



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2018

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SOCIAL SATURDAY DECEMBER 1



In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, Lee Township offers an opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate all that we are grateful for. The Annual Lee Township Community Holiday Social will take place on **Saturday December 1st from 6:30-8:30pm at the corner of 56th & 109th** (Pizza Plus Parking Lot). The celebration begins with caroling and a live manger scene. Santa will arrive to lead the one block parade to the Community Center where he will be available for family photos & a gift per child, up to age 12. Soup, cookies and hot chocolate will be served at the Community Center, thanks to Debbie Laraway, Doug Bale and all of Santa's baking elves! All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free community event. Questions, contact Lisa Galdikas @ 269-236-6119.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Winter/Spring Breaks and Upcoming Events

November 22-23—Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 24-Jan 4— Winter Break/No School
March 14—Parent Teacher Conferences
March 29—April 5-Spring Break
May 27-Memorial Day/No School
June 7-Last Day of School

Watch for upcoming activities and events to be offered at **Lee Township Community Center** in 2019! Check the calendar on the Township's website or pick up a monthly schedule at the Community Center at 915 56th St.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN LEE TWP

Love I.N.C. Pullman Residents with unmet needs (food, clothing, baby needs, etc.) can gain access to resources through an in-person intake at the Pullman office at 943 56th St. After the intake, referrals will be made to Love INC network resources. Please call in advance for an appointment 269-236-6295. Love I.N.C. is accepting Toys for Tots applications through December 19th. If you would like to volunteer to help with programs offered, or need more information, contact Ann Hatfield, Coordinator at loveincsa@frontier.com.

PHP Linking Center, located at 925 56th St offers the following programs for Lee Township residents:

- After school youth drop-in hours on M, W & F from 3 - 6pm.
- Open Gym- M & W from 6:30-8pm (high school age and older)
- Senior fellowship, free coffee & walking in the gym, M-TH 9-11am
- Adults fellowship, free coffee & open gym, M-TH 11am - 2pm
- Pullman ministry - Thursday from 6:30 - 8pm

The Linking Center will have computers available starting in December to provide internet access to the community. A 23 passenger bus will be available to pick up seniors to enjoy programs offered at the Linking Center. Questions call the office at 269-236-2001 or contact Melinda Jones, Youth Coordinator at Melinda@phopullman.com or Jeff Kruithof, Executive Director, at jeff@phppullman@gmail.com.

A **free GED Course** sponsored by Allegan Adult Education, is offered in Pullman on Tuesdays & Thursdays, Noon - 3pm at The Linking Center, 925 56th Street. For more information contact Sue Chappell 269-673-5431, ext. 3054.

Residents can sign up for **Ambulance Service** through AMR any time throughout the year by calling 1-800-560-9318. Cost is \$40 annually per family, and forms are also available at the Twp. office.



The Lee Township Board wishes everyone a healthy, happy and blessed 2019.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

October was **Fire Prevention Month** and the Lee Township Fire Department gave Pullman Elementary School students a first hand experience about the dangers of fighting fires. Please be sure your home has smoke detectors and your family has an emergency exit plan.

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 and safe this winter 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
- * not using portable flameless chemical heaters indoors
- * never using a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window or door
- * making sure your gas appliances are vented properly
- * never heating your home with a gas range or oven
- * never running a car or truck inside an attached garage.

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

PROTECTING & SERVING LEE TOWNSHIP FOR 100 YEARS



If you would like to learn more about serving as a fire fighter please contact Chief Ted Chamberlain at 269-236-5988.

AL-VAN HUMANE SOCIETY provides shelter and care for homeless animals in Allegan and Van Buren counties. Al-Van will be holding their annual **Cookie Caper** Saturday Nov. 17th at the First Congregational Church in South Haven during their holiday bazaar. Plates of cookies will be available for purchase (\$5 each). Interested in baking some cookies? Call Al-Van at 269-637-5062.



