



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2016



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The Annual Lee Township Community Holiday Social will take place on **Saturday December 3rd 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. Soup, cookies and hot chocolate will also 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. Any questions contact Lisa Galdikas @ 269-236-6119.



Thursday December 8th is Holiday Time @ Country Life. Come on in from the cold and enjoy warm fellowship and a warm food demonstration every hour on the hour from Noon to 6pm. Country Life store is located at 641 52nd St, Pullman.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

winter breaks and upcoming events

November 11—Veterans Day Assembly 1:30pm
November 18—1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Luncheon
Please RSVP to 236-5235
November 22 & 23—1/2 day for students
November 24-25—Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 19—Jan 2— Winter Break/No School

LOVE, INC PULLMAN

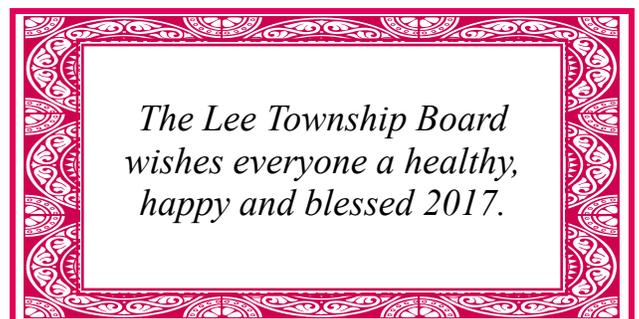
Love INC Pullman serves our residents throughout the year. Current needs:

- Volunteers for three hours twice monthly for intakes
 - Two individuals on rotation basis with trucks for food pickup on Fridays
 - Marathon gas cards to provide individuals with gas for doctor appointments and employment
 - \$20.00 gift cards to Walmart or Meijer for parents who on occasion need tennis shoes for children or when Pullman Elementary submits requests to us to assist a family with shoes or winter boots
 - Individuals or groups for Adopt-A-Family for Christmas
- If you need assistance, would like to volunteer, or need more information please contact Martha Cerda
loveincmc@frontier.com or 269-236-6295 or Ann Hatfield
loveincsah@frontier.com or 269-236-6295.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE COMMUNITY NEWS

People Helping People has begun preliminary work creating a new facility in Pullman, which will be called the Linking Center. This building will provide a safe environment for children and adults to grow, witness God's love, have a sense of belonging, and learn to make positive choices. The new center will be built between the People Helping People building and the Township Community Center on 56th St just north of 109th. Recently Sergio Reyes was hired to oversee the new center.

Sergio Reyes has a great deal of experience in community development. Sergio's military and entrepreneurial experiences, along with his ministerial roles, continue to push his involvement in community. Sergio continues to be driven by his passion to "serve God by serving others." He has overcome both tragedy and mistakes. His successes are all the more compelling because they are rooted in his true-life story. Please welcome Sergio and his family into the People Helping People ministry! Email: sergio.reyes@yahoo.com or cell 269 416-0886.



*The Lee Township Board
wishes everyone a healthy,
happy and blessed 2017.*

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 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, door or vent
- 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.

Township Road Improvement Update

Improvements made possible through millage

This summer brought 90 degree weather and lots of rain. It also brought needed improvements on three sections of township roads – 51st Street from 101st Avenue to 102nd Avenue, 102nd Avenue from 48th Street (only half) to 50th Street, and 53rd Street from Nadeau Drive to 110th Avenue. Each of these roads received a chip seal. Also, new gravel was spread on 104th Avenue from 56th Street to 60th Street, 58th Street from 102nd Avenue to 104th Avenue, 110th Avenue from 53rd Street to 50th Street.

On August 2nd a renewal on the road millage of 2 mills for three years was passed. This is the third passage of the township road millage. This millage enables the Township to continue our road improvements from 2017 to 2019. Keeping up with road repairs keep safe roads for everyone living and traveling within the township.



