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NEWSLETTER

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What's Happening in OUR Township...

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board has been extremely busy the last few weeks. The Budget for 2023-2024 has been approved along with the General Appropriations Act. We've implemented a new department of public works (DPW) for our township. All the contracted help like mowing, snow plowing, maintenance, cleaning, splash pad, repairs (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and roofing), plus stripping/waxing floors etc. are all duties for the new DPW. In addition, with the Refuse & Recycle Center opening, the DPW will maintain the center. Please understand you will need to show your new card at the time to dispose of recycling, trash, or large items. Investments are changing to receive higher interest rates, rental cost have changed to \$50 to rent a Pavilion at the Park, Water District 1-LU fees for water have gone down to \$55 and the Solid Waste Assessment has been lowered to \$200. Your Board is working hard to keep communication open to our residents. Please call or stop by the Hall if you have any questions or concerns. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 8th starting at 7PM.

GRANT COMMITTEE

The Grant Committee will be meeting once a month for the summer months. Several Grants are in process for playground equipment for our park.

ZONING ADMINISTRATION

The Zoning Administrator would like to remind residents that the zoning ordinance along with the amendments and supplements to the ordinance is available on the website. The zoning administrator is pleased to announce that the Township Board has eliminated fees associated with regards to residential site plan applications and applications for sign permits. Both application forms can be found at the Lee Township website and at the hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year the Planning Commission will be reviewing the existing zoning ordinances with the goal of eventually revising the ordinances so that they more accurately reflect the unique characteristics of Lee Township. Public comment is always welcome and residents are urged to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will be meeting next on May 17th at 7:00 pm at the township hall.



OPENING SOON!

LEE TOWNSHIP REFUSE & RECYCLE CENTER



Formally referred to as the Solid Waste Station. Starting Saturday, April 29th at 8 am. Normal schedule will be on Tuesday evenings from 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturday mornings from 8 am until Noon. Don't worry, your Curbside is still in place, nothing has changed there. The Board has added a few more options for a lower assessment. Now you can keep your curbside, stop at the Refuse & Recycle Center to drop off large items, trash bags and you're Recycling. Recycling is moving from the Hall. Larger container due to increased volume.



The Board announced at the April 10 th Meeting that our “Dump” will reopen with the new name of Lee Twp Refuse & Recycle Center. Join us for a community gathering, a ribbon cutting ceremony, with Board members to answer questions, refreshments, and share in the celebration!

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989-832-2874 (ext 1, 2, 3.)
Next Meeting:
Special - April 19, 2023
Board - May 8, 2023

State and Local Representatives:
Representative Dan Kildee
Senator Gary Peters
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Commissioner Steven Glaser
County Clerk Ann Manary
County Treasurer Catherine Lunsford
County Attorney J. Dee Brooks
Drain Commissioner Joseph Sova
County Sheriff Myron Greene

Trivia Question:
When you are recycling, what is one item that is not accepted at a recycling bin?

- Colored glass
- Pizza boxes
- Foam containers
- Juice Cartons

Last month's answer:
Joint Homer and Lee Twp contract for solid waste was signed in 1973.

For a burn permit: www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit or by calling 866-922-BURN (866-922-2876)

OTHER NEWS



TOWNSHIP NEWS:

- Just announced—Hall recycling is changing. The new location at the end of the month will be located at our Solid Waste Station newly called the Lee Township Refuse & Recycle Center. A much larger bin too. Cost is included in the budget with curbside services on our winter property taxes). This service includes cardboard, plastics, paper, metal, glass, and a separate bin for deposit returnable for cans/bottles as a fundraiser for the park.
- The City of Midland Sanitary Landfill will offer Saturday hours beginning April 1, 2023, and will also introduce new Wednesday evening hours. **New in 2023**, the Landfill will be open from 7 am - 2 pm on select Saturdays from April through November. In 2023, the Landfill will be open on the following Saturdays: April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, July 8 (following Independence Day holiday), August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, November 25 (following Thanksgiving holiday), and December 30 (following Christmas holiday). It will be closed on all other Saturdays. Additionally, the Landfill will also offer evening hours, open until 6 pm on Wednesdays April through November. The Landfill is open 8 am - 4 pm every other weekday.

Lee Township Fire Department News: (LTFD) Our own PAID ON-CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT Next time you see one of our LTFD Firefighters or EMS, say hello, and thank them for their service to our township. Always brightens your day with a hello or a thank you....



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- If you have a Cemetery deed or any documents, stop by the hall, we would love to make a copy for our records here. If you have a plot we can add the names so it is recorded for future needs.
- Residents need to apply for Disabled Veterans Exemptions and Hardship Applications every year. These can be found on our Lee Twp Website or stop by the Hall for copies.
- Residents need to apply Homestead (PRE) Exemption after they purchase a home or after a deed, transfer of property or updating a Trust/Lifelease (Recordable deed). You also need a Property Transfer Affidavit. These can be found on our Lee Twp website or pick up at the hall.
- Columbarium Niches are available for \$250 each and Cemetery Plots 5 for \$2,000 or 1 for \$500, contact the Clerk at Lee Twp Hall for more information.
- How much does it cost to rent the Hall? Our hall seats 200 people, with a choice of round tables or rectangle tables, has a full kitchen, double ovens, lots of supplies, and looks beautiful when decorated for a special event. Rental is \$200 and a deposit of \$50. Application and calendar are on our website.
- Can I rent one of the park pavilions? Yes, there is one for rent, which holds it for you for the day of your event for \$50. Two other pavilions are available on a first come first serve basis. Check the calendar for availability and apply online on our website.
- We welcome suggestions or ideas for our Township. Stop by the Hall for information, share your ideas and suggestions. We are in the office Monday-Friday 9am until 3pm.



Welcome to Lee Township!

Congratulations to Lee Bar & Grill on their opening. Located on M20 where Big D's used to be, 430 W Isabella Rd.

Their Ribbon Cutting will be:

Date: April 27, 2023

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Show your support for a new Lee Township business and stop on in!



Sign up for the Newsletter at www.leetownship.org, bottom section on the homepage.

SOUTH ENTRANCE (BACK DOOR) TO THE TOWNSHIP HALL IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 9AM - 3PM. SOME EXCEPTIONS ARE FOR HOLIDAYS AND/OR TRAINING. CALL THE HALL AT 989-832-2874 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS.