



# Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2015



## SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The Annual Lee Township Community Holiday Social will take place on **Saturday December 5th from 6:30-8:30pm at the corner of 56th & 109th** (Pizza Plus Parking Lot). The celebration begins with our annual Community Caroling and live manger scene. Our joyous singing will be heard all the way to the North Pole and Santa will come to lead the one block parade to the Community Center where he will be available for family photos & a gift per child present. Soup, cookies and hot chocolate will also be served at the Community Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free community event. Any questions contact Lisa Galdikas @ 269-236-6119.



*The Lee Township Board wishes everyone a healthy, happy and blessed 2016.*

## PULLMAN SHOWS ITS PRIDE BY RAISING FUNDS FOR COLLAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

A community effort, lead by April Warden and Samantha Forrest, raised \$2,552.84 toward college scholarships during the July 18th Pullman Pride Day. Funds raised included a generous \$1,000 donation from TransCanada. Although the day started windy and rainy, those that “weathered the storm” were able to enjoy music, food, games and entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Thank you to our fabulous community and donors that generously supported this annual event and all the vendors that participated this year. See you all July 16, 2016!



Children enjoyed “fishing” for prizes at Pizza Plus during Pullman Pride Day.

## Lee Township Community Center *Something for Everyone*

As winter approaches and you are looking for indoor activities, The Lee Township Community Center offers programs for children and families and special events for teens. Be sure to pick up a monthly schedule of events in the information box at the Center (915 56th St) or check the Lee Township website calendar.

If you have ideas for the Community Center or would be interested in serving on the committee, please contact Melinda @ [melindarojasjones@yahoo.com](mailto:melindarojasjones@yahoo.com).

## SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Smoke detectors have saved literally tens of thousands of lives, and prevented hundreds of thousands of injuries over the years. They are cheap, easy to install, and you can pick them up at hardware or home improvement stores. How many do you need? At a bare minimum, you need at least one for every level of your house. You should test your smoke detectors on a regular basis. Most smoke detectors have a button marked TEST, and you simply push it in. If the alarm sounds, it's fine. If it doesn't, either the detector has gone bad or the battery is worn out.

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Be prepared for the winter heating season by

- testing your smoke alarms & carbon dioxide detectors
- having your chimney cleaned if you burn wood
- having a family evacuation plan with an outside meeting place in case of a fire
- not leaving electric heaters unattended
- cleaning out your dryer filters
- changing your furnace filter. This is not only a safety tip, but it can help you save on your heating bill.

*Note: Heating assistance is available for qualified families through the Allegan County Department of Human Service at 673-7700 as well as Love, INC at 269-236-6295.*

## Township Potholes

### *Improvements made possible through millage*

In 2010 a township road millage was passed. It was 2 mils for 3 years. From 2012 to 2014, 9 miles of township paved roads were improved. Examples of some of these roads are 105<sup>th</sup> from 53<sup>rd</sup> – 56<sup>th</sup>, 58<sup>th</sup> from 105<sup>th</sup> – 109<sup>th</sup>, new asphalt pavement on 54<sup>th</sup> from 110<sup>th</sup> – 111<sup>th</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> from 50<sup>th</sup> – 52<sup>nd</sup>.

The 2013 renewal road millage was passed. With this renewal, the township paved roads that were improved in 2015 were 51<sup>st</sup> from 102 – 103<sup>rd</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> from 109 – 111<sup>th</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> from Baseline to 102<sup>nd</sup>. These improvements were the first use of the 3 year renewal millage.

Of the 22 miles of township paved roads, 12 miles have been improved from 2012-2015. In these 4 years of road improvements the cost has been \$440,000 est. This leaves 10 miles of paved roads to be improved in the future.

The Road Committee would like to thank the township citizens for their support in improving the township roads. The committee is always looking for comments, suggestions and advice. Please contact us by calling the township office.

## LOVE, INC PULLMAN NETWORK

To date for 2015, the Love, INC Pullman office has documented: **777** office visits with people in need, **1527** pantry needs met, **8** families in the L.I.F.E. Skills Program, and **1619** volunteer hours. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer please contact Love, INC at 269-236-6295.



The Al-Van Humane Society provides shelter and care for homeless animals in Allegan and Van Buren counties. This year donation boxes at Preferred Market and Pizza Plus have collected over \$300 for the shelter. Thanks to everyone's generosity the cats and dogs in our community are getting the help they need.