The 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. 19th at the First Congregational Church in South Haven during their holiday bazaar. Plates of cookies will be available for purchase (\$5 a plate).

Cookies will also be for sale at Rescued Treasures Resale shop Nov. 19th (07591 Blue Star Hwy), where Al-Van is hosting a fundraiser– “Pet Photos with Santa” from 10am-3pm (suggested \$20 donation). **Come pick up a plate of goodies and have your holiday photo taken, all for a good cause!** Interested in baking some cookies? Call Al-Van at 269-637-5062.



Sunday December 4th from 12-5pm is Al-Van's annual **Holiday Home Tour**. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 (or \$25 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 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 73303 8th Ave 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, Pine Sol, large garbage bags, and cat and dog treats.

SHOP & DINE LOCALLY TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES

BaleTech
Baylor Buddy Johns
Bodtke Farms
Carey's Pizza
Cemetery Monuments Sales
Clemons Blueberries
Country Life Natural Foods
Dave's Tree Service
Dollar General
Dream House Development
Forrest Enterprises
Garcia's Supermercado
Hidden Treasure Daycare
InterCare Community Health
JMJ Cleaning Service
La Poblanita Supermercado

Laraway & Son Movers
Marathon Gas/Shop
Maynard's Custom Concrete
Mystic View Apartments
North Street Storage
Northwoods Café
Once Upon a Time
Pat Knapp's Excavating
Pizza Plus
Preferred Market
Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Shek Law Office
Simpсарosa Riding Stables
VFW Post 6134
Warner Camp

Celebrating Our Youth

Noah Perez, from Pullman, participated in a Futsal World event at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, in Orlando, Florida this summer. Noah tried out for the ABK Futsal Academy in Grand Rapids and was accepted onto the ABK Futsal team. Futsal is a very fast paced five on five soccer game. At the ESPN complex, the ABK Futsal Academy team competed with teams from Florida, Texas, Brazil, Mexico, and Australia. The team participated in a three day tournament. In August, The ABK Futsal Academy team came home with the Championship! Congratulations to our home-grown soccer champion Noah Perez, for bringing home the trophy!

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.

2016 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 13th 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 14, 2017. Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

Unpaid Summer 2016 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 16, 2016). Beginning March 1, 2017 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.

AMBULANCE SERVICE 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 Township office.

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 9, 2016-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from April 11th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the purchase agreement and financing of new fire truck; to acknowledge the board has no objection to the road abandonment request at 102nd & 51st at the dead end; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm.

June 13, 2016-Regular Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from May 9th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve payment of \$2,150 for dumpsters for community clean team projects; to approve the variance request at 216 Lawrence Ave; to approve printing of the tax newsletter; to publish the July Board of Review notice; to approve land split, combining of property and two property changes presented; to sign resolution and send letter to Allegan County Treasurer's office to revert tax properties back to the County; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm.

June 20, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the five year plan and seek approval for the road commission bid. Motion was made and approved to accept the bid from R. Smith in the amount of \$20,320 with a completion date of August 30, 2016. Motion made and approved to accept five year plan as working document for the process of planning for the township's future. Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm.

July 11 2015-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to appoint Trustee Galdikas chair of meeting in the supervisor's absence; to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 13th, and special meeting minutes from June 20th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the contracts with electrical and mechanical inspector to deny the variance request for 915 Melville; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

July 11, 2016 Annual Fire District Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved to appoint Trustee Galdikas chair of the meeting in the supervisor's absence; to accept the recommendation by Chief Chamberlain to remain at the 4 mills for the 2016-17 tax collection; to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm.

August 8, 2016-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 11th and fire district meeting on July 11th; and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the change in on-call pay or stipend to first responders; to approve two land splits presented; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to approve payment of election workers from Aug. 2nd; to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

September 12, 2016-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 8th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize payment of \$575 per student (7) for fire academy training; to authorize expenditure of \$650 for fire prevention materials for elementary students; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm.