



Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Summer 2017

2017 DEE WESBEY MEMORIAL PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Thanks to a \$10,000 donation by the Wesbey family in memory of Dee Wesbey, 2, \$1000 scholarships were awarded this year to **Tim Treat-Maas** and **Kaylee Hooper** (pictured above). Both students are life long residents of Lee Township and Bloomingdale High School graduates.

Tim has learned to appreciate his hometown history and political process through his relationship with his grandmother, Elverta Maas. He has worked at local business and is completing the fire academy so he can help protect his community and make sure it remains a safe place for everyone.

Kaylee wishes to inspire others to work hard so they can realize their potential. She has found her "nitch" in working with younger students tutoring and teaching problem solving skills they can use throughout their life. Kaylee also submitted the winning "Township tagline." Lee Township will have signs made that will be posted as you enter the township welcoming residents and visitors alike. The signs will read: *Lee Township-A Community Working Together for a Better Tomorrow.*

Five scholarship applications were received and we wish to congratulate Jasmine Brock, Kristin Okon, and Florencia Perales as well for their outstanding achievements and dedication to their community. If you would like to donate to the Dee Wesbey Memorial Pullman Pride Scholarship fund you can mail your donation to: Lee Township, PO Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450.



Dee Wesbey

PULLMAN PRIDE DAY JULY 15TH

On Saturday July 15th Lee Township will celebrate Pullman Pride Day from 8 am-3 pm in downtown Pullman (56th & 109th). If you have never come down for the fun, this is the year to start! Rain or shine everyone who attends is in for a real treat this year, as there will be something for everyone, including vendors with tons of cool stuff and entertainment for the whole family. From clowns to games, Al-Van adoptable pets, face painting, music, outdoor beer garden at the Pullman Tavern, to a flea market at the Community Center. For the 3rd year enjoy the Fire Truck Parade! The Lee Twp Fire Department will kick things off with a pancake breakfast at the station on 109th from 8-11am. So don't miss out!

Pullman Pride Day Schedule July 15:

- 8am-11am Pancake Breakfast @ Fire Station
- 9am-3pm Flea Market @ Community Center
- 10am-3pm Vendor/Crafters/Clowns/Music/Food Truck /Photo Booth/Face Painting, etc. Dunk Tank (next to Northwoods) Inflatables & Games (56th & 109th) Kid's Carnival @ Pizza Plus Al-Van Adoptable animals @ Pizza Plus
- 11am-8pm Outdoor seating @ The Pullman Tavern
- 2pm Fire Truck Parade

Additional activities added daily.

Come out and support YOUR community. All proceeds go toward college scholarships for Lee Township youth. If you have questions call April at 269-543-7289 or email her at aprilferrell82@yahoo.com.

HONORING OUR VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Residents and visitors came together to honor our veterans during the Lee Township Memorial Day service and parade. Thanks to our local VFW for their organization and to all who participated.



ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

This summer you will have plenty of opportunity to recycle, repurpose or just throw away! Support the summer bible camp kids as they raise funds for Lee Township's Holiday program. They will be holding a yard sale on the corner of 56th & 109th on Thursday June 22 9am-2pm.

The Township Community Center, located at 915 56th St, will also be sponsoring a summer flea market on July 15, August 12, and September 9. \$5 per booth space. Contact Melinda at 616-886-3010 if you would like to reserve a spot.

TOWNSHIP CLEAN TEAM SPONSORS DUMPSTERS THIS SUMMER

Two 40 yard dumpsters will be placed in front of the township hall at 877 56th Street to help residents clean up unwanted (and unsightly) trash, and picked up roadside garbage with the help of the clean team volunteers. Keeping our community looking good is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Please do your part in keeping your own property picked up. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Ann at 269-236-6295.

Dumpster Days: June 17-18, August 19-20, and September 23-24.

***Please NO TV's, tires, batteries, construction or hazardous materials or yard waste. Thank you.**

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

BaleTech	Laraway & Son Movers
Baylor Buddy Johns	Marathon Gas/Shop
Bodtke Farms	Maynard's Custom Concrete
Carey's Pizza	Mystic View Apartments
Cemetery Monuments Sales	North Street Storage
Clemons Blueberries	Northwoods Café
Country Life Natural Foods	Once Upon a Time
Dave's Tree Service	Pat Knapp Excavating
Dollar General	Pizza Plus
Dream House Development	Preferred Market
Forrest Enterprises	Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Garcia's Supermercado	Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Hidden Treasure Daycare	Shek Law Office
InterCare Community Health	Simpсарosa Riding Stables
JMJ Cleaning Service	VFW Post 6134
La Poblanita Supermercado	Warner Camp

LEE TOWNSHIP BEGINS WORK ON MASTER PLAN

For the past year, the Lee Township board has held special meetings to discuss the need for a township Master Plan. This document will help guide the current board, as well as future boards, in making decisions and provide the framework needed when attempting to secure grant funds for improvement projects. Below is the executive summary of the broad township goals identified through the special meetings. The full draft of the plan can be found on the Lee Township website www.leetwp.org.

Work sessions for community input are scheduled for: Monday June 19 and Monday August 7 @ 6:30pm at the Township Hall.

Executive Summary

The Lee Township Master Plan is a basic plan prepared as a foundation for the Township's near and mid-term planning. Although this Plan may include specific land use policies or proposes specific land use arrangements, it has no regulatory power. It provides the basis and impetus, however, needed to support future regulations.

This Plan is expected to be modified and improved as community input made via printed surveys and discussion at focus group and other public meetings is gathered. Lee Township is predominantly rural area and experiencing very little commercial, residential, or industrial development at the present time. Key issues which generally emerge from Township-wide public forums such as public ordinance and zoning support will be paramount to the dialogue.

That being said it is the Township's goal to act on a plan that includes:

- * Maintain and improve upon the fiscal strength of the Township.
- * Promote a safe and inclusive community.
- * Improves upon roads and basic infrastructure.
- * Improves access to necessary services that allow residents to work and thrive.
- * Protection of the Township's natural amenities like lakes, and wetlands.
- * Encourages business growth.

In its present state, the plan is a working document which will serve the Township board, committees and public interests in future planning and decision making.

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
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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 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.

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.

SUMMER 2017 TAX INFORMATION

The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office on Fridays (9 AM-12 PM & 1-5 PM)** the months of July, August and September. Interest will be added to taxes paid after **September 14th. POSTMARKS NOT HONORED.**

Summer Tax 2017 must be paid to Lee Township Treasurer until February 28, 2018.

Summer deferment Form may be filed to defer payment of interest on principal residence of persons 62 years of age or older or property that is classified or used as agricultural property until the time that winter taxes are due. Forms are available at the Township office, www.leetwp.org and www.allegancounty.org. The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 15, 2017.

For Disabled Veterans Exemption call the Township office or get the form from our website at www.leetwp.org.

The Assessor has authorized the Board of Review to convene on **July 18th at 3:00pm.** July BOR is to correct any mutual mistake of fact or clerical errors on tax notice. **Notify the Treasurer or Assessor of any necessary corrections upon receipt of tax bill.**

Fire District Hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

People Helping People (PHP) 9th annual Community Pig Roast will take place **Saturday August 26th at 5pm** at 943 56th St. All are welcome.

LEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
877 56TH STREET
PO BOX 427
PULLMAN, MI 49450

Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2016

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes of Sept. 12, 2016; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the Fire Department purchase of a new computer; to authorize the clerk to publish cemetery fall cleanup; to accept Lezman Roofing quote at \$6525; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2016

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from October 10, 2016; to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on November 10, 2016; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the payment for election staff for Nov. 8 election; to authorize the clerk to publish the December Board of Review notice; to publish and print tax newsletter; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; and to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2016

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from November 14, 2016; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; adjourn at 7:59pm.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2017

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from December 12, 2016; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 13, 2017

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from January 9, 2017 with the correction on the number of calls taken by First Responders; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve equipment purchase from either Moses, West Shore, or South Haven Small Engine for fire saws; to adopt the poverty exemption as presented;

to set the asset level at \$15,000; to extend the date for tax payment without penalty to February 28; to authorize the clerk to publish the March Board of Review notice; to sign work order from Allegan Co. Road Commission for 2 applications of dust control; to authorize the clerk to publish request for mowing bids; to have SH Dependable finish snow plowing for this winter; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills with additions; to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2017

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 13, 2017; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to accept the recommendations by the Road Committee for work to be complete during 2017; to accept the recommendation for 1/2 mile of shoulder; to continue annual contract with Al-Van Humane Society at a fee of \$1,500; to authorize the purchase of 4 tires for patrol car not to exceed \$600; to authorize the publication of the Annual Meeting and Meeting of the Electors on March 25, 2017 10am; to authorize the clerk to make recommended budget adjustments; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 13, 2017; to approve budget hearing minutes from March 25, 2017; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to use public improvement monies to pay for 8-40yard dumpsters to be scheduled 2 per month through September to support the Clean team's efforts; to approve the budget adjustments; to authorize the treasurer to make the necessary revenue adjustments to finish out the budget year; to participate in the gravel road program for Baseline/60th and 58th and 48th between Baseline and 102nd include an estimate for 109th to 106th on 50th with gravel; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn at 9:24pm.

Special Meeting Minutes May 1, 2017

Purpose of the meeting was to continue work on Twp. Master Plan. Discussion regarding township assets, grant opportunities, and township goals and objectives. Mowing bids were also reviewed.