected for the next 4 years: Scott Owen, Supervisor; Jessie Lowery, Treasurer; Heather Friel, Clerk; Lisa Galdikas and Ann Hatfield, Trustees.



**SPECIAL THANKS to Jackie King who has served Lee Township as Clerk for the past 16 years. We wish her all the best!**

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

**Many local business owners have suffered significant loss due to COVID-19.**  
**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

BaleTech	Maynard's Custom Concrete
Baylor Buddy Johns	Mobile Gas Station
Bodtke Farms	Mystic View Apartment
Cemetery Monuments Sales	Nikki's Chair (NEW!)
Clemons Blueberries	North Street Storage
Country Life Natural Foods	Northwoods Café
Dave's Tree Service	Once Upon a Time/Ceramics
Dollar General	Pizza Plus
Down Under Storage	Preferred Market
Dream House Development	Pullman Tavern (PT109)
El Arcoiris Del Sabor	Richwood Contracting
Garcia's Supermercado	Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
InterCare Community Health	Shek Law Office
JMJ Cleaning Service	Simpsarosa Riding Stables
Laraway & Son Movers	Supermarket El Arcoiris
MiDroneBotics LLC (NEW!)	VFW Post 6134
	Warner Camp

#### **HELP IS AVAILABLE**

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

- \* Love, I.N.C. Pullman, 943 56th St.  
269-236-6295. [ann@loveincwa.org](mailto:ann@loveincwa.org)
- \* The Linking Center, 943 56th St.  
269-236-2001. [jeff@phppullman.org](mailto:jeff@phppullman.org).
- \* Allegan County Department of Human Services, 269-673-7700.
- \* For information on COVID testing:  
Allegan County Health Department  
269-673-5411.

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON NEW BUSNIESESSES**

**Nikki's Chair** Hair Salon (*pictured right*) 517-588-7076, has moved in next to Pizza Plus. Nikki is open for business and looking forward to providing hair care to men, women and children. She has worked as a stylist for over 28 years and recently relocated back to this area with her husband. Nikki takes appointments and walk-ins. She is looking forward to building her business and helping her community.

**MiDroneBotics LLC** provides aerial surveys. James Cleveland owner/operator. Contact James @ 269-312-6831 or email [midronebotics.com](mailto:midronebotics.com).

**Once Upon A Time** dress shop now offers ceramic classes!

