



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2019

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SOCIAL SATURDAY DECEMBER 7



Lee Township's annual Holiday Social will take place on **Saturday December 7th from 6:30-8:30pm at the corner of 56th & 109th** (Pizza Plus Parking Lot). The community celebration begins with caroling and a live manger scene. Bundle up the family and come on down to the center of downtown Pullman to celebrate the joy of this special holiday season with neighbors and friends. Santa will arrive to lead the one block parade to the Community Center where he will be available for family photos & a gift for each child up to age 11. 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.

Bloomington School District Winter/Spring Breaks & Special Dates

November 28-29—Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 23-Jan 3—Winter Break/No School
March 26—Parent Teacher Conferences
April 3-10—Spring Break-No School
May 25—Memorial Day/No School
June 5—Last Day of School

Pullman Elementary Upcoming Events

12/12/19— Christmas program @ 5:30pm
2/20/19—Science Night
March is Reading Month. Looking for community volunteers to read with classes. Contact the school if interested.
3/19/20— Young Author's Night @ 5:30pm
4/23/20— Family Fun Run @ 3:30pm
5/3/20— Family Fun Night @ 5:30pm

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. We are taking applications for new winter coats. If you would like to volunteer to help with programs offered, or need more information, contact Ann Hatfield, Coordinator at ann@loveincnwa.org.

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

- After school youth drop-in hours on M, T, W & TH from 3 - 6pm.
- Open Gym M & W from 6-8pm (age 19 and older)
- Senior/Adult fellowship, free coffee & walking in the gym, M-TH 9am - 2pm
- Senior crafts/bingo Tuesdays 10am - Noon
- Pullman ministry - Thursday from 6:30 - 8pm

The Linking Center has computers available for internet access to the community. Questions about programs offered through the Linking Center, call the office at 269-236-2001 or contact Melinda Jones, Youth Coordinator at Melinda@phppullman.org or Jeff Kruthof, Executive Director, at jeff@phppullman.org.

A **free GED Course** sponsored by Allegan Adult Education, is offered in Pullman on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8pm 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 2020.



FIRE PREVENTION

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 and fire safety tips during a school assembly on November 1.

FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

Decorations like dried flowers, corn stalks and Christmas trees are highly flammable. Keep these away from flames and heat sources. Every second counts during a fire. Experts say you have less than 2 minutes to escape a burning home. It is critical for you to have a family escape plan. Make sure all doors and windows that lead to outside are accessible and easy to open. Consider an escape ladder for sleeping areas located on the 2nd floor. Choose an outside meeting place for children and teach children how to escape on their own if you are unable to help them.

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.

Please be sure your home has smoke detectors and your family has an emergency exit plan.

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.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



Happy Holidays from the AL-VAN HUMANE SOCIETY



Al-Van has provided shelter and care for homeless animals in Allegan and Van Buren counties for over 50 years. If you have an animal you need to surrender call Intake at 269-639-2242. If you are looking to adopt a shelter pet, call the Adoption Center at 269-637-5062 or stop in M, Tu, Th, Fri from 11-5:30 or Saturdays from 11-3. The adoption Center is located at 07591 Blue Star Highway 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.**

Al-Van's Cookie Caper will take place Saturday November 23 from 9am-3pm at the First Congregational Church; 651 Phoenix Street in South Haven. Cookie Caper is held in conjunction with the Church's annual Holiday Bazaar. Al-Van will be selling delicious plates of home-made cookies for just \$5. Please stop by to buy some cookies and support our furry friends!

Al-Van's biennial Fur Ball will be held on February 22, 2020. This event is a fun-filled (black tie optional) event to raise money for Al-Van and a great way to have some fun during those long, cold Michigan winters! Enjoy fantastic food, entertainment and music! Follow Al-Van's Facebook page for information on this and all upcoming shelter events.

Holiday Pet Safety Tips:

- Keep "people food" away from your pet, and ask your guests to do the same.
- Make sure your pet doesn't have any access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes/raisins, onions or other toxic foods.
- Don't leave your pet alone in the room with lit candles, a decorated tree or potpourri.
- Keep holiday plants (especially holly & mistletoe) out of reach.
- Consider leaving the tinsel off your tree if you have a cat.
- Secure your Christmas tree to keep it from falling over if your dog bumps it or your cat climbs it. Hanging lemon-scented car air fresheners in the tree may deter your cat from climbing it.
- Provide a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement such as a crate, or another room if you're entertaining guests.
- Do not leave your pet outside during cold weather.
- Knock on your car's hood before you start it as stray cats or other animals may be trying to keep warm in there.

