



Open/ Recreational Burning In Thomas Township

We are regularly asked questions about our burning ordinance and most of these questions are related to burning in residential areas. We do offer what is referred to as a “recreational fire” option for most residents. A recreational fire is typically what you would have in your back yard for roasting marshmallows or hotdogs. These fire pits are generally 2x3 ft. and DO NOT require a permit. If called upon the fire department reviews each case, and if it is justified, may require the fire to be extinguished. While most residents don’t mind the occasional campfire, your smoke can quickly become a nuisance when you burn constantly.



If you need to burn brush, you would step up from a recreational fire to open burning, which does require a permit. The ONLY thing you are allowed to burn during open burning is brush. **Burning of leaves, large logs and/or ANY building or combustible materials, are strictly prohibited. Open burning is prohibited during the night hours.** Based on our ordinance and the International Fire Code, the fire department DOES have the right to extinguish ANY fire for just cause. If we get calls or complaints about neighbors burning and it being a nuisance, we will investigate. If the smoke is found to be causing a nuisance, we will require the fire to be extinguished. This still can occur even if you have a permit and are complying with the ordinance. While smoke to some is a welcoming odor reminding them of being “Up North,” it can also be a nuisance to others, or worse, a health hazard to those suffering from a medical condition.

We also get asked, why do you issue a burn restriction (no burning allowed), when there is standing water or the ground is soaked? What we have to look at is while the ground may be wet, the vegetation on top of the ground is dry. If this does catch on fire, we may not even be able to get to the fire due to the saturated ground. The drier weather conditions also contribute to a burn restriction because humidity also plays a factor in how “combustible” the vegetation can be. We use the Michigan State website on fire conditions as our guide.

There are no fees for these permits which may be obtained online or at our office located at the Public Safety Building at 8215 Shields Drive. If you have any questions regarding our burn ordinance, please feel free to contact our fire prevention bureau at 781-4141 between 8am and 5pm Monday - Friday. For after hour problems, please contact Central Dispatch at 911. This number is still okay to use even if you don’t believe it is a true emergency. The dispatchers will decide how to contact us based on your information.

*Michael Cousins,
Fire Chief*

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Trash Pickup the week of Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales

Trash pick-up will run at a different time during the rummage sales so that the drivers can easily pass down streets and pick up trash before the roads become congested with traffic. This is because in the event that a driver can not go down a road due to traffic congestion, the driver must turn around and your trash will not be picked up until the following week. Some of our roads are narrow or dead ends and the driver needs to be able to safely navigate the truck.

On **THURSDAY, July 15th**, please put your trash to the road **BEFORE** going to bed. Trash pick-up will run overnight into Friday morning.



May 4, 2021 Election: Freeland Community School District Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

There will be a Special Election for voters who live in Thomas Township and vote in **Precinct 1**, located at Fire Station 2, 9970 Dice Road. Freeland Community Schools have put forth a May 4, 2021 millage proposal that reads as follows:

“Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Freeland Community School District, Saginaw, Midland, and Bay Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 2 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2021 to 2028, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$891,702?”

Absentee ballot requests can be submitted online at www.michigan.gov/vote. Applications are also available at the Township Office located at 249 North Miller Road. Once the completed application is received by the Clerk, a ballot will be mailed to the address indicated. Two secure drop boxes are available for voter ballots or they can be mailed in, but please allow for up to 10 days delivery time.

The Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) is available online to check voter registration, preview the ballot or track the status of your ballot. Visit the MVIC at www.michigan.gov/vote. If you decide to vote in person, the polls will be open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. Please allow social distancing and respect the space of others.

A Step Back in Time– Thomas Township’s Early Businesses: Meade’s Hall

Before supermarkets and hotels, there were country stores. These smaller stores were the bustle of the neighborhood and Meade’s Hall was no exception. The hall was one of the most multi-purpose places in Thomas Township back in the early 1900’s. Meade’s Hall was perched at the corner of Frost & Lone Roads.



Early 1900’s photo of people gathered at Meade’s Hall

Clarence Meade owned the building of Meade’s Hall from 1901 to 1915. The Hall was a gathering place and general store in its time where a variety of goods were sold. Residents of the community would come to the hall to socialize and share news, purchase from the store and barter goods. During elections the building also served as a voting hall for residents. The hall featured a second story that was used as a dance hall on Saturday nights.

After 1915, when Clarence Meade sold the building and business it had a variety of owners. However, Meade’s Hall, and the gathering area it had been for over 30 years, was destroyed in a fire. A one line entry in the township’s records read “April 4, 1932, 11:00 p.m. Meade’s Hall Burned.” After that, the legacy of the hall was gone, but certainly not forgotten.

Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales

July 15th - 18th, 2021

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 12th Annual Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales!

If you are not a Thomas Township resident, you may register your sale, and it will be displayed in the address list section, but may not appear on the map.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Due to limited spacing, we cannot list specific times, days or individual items for sale on the map

To return your completed form to Thomas Township you may drop it off at our office located at 249 N. Miller Road (You may use drop box out front) or by emailing it to operator@thomastwp.org. You may also fax the form back at (989) 781-0290. In order to have your sale included on the map you **MUST** have the form turned in by **June 25th, 2021!**

Please remember, this is a community event. Please be considerate of your neighbors during the sale. Please allow parking for shoppers at your home and consider asking your neighbors if they would like to stake off their yard to avoid shoppers walking through it. Let's make this event enjoyable for everyone!



Community Calendar 2020

- May 4th
Special Election for Free-land Community Schools: Precinct One **ONLY**
- May 31st
Office Closed in observance of Easter
- June 12th
Roethke Pool Opens
- June 25th
Movie in the Park at Roberts Park Pavilion (Title to be released this spring)
- July 5th
Office Closed in observance of the 4th of July
- July 15th - 18th
Community Wide Trash & Treasures Rummage Sale
- July 23rd
Movie in the Park at Roberts Park Pavilion (Title to be released this spring)

Fire Rescue and MMR Ambulance

We frequently hear questions from people wondering about the differences between the Township Fire Rescue and MMR ambulance services. Our community is fortunate enough to be supported by two medical response services. Through the years we have worked closely to develop a system that utilizes the strengths of both teams to provide the quickest and most appropriate response to residents with medical needs. However, having both services does create a number of questions when people are not familiar with it. How are medical calls handled here in Thomas Township? Why does MMR and the fire department both respond to a medical call? Are they both needed or is it a duplication of services?

How are medical calls handled in Thomas Township?

When you call 911 and state you have a medical emergency, the nature of your call determines if the fire rescue is dispatched. If at this time the call is determined to be of a high-level emergency, 911 will immediately send the fire rescue unit and your phone call is switched to Mobile Medical Response (MMR) Dispatch Center known as Med Com. If it is not of a high-level response, the call is transferred over to MMR. MMR then will begin a series of questions which dictates the type of medical priority you have. During this series of questions, the ambulance is being dispatched to help you.

Are we really needed?

We have many residents who have appreciated the efforts made by our fire rescue unit. We arrive and begin the initial medical care and sometimes when needed, we provide additional support for the family members who are present as they grieve the loss of a loved one. We have saved a number of lives over the years based on our fast response. I think every one of those individuals, and their families might say clearly, yes we are needed in the community.

Duplication of services?

The protocol used by 911 when someone contacts them is intended to limit the number of dual responses. This is not to say that it doesn't happen. Our goal is to get qualified medical personnel to a location where someone's life is in the balance. We are sent to the high priority calls because it is a life-threatening need that requires our response. If it happens where the ambulance is on the scene before us, and does not need us, they cancel us so that valuable resources are not wasted. There are also times where MMR is responding to another call which necessitates our services. MMR will respond as well once their call is complete.

Does this cost you more?

No. The response from your fire department has already been paid for with your tax dollars. Residents of Thomas Township do not receive any billing for our services unless it is a hazardous material response. Our fire and medical response is a service that our Township provides you. Sometimes we hear what do my tax dollars go for, this is an example of your tax dollars being well spent.

Yours for a Safe Community,
Michael Cousins.
Fire Chief



Spring Reminders from Police Chief Fong



As we start to thaw out from the Michigan winter and the warm weather approaches, we will all get the chance to start enjoying some time outside, grilling out, having bonfires, playing with the kids in the yard and just enjoying the sun. Like many of you, I like to enjoy these activities, in addition to using the Thomas Township Trail, visiting the parks or just walking around the neighborhood. I am fortunate to be able to work and live in a community that

affords these opportunities. However, there are responsibilities that go along with these activities. Thomas Township has several ordinances that affect the quality of life for the residents. Here are just a few that the police department frequently receives complaints on:

4-4-4: Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces or amplifies sound is prohibited as follows:

1. In such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property boundary.
2. In such a manner as to create a noise disturbance at fifty feet (50') (15 meters) from such device, when operated in or on a motor vehicle on a public right of way or public space.
3. In such a manner as to create a noise disturbance to any person other than the operator or when operated by any passenger on a common carrier.

4-4-6: It is unlawful to own, possess or harbor any animal or bird which frequently or for a continued duration, howls, barks, meows, squawks or makes other sounds which create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

4-1-4: It shall be unlawful for the owner, or any person having the possession, care, custody or control thereof, to permit any dog to run at large upon the public streets, walks, parks, or other public places within the Township unless such dog shall be attached to a leash of sufficient strength to retain such dog in such manner as to be kept under the control of the person accompanying it. It shall further be unlawful for the owner or any other person having the possession, care, custody and control thereof, to permit any dog to urinate and/or defecate upon any land other than his premises.

As mentioned before, these are just a few of the ordinances that Thomas Township has for the benefit of all of us. If you have any questions regarding these laws or others, you can call the Police Department at **781-1300**, Monday-Friday between eight (8:00) A.M. and five (5:00) P.M. Please keep these in mind and be a respectful neighbor as you enjoy all that Thomas Township offers. Hope to see you on the trails, in the parks or just around the neighborhood.

Al Fong,
Police Chief

Noxious Weeds & Uncontrolled Plant Growth

With Spring just around the corner it's time to think about keeping our lawns mowed. Weeds and plant growth must be cut by the property owner by May 1st of the year. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep uncontrolled plant growth to a height of no more than ten inches (10") throughout the growing season. If you receive a notification that your property is in violation and fail to bring the property into compliance, Thomas Township may enter the property and cut the weed/plant growth. All expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Keeping the lawn mowed not only improves the appearance of the property, neighborhood and Township but also helps to deter creating a habitat for vermin. If you see a property you might believe is in violation after May 1st, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (989) 781-0150



Outdoor Water Restrictions

Beginning June 1st, 2021, the annual outdoor water restrictions will be taking effect. The outdoor water restriction will continue until September 1st, 2021. During the restrictions using outdoor water for washing the car, watering the garden or grass and other summer activities will be limited according to your address. Even number addresses may use outdoor water on even days and on odd number addresses may use water on odd days. By putting these restrictions in place, we can control excessive demands for water, which helps keep our water rates lower. Thank you for helping us conserve water and keeping our systems intact.



Springtime Water Runoff Systems in the Township

Now that springtime has sprung upon us, we can also expect those pesky thunderstorms. With the additional rainfall, you might notice slow storm runoff and drainage from the roads or even your yards. Every season, Public Works fields numerous questions and concerns from residents and business owners about storm sewers not working properly. This article will describe the differences in sanitary and storm sewage systems, their operation and their maintenance requirements and what you can do to help ensure that these critical pieces of infrastructure do their jobs as they are designed to do.