Sunday December 2nd from 11-4pm is Al-Van's annual **Holiday Home Tour**. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 (or \$25 at the door) to tour 5 South Haven homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are available at the shelter, Rescued Treasures, Murphy's Mall, Wolverine Hardware and Decadent Dogs in South Haven. Rescued Treasures Resale Shop, located at 07591 Blue Star Highway, will also be open for shopping and refreshments as well as Al-Van's "Holiday Treasures" Pop Up Shop, full of Christmas decorations, located at Eagle St Market, 422 Eagle St. in South Haven.

The shelter is always in need of supplies to care for the animals. If you are able, please stop by the shelter at 07591 Blue Star Highway and drop off an item to restock their shelves. Top items on their wish list: **non clumping cat litter, Purina dog and cat food, bleach, paper towels, Fabuloso, and 55 gallon garbage bags.**

Be sure to follow Al-Van Humane Society on Facebook for the latest adoption specials and details on all their "fun"draising events.

SHOP & DINE LOCALLY TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES

BaleTech
Baylor Buddy Johns
Bodtke Farms
Cemetery Monuments Sales
Clemons Blueberries
Country Life Natural Foods
Dave's Tree Service
Dollar General
Dream House Development
Garcia's Supermercado
InterCare Community Health
JMJ Cleaning Service
La Poblana Supermercado
Laraway & Son Movers
Marathon Gas/Shop

Maynard's Custom Concrete
Mobile Gas Station
Mystic View Apartments
North Street Storage
Northwoods Café
Once Upon a Time
Pizza Plus
Preferred Market
Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Pullman Pizza & Subs
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Shek Law Office
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.
- 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.
- 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 @www.leetwp.org.

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.

Horseshoe Community Bible Church—4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, Pastor Don Miller 269-521-4580 or 269-650-1652. Service times: Sunday 11 am and 6 pm.. Sunday School 10am. Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 pm.

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.

2018 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, Tuesday December 11th at 3:00pm 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 14, 2019 Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

Unpaid Summer 2018 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15, 2018). Beginning March 1, 2019, 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.

Defer penalty and interest

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

Qualified Veterans Exemption: In order to receive this exemption the veteran or widow must file the application annually.

Special Meeting to review Master Plan is scheduled for Tuesday November 20, 6:30-8pm at the Township Hall.

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

Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings Minutes (Complete minutes can be reviewed on our website www.leetwp.org)

May 14, 2018-Regular Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from April 9th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the PTA adoption regarding waiving penalties; payment for 2 dust control applications; to grant a variance at 4931 104th Ave; Marathon station to move forward with liquor license process with the state; resolution to have the First Responders millage renewal language added to the August 2018 ballot; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; authorize clerk to pay election workers; renew contract with Best Way Disposal; to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

June 11, 2018-Regular Board Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from May 14th, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to publish July BOR notice; authorize payment for the fire truck; to have tax newsletter printed and mailed; to have dump tickets printed and sent with summer tax bills; to purchase new folding machine; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.

June 18, 2018-Special Meeting Minutes

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the municipal water system and the collection of delinquent accounts. Motions were made and approved to: look into the process of setting up an assessment to be put into place for a set amount to be added to tax bills and collecting all delinquent bills by November 1st or having the delinquent balances added to tax bills.; to adopt or change current ordinance to reflect changes for the billing and collecting of delinquent bills; to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

July 9, 2018-Annual Fire District Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved accept the recommendation by Chief Chamberlain to remain at the 4 mills for the 2018-19 tax collection; to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.

July 9, 2018-Regular Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 11th and special meeting minutes of June 18th; to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; 2 year training for first responders at a rate of \$124 per person; land split at 423 48th St; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

August 13, 2018-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 9th, fire district meeting on July 9th; and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to sign resolution to refuse ownership of the Type I water system allowing Mystic View to move forward with the water project; to accept whichever bid can do the work on new patrol car the soonest and not to exceed the quote for \$4,710.40. to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to authorize the clerk to pay the election workers; to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.

September 10, 2018-Special Meeting Minutes

The purpose of this work session is to hold open meetings for the public to attend and give input on what they feel are important goals for the future of Lee Township. Township map, high speed internet and economic development were discussed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

September 13, 2018-Special Meeting Minutes

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the municipal water supply and the water system to Pullman Elementary school. A motion was made and approved that the township understands the letter provided by the Health Department that the systems need to be separated requiring an immediate response. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.