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 or our Facebook page @ Lee Township Allegan County MI.
- 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 Twp. 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
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Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614
Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119
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Dan Poll, Building Inspector 673-3239
Ted Chamberlain, Fire Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Dekota Tatrow, 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.

Township Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on the Lee Township website.

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

Community Center is available for rent. Contact Vicky Brown at 269-236-9350. Program suggestions welcomed.

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-Fri 10am-2pm (and first Saturday of each month). Something for everyone. Donations accepted. 269-236-5037

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 —925 56th St. (Held at the Linking Center) Service time: Thursday 6:30 dinner 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.

2019 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 10th at 1:30pm 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, 2020. Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

Unpaid Summer 2019 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15, 2019). Beginning March 2, 2020, 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 Monday November 25, 6:30-8pm at the Township Hall.

El boletín de Lee Township se puede ver en Español en el sitio web del Municipio www.leetwp.org.

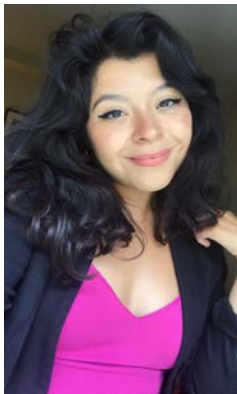


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**PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
 UPDATES**

We always like to hear updates from past scholarship winners. If you were a Pullman Pride scholarship recipient, let us know what you are up to now! You can email an update to trusteelg@leetwp.org.



Nayeli Sanchez, 2013 graduate (pictured left)
 Nayeli graduated from WMU and moved to Washington DC. She is working for an organization called FHI 360. Nayeli wrote, "It's a human development organization working within global connections. We are basically a bridge between the State Department and public diplomacy non profits all over the country. We help facilitate the International Visitors Leadership

Program." Nayeli returns to Pullman to visit family whenever possible.



Tim Treat-Maas, 2017 graduate

Tim posted on FB this Fall, "After more than 3 years with the Lee Township Fire Department I'm moving onto bigger things. I joined the

United States Air Force to pursue my love for fire-fighting. Thank you to everyone whose helped me grow as a firefighter and push me to be the best I can. I'm going to miss it. I'll be back to visit when I can, and bring back as much knowledge as possible."

PULLMAN WELCOMES 2 NEW BUSINESSES



El Arcoiris Del Sabor (Rainbow of Flavor) located at 5587B 109th Ave offers traditional Mexican snacks like corn cups, fruit salad and pastries. Owners Juan and Belia Munoz said hours vary so stop in or call 269-236-9678.

The building at 5627 109th Ave (next to the Mobil Station) has served a variety of food to residents and visitors for years under many different names. It is now home to **Kahuna's Taco Shack**, offering tacos, tortas, tamales, nachos, burritos and hamburgers. It is open Tues-Sun 11am-9pm during the winter months (closed Monday). Owners Isaac and Ermelinda Garces are proud to serve food "cooked with love."

SHOP & DINE LOCALLY TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES

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| BaleTech | Marathon Gas/Shop/Event space |
| Baylor Buddy Johns | Maynard's Custom Concrete |
| Bodtke Farms | Mobile Gas Station |
| Cemetery Monuments Sales | Mystic View Apartment |
| Clemons Blueberries | North Street Storage |
| Country Life Natural Foods | Northwoods Café |
| Dave's Tree Service | Once Upon a Time |
| Dollar General | Pizza Plus |
| Dream House Development | Preferred Market |
| El Arcoiris Del Sabor | Pullman Tavern (PT109) |
| Garcia's Supermercado | Richwood Contracting |
| InterCare Community Health | Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop |
| JMJ Cleaning Service | Shek Law Office |
| Kahuna's Taco Shack | Simparsosa Riding Stables |
| La Poblanita Supermercado | VFW Post 6134 |
| Laraway & Son Movers | Warner Camp |