



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2017



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The Annual Lee Township Community Holiday Social will take place on **Saturday December 2nd 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.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Winter Breaks and Upcoming Events

November 11—Veterans Day Assembly 1:30pm
November 17—1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Luncheon
Please RSVP to 236-5235
November 23-24—Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 25—Jan 5— Winter Break/No School
January 8—School resumes
March 15—Parent Teacher Conferences
March 30—April 6-Spring Break

The Lee Township Board wishes everyone a healthy, happy and blessed 2018.



LOVE, INC PULLMAN & PHP

Love INC Pullman serves our residents throughout the year. If you can help us serve, our current needs include:

- Volunteers to assist with child care during Life Skills on Tuesday mornings 8:50-11:10;
- Marathon gas cards to provide individuals with gas for doctor appointments and employment opportunities;
- \$20.00 gift cards to Walmart or Meijer for parents who on occasion need tennis shoes for children or when Pullman Elementary School submits requests to us to assist a family with shoes or winter boots;
- Anyone able to Adopt-A-Family for Christmas.

If you need assistance, would like to volunteer, or need more information contact Ann Hatfield, Clearinghouse Coordinator at loveincsa@frontier.com or call 269-236-6295.

The new Linking Center building is coming along and is scheduled to open its doors in spring of 2018. For information about programs offered through the Linking Center, contact Carlos Lopez, director, at los5471@yahoo.com or call 616-834-2604.

FREE GED CLASS OFFERED IN PULLMAN

A free GED course sponsored by Allegan Adult Education will be offered in Pullman starting in November. For more information contact Brenda Nyhof, director, at 269-673-5431 x3022 or bnyhof@alleganps.org or Tyrone Brown @ tab534@yahoo.com.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN LEE TOWNSHIP

"The six years (2012-2017) of road improvements have been a marvelous success," stated Chuck Pugh, Road Committee member. He went on to note that using 5 years of township road millage, approximately 15 miles of paved roads have been chip sealed, 1/4 mile has been asphalted, and 1 mile has been hot mix asphalted. Using township funds, approximately 10 miles of gravel roads have been re-graveled.

Through these improvements our township roads are safer for residents, school buses, first responders and fire trucks." The road committee and township board would like to thank Lee Township residents for their support of the road millage that has allowed these significant road improvements to take place over the past 6 years.

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.



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.

Lee Township Fire Department will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2018!

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. 18th 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 3rd from 12-5pm is Al-Van's annual **Holiday Home Tour**. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 (or \$25 at the door) to tour 5 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. Rescued Treasures resale shop at 07591 Blue Star Highway will also be open for shopping and refreshments as well as Al-Van's "Holiday Treasures" resale store full of Christmas decorations located at 265 Center St. (downtown South Haven).



1033 64th St, Pullman
Home of John Sokel & Ann Gattorn is one of 5 homes on this year's Holiday Home Tour.

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, and large garbage bags.**

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
Forrest Enterprises
Garcia's Supermercado
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
Pizza Plus
Preferred Market
Pullman Tavern (PT109)
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.

2017 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 12th at 3:30pm 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, 20178 Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

Unpaid Summer 2017 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15, 2017). Beginning February 28, 2018, 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)*

June 12, 2017-Regular Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from May 8th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve purchase by Fire Dept for a jump bag and one AED and the First Responders to purchase 2 AED units and a jump bag; to approve printing of the tax newsletter; to decline the request from the County to purchase foreclosed properties; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to make the first payment on the new fire truck; to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

June 19, 2017-Master Plan Work Session Minutes

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Master Plan for the Township. Small group discussion on guidelines for discussion. "Fiscal Strength" was the first goal discussed. The next work session was scheduled for August 7 at 6:30pm..

July 12, 2017 Regular Board Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 12th, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to sign the resolution for the cost sharing request for culverts 36" and large with the Allegan County Road Commission; to approve the 2 land splits presented by assessor; to approve the funds to pay for the trailer from Deerpath for the removal of tires at the transfer station in the amount of \$1000.00; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

July 10, 2017 Annual Fire District Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved accept the recommendation by Chief Chamberlain to remain at the 4 mills for the 2017-18 tax collection; to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.

August 7, 2017-Master Plan Work Session Minutes

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Master Plan for the Township. Small group discussion focused on economic development and access to services. The next work session was scheduled for October 16 at 6:30pm..

August 14, 2017-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 10th, fire district meeting on July 10th, and Master plan work session on August 7th; and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented with the addition of BOR payments; to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm.

September 11, 2017-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 14th, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize purchase of 3 replacement sets of turnout gear by Fire Dept.; to purchase fire prevention materials at \$650; to sign lease agreement with I2K as presented; to publish snow plowing bids; to publish cemetery Fall cleanup notice; to deny request for recommendation from the board to Marathon Gas station for a Class C liquor license; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.