



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2014

TIS THE SEASON



The Annual Lee Township Community Holiday Social will take place on **Friday 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. You won't want to miss this free community event. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Any questions contact Lisa Galdikas @ 269-236-6119.



The Lee Township Board wishes everyone a healthy, happy and blessed 2015.

COMING UP @ Country Life

641 52nd St., Pullman, MI – www.clnf.org

November 23: Fall Fanfare!

In this class we will glean from nature's harvest at this fabulous time of year with all its array of colors and taste! We will also share more about the role that genes play in our health.



Or do they? Samples & recipes included.

Sunday November 23rd, Faith Hall, 4-6pm. No Charge.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: email paty@clnf.org

Or call 1-800-456-7694 ext. 326 OR 269-236-8326

Lee Township Community Center- Great Opportunities for Residents

As the Lee Township Community Center approaches its one year anniversary of opening its doors, there is much to be proud of. With resident and volunteer Shirley Kay at the helm, the LTCC Committee has continually offered more than a dozen interesting and creative programs for seniors and children and everyone in between. The majority of the programs are free of charge. Occasionally a donation is requested to offset a cost for a program. All the donations raised go right back into the Community Center. The monthly flea market held during the spring and summer were a huge success.

As winter approaches and you are looking for ways to stay active you may want to check out Zumba (a combination of dance and exercise) on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm or Yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm. There are also 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 Shirley at 269-906-5337 or email skay5374@gmail.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.

LOVE, INC PULLMAN NETWORK

The L.I.F.E. skills mentoring program that meets on Tuesday mornings encourages you to consider being a mentor.

L.I.F.E. skills provides support, learning opportunities and accountability that help people cope, achieve goals and improve their life circumstances. Participants attend classes and are engaged in a transformational relationship with a Mentor that offers them dignity and instills hope.

To find out more about mentor training or to sign-up for the program, please contact program leader Barb Johnson 236-6295 x103 or email: loveincbj@frontier.com.

UPDATE ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Since 2012, Lee Township has improved 7 miles of paved roads with chip seal and 1 mile of new asphalt pavement. This was made possible by funds collected from the road millage passed in 2010. That millage was 2 mils for three years.

The Township will continue in the next three years improving paved roads using the 2013 renewal millage. This millage was also 2 mils for three years. There remains 8 miles of paved roads that need to be chip sealed. Because of cost restraints, only 3 miles can be repaired each year and roadwork will be determined by greatest need.

Gravel roads are also being improved with new gravel and grading of shoulders to improve drainage.



The Al-Van Humane Society provides shelter and care for homeless animals in Allegan and Van Buren counties. Lee Township continues to have the highest number of animals surrendered to Al-Van from all of the townships within Allegan County. As of October 1st, 48 animals have been surrendered from Pull-

man and 11 animals were adopted. Donation boxes in Preferred Market and Pizza Plus have collected \$325 for the shelter. Thanks to everyone's generosity the cats and dogs in our community are getting the help they need. **Saturday, November 15th will be Al-Van Humane Society's Annual Open House.** Come and tour the shelter located at 73303 8th Ave in South Haven between 11am-2pm. If you are able, please bring 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, towels and blankets.

Al-Van will also be holding their annual **Cookie Capers** that day (Saturday Nov. 15th). Due to construction at the First Congregational Church, plates of cookies will be available for purchase (\$5 a plate) at the shelter and at Rescued Treasures, Al-Van's resale shop located at 315 Center St (around the corner from Clementine's in South Haven). **Come pick up a plate a goodies for a good cause!** Interested in baking cookies? Call Rebecca, Al-Van's Volunteer Coordinator, at 637-5062.



Sunday December 7th from 1-5pm Al-Van is sponsoring a **Holiday Home Tour**. Tickets purchased in advance are \$15 (\$20 at the door) to tour five South Haven homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are available at the shelter, Rescued Treasures, Murphy's Mall, Wolverine Hardware and Decadent Dogs.

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
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
T & J Trucking
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*

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Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485

Township Ordinances are available at the Township office or can be viewed at the official 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.

2014 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 Tuesday December 9th 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 17th. Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

Unpaid Summer 2014 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 16, 2014). 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.

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.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 14— 1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Luncheon
November 27-28— Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 8-12—PTO's Santa's Shop-all items \$1
December 22—Jan 2— Winter Break/No School
January 16—1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Luncheon
January 26-30—Book Fair
January 29—Parent Teacher Conferences

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

Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings Minutes

June 9, 2014-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved or the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from May 9, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to sell property at Frank & Woodland to resident; to split cost of gravel projects with Casco and Cheshire; to approve printing of tax newsletter; to approve purchase by fire dept. of new engine; authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm.

Additional information presented: 93 police calls for the month and 10 fire calls; First responders took 30 calls; transfer station took in \$910 and 70 tickets.

July 14, 2014-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved or the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 9th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the First Responders request to purchase the cardiac "thumper;" to approve the changes recommended by the assessor through the audit; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn at 9:40pm.

Additional information presented: C. Gamrat, candidate for State Rep spoke; County Commissioner gave update on jail; 98 police calls for the month, 9 fire calls; First Responders took 31 calls; transfer station took in \$1027 and 76 tickets; Pullman Branch drain issues discussed and tabled for additional information.

August 11, 2014-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved or the following agenda items: to accept regular meeting minutes from July 14th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to purchase fire hose in conjunction with DNR grant for 1/2 reimbursement; to participate in striking delinquent tax from roll from 2004-2009 if cost does not exceed \$300; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to authorize the clerk to pay the election workers from the Aug. 5th election; to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm.

Additional information presented: Clerk King presented election results in that senior services, 911 surcharge, Proposal 1 and Bloomingdale School millage all passed; 115 police calls; 8 fire calls; First Responders took 35 calls; ambulance report presented by S. Black noting AMR has been retained for one year; transfer station took in \$888 and 87 tickets; Board of Review was held July 22; Lake Board reported 3 weed treatments complete and meeting with DEQ regarding containment site is scheduled; Community Center sign installed; Senator Schuitmaker noted she will now be covering part of our district.

September 8, 2014-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved or the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 11th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the purchase of the Fire Dept. ladder truck for \$28,000; to approve land splits for Armijo and Latchaw; to sign perpetual contract with the assessor; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm.

Additional information presented: Judge Baillargeon gave an update from 57th District Court; 10 fire calls; first responders took 36 calls; \$1092 collected and 91 tickets at the transfer station; Winter Holiday Social planned for Friday Dec. 5th 6:30pm; road committee reviewed projects; correspondence regarding 911 Grove St. was read.

Senior Project to Raise Funds for Fire Dept/EMS

On Saturday, November 15th at the Lee Township Fire Station on 109th from 9am-9pm, Marty Curley will host a Scrapbooking Party for her high school community service project. Funds raised will be donated to the Lee Twp. Fire Department. Pre-registration is \$25.00 or \$30.00 at the door. Food and tables will be provided. Come and support our local youth and help our community while enjoying the day scrapbooking with others. Please call Marty Curley at 269-236-5787 to register.