Al-Van will be holding their annual **Cookie Caper Saturday Nov. 21st at the First Congregational Church in South Haven**, during their holiday bazaar. Plates of cookies will be available for purchase (\$5 a plate). **Come pick up a plate a goodies for a good cause!** Interested in baking cookies? Call Al-Van at 637-5062.

Sunday December 6th from 12-5pm Al-Van is sponsoring a

**Holiday Home Tour**. Tickets purchased in advance are \$15 (\$20 at the door) to tour six local homes decorated for the holidays.

Tickets are available at the shelter, Rescued Treasures, Murphy's Mall, Wolverine Hardware and Decadent Dogs. Al-Van will also be celebrating the **opening of Rescued Treasures Resale Shop's new location at 07591 Blue Star Highway with refreshments.**



The shelter is always in need of supplies to care for the animals. If you are able, please stop by the shelter at 73303 8th Ave and drop off an item to restock their shelves. Top items on their wish list: cat litter, Purina dog and cat food, bleach, paper towels, large garbage bags, and cat and dog treats.

## SHOP & DINE LOCALLY TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES

Al's Gas and Shop  
Ball Cafe  
BaleTech  
Baylor Buddy Johns  
Bell's Grocery  
Bodtke Farms  
Cemetery Monuments Sales  
Cericola's Banquet Hall Rental  
Clemons Blueberries  
Country Life Natural Foods  
Dave's Tree Service  
Dollar General  
Dream House Development  
Forrest Enterprises  
H & F Electronics  
Hidden Treasure Daycare  
InterCare Community Health  
Image Designer

JMJ Cleaning Service  
La Esperanza Market  
Laraway & Son Movers  
Larry's Lube & Tire  
Marathon Gas/Shop  
Maynard's Customized Concrete  
Mystic View Apartments  
Northwoods Café  
Pat Knapp's Excavating  
Pizza Plus  
Preferred Market  
Pullman Tavern (PT109)  
Rawson Brothers Auto Parts  
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop  
Simparsosa Riding Stables  
VFW Post 6134  
Warner Camp

## 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.
- Be sure to check out the official Lee Township website for additional information at [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).
- Anyone with information for the newsletter can call the Township office at 236-6485, send to P.O. Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450 or email to [trusteelg@leetwp.org](mailto:trusteelg@leetwp.org).
- Pullman Branch Library is open based on volunteer help. Hours posted on their window. Fennville District Library offers free library cards to Lee Township residents.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday.

### 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 (artificial flower, plastic baskets, etc.) placed upon lots that become unsightly, will be removed without notice. All artificial decorations will be removed during spring and fall clean up.

### General Township Information

Lee Township borders are 60th Street, 48th Street, Baseline Road and 112th Avenue, encompassing 23,040 acres, and the 2000 Census reported a population of 4,114. Lee Township is home to Pullman Elementary School; Lower Scott Lake (township park and beach, public boat access); Upper Scott Lake (public boat access); Osterhout Lake (public beach and boat access); Lester Lake, Clear Lake; Springbrook Lake; and Middle Branch of the Black River. Lee Township Cemetery is located at 53rd and 105th Ave.

### Township Board Members & Department Staff

*Township Office 236-6485*

Scott Owen, Supervisor 236-6485  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-5129  
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614  
Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693  
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119  
Kyle Harris, Assessor 574-596-6566  
Dan Poll, Building Inspector 673-3239  
Ted Chamberlain, Fire Chief 236-5988  
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477  
Joe Borjic, 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.

*The Lee Township Board welcomes all comments and suggestions either by mail, e-mail, fax or left at the office.*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Bravo Christian Reform** - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.), Fennville, Pastor Mark Douglas.. Service times: Sunday 9:50 am. Sonshine Thrift Store Tues-Sat 10-4. Something for everyone. Donations accepted.

**Mt. Calvary MB Church** - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-236-5225. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11:30 am.

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church** - 558 58th St. Pullman, Pastor Steppney Black, 236-5693 or 5722. Service times: Sunday School 9:30 am; Morning Worship 11 am.

**Pullman Bible Church** - 5508 109th, Pullman, Pastor Jeff Stephens, 236-0409. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am; Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 pm.

**Pullman Church** —915 North Ave. Service time: Thursday 6:30 dinner served with service following.

**Ray of Light Church** - 886 60th St., Pastor Mary Hoots, 236-6966. Service times: Sunday Worship 10 am - noon and 6 - 8 pm; Family Training Wednesday 6:30 pm.

**Seventh Day Adventist Church** - 671 52nd St., 236-5011, Pastor William Richardson 616-644-4153. Worship Services: Sabbath school- Saturday 9:30 am; Divine worship 11 am; Bible Study Thursday 6 pm.

### **2015 WINTER TAX INFORMATION**

*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, December 15th at 1:00pm at the Township Hall.*

The Treasurer will collect tax at the Township Office on Tuesdays (9am – 12pm) and Fridays (9am – 5pm) the months of December, January, and February. A 3% penalty will be added to winter tax paid after February 16<sup>th</sup>. Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

**Unpaid Summer 2015 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 16, 2015).** Beginning March 2, 2015 unpaid taxes (Summer & Winter) become delinquent and must be paid to the ALLEGAN COUNTY TREASURER, with an additional 4% administrative fee and 1.5% 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.

### **PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

November 11—Veterans Day Assembly 1:30pm  
November 20—1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Luncheon (call 236-5235 to RSVP-also April 15 & May 13)  
November 25—1/2 day for students and staff  
November 26—27 Thanksgiving Recess – No School  
December 10—Winter Music Program 5:30pm  
December 21—Jan 1— Winter Break/No School

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

*Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings Minutes*

**June 8, 2015-Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from May 11, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve contract with Appraisal Associates for Kyle Harris; to approve printing of tax newsletter; to authorize printing of transfer station tickets; authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm.

Additional information presented: County Commissioner gave update on livestock claims and Senior Millage. 147 police calls and 16 fire calls; first responders took 29 calls. Transfer station took in \$1262 and 85 tickets. 5 building, 1 mechanical, 3 plumbing and 4 electrical permits issued.

**June 15, 2015-Special Meeting Minutes**

Special meeting called regarding dust control, procedure for collection of water bills, township ordinances, and township employee wage increases. Motions were made and approved not to increase rate of pay for cleaning employee; to raise rate for transfer station attendant to \$12.50; to raise the Parks/Transfer station attendant to \$775 a month. Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm.

**June 25, 2015-Special Meeting Minutes**

Special meeting was called to review a draft of the Master Plan for the Township. The board collectively prioritized township goals: Maintain and improve upon fiscal strength of the township; Promote a safe and inclusive community; Improve upon roads and basic infrastructure; Improve necessary services that allow residents to work and thrive; Protection of townships' natural amenities like lakes and wetlands; and encourage business growth. Additional input needed before plan can be adopted. Motion made to adjourn at 7:55pm.

**July 13, 2015-Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 8, and special meeting minutes from June 15th & 25th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the contracts with electrical and mechanical inspector to be paid directly; to have the inspection application updated to reflect the new process; to authorize the principle payment of \$100,000 to the USDA loan for the new fire station; authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm.

Additional information presented: County Commissioner gave an update on the current value of the county, additional parking where old jail is, updates on Westside park project, plat book now available for \$20, and shared statistics on senior services. 8 fire calls; First Responders took 23 calls; transfer station took in \$899 and 55 tickets. 5 building, 4 mechanical and 6 electrical permits; Lake Board meeting on July 29th, Board of Review July 21st, Pullman Pride Day July 18th. Road committee reported 3 miles of seal coat will be done.

**July 13, 2015 Annual Fire District Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and approved to accept the recommendation by Chief Chamberlain to remain at the 4 mills for the 2015-16 tax collection. Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm.

**August 10, 2015-Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to appoint Trustee Galdikas meeting chair in supervisor's absence; accept the regular meeting minutes from July 13th, Annual Fire District meeting on July 13th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; land split fees are non-refundable; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

Additional information presented: 134 police complaints taken; 7 fire calls; first responders took 27 calls; \$971 collected and 85 tickets at the transfer station. 2 building, 3 plumbing and 5 electrical permits granted.

**September 14, 2015-Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 10th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize fire chief to purchase materials for Fire Prevention program; to authorize purchase of suction unit for first responders; to increase spending limit without prior board approval to \$1000 for first responders and fire dept.; to authorize clerk to publish fall cemetery clean up; to approve variance for Lot 16 on Melville Dr.; to authorize VFW to hook up to Pullman water system; to approve land split on 52nd; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm.

Additional information presented: County Commissioner gave update on filing for Nov election; Lake Board meeting set for Oct. 10; and Road Committee noted work on 58th St bridge.