There are two different collection systems throughout Thomas Township. The first one is a Storm Water Sewer System. This type of system collects rainwater and snow melt runoff from many types of areas ranging from farm fields to parking lots, with the most common being the drains for the roads. Storm sewers are comprised of enclosed pipes, swales, open ditches, and semi open culverts. They are operated and maintained by numerous agencies, depending upon what area is being drained. In

many cases, dewatering sump pumps, field drains, irrigation runoff and foundation drains are also directly discharged to these systems. Storm sewers discharge its waters directly to the environment, without treatment. You can help with protecting our environment and keeping the storm system operating freely by ensuring the drains in your yards are not plugged with debris, make sure that the drainage culverts under your driveways are clean, and that you maintain the proper grading of your property to encourage the water to shed properly. Always remember, we all have to be mindful and not dump any sort of chemicals, oils, paints, or antifreeze into any sewer, or a storm system. With a few exceptions, the Saginaw County Road Commission or the Drain Commissioner are responsible for the operations and maintenance of the storm water system.

The second type of sewer system is the **Sanitary Sewer System**. Thomas Township is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system. Sanitary sewers are designed to convey what we normally generate as wastes through the use of toilets, housekeeping and bathing activities. Each day, it is estimated that every individual uses approximately 110 gallons of water per day. These types of wastes pose specific dangers to the environment and to the public health if they are improperly handled or discharged without being adequately treated and cleaned up first.

Common problems associated with sanitary sewers are typically “owner generated” ones. Inappropriate or excessive materials being dumped or flushed can cause restrictions in your piping, leading to backups. Garbage disposals, grease, even hair and soap scum can create or compound problems, (especially in light of the water conserving plumbing fixtures commonplace in today’s home and businesses). Sometimes, you may not have enough water flow to carry ‘material’ down the pipe or scour the pipeline coming from your home or business.

Springtime Water Runoff Systems in the Township Cont.

Because there is the propensity for solid material to build up in the sewers, the DPW staff routinely cleans the sewers as we flush the fire hydrants in your area, especially where there are dead-ended sewers. Township wide, there are over 150 sites that staff cleans each spring, you can help us too, here are a few pointers:

To protect your home or business's sewer system, you should not dump greases, oils or fats down any drain.

- You should not grind extremely fibrous or stringy food wastes in your garbage disposal (banana peels and potato skins are notorious!!). And when you do run your disposal, run your kitchen faucets a little longer to make sure you have enough water to force the disposal grindings down to the sewer.
- You should always use “flushable” wipes and sanitary materials in your toilets. These materials are designed to break down in the water and not cause clogs in plumbing. Check the packaging of the supplies that you buy and make sure they are safe for sewage systems before you flush them. If not, dispose of them in the proper waste receptacles. One of the biggest problems you may face is caused from flushing the standard diaper wipes, disposable diapers or adult hygiene materials down your toilet.

Public Works also recommends that you check your floor drains in your basements and ensure that they are not connected to the sanitary sewer. An easy way to check is to put dye into the drain, flush the drain, and see if the dye shows up in your sump crock. If it does, your drains are connected to the storm water system. If it does not show up, then the drain is most likely tied to the sanitary sewer. Floor drains in basements that are connected to the sanitary sewer are an accident ready to happen. They can easily back up if there is a problem with your sewer line, or even if the Township or a contractor is performing maintenance on the sewer pipes outside of your home. If you find that you have floor drains connected to the Township's sanitary sewer, you have some decisions to make. First question yourself as to the purpose of the floor drains themselves and if you can't come up with a good answer, then most likely you don't need them in the first place. If you don't need them, you can plug them up with removable drain plugs (purchased from any home improvement store), or permanently seal them with concrete. Should you wish to keep the drains, the Township highly recommends that you install a check valve on your sewer line to protect against inadvertent backups.

If you experience sewer problems and cannot clear your drains yourself, there are numerous services available. Simply check your local phone directory under “Sewer Cleaners”. If you believe you are experiencing problems with the Township's sewer system, please contact us immediately at 790-0150 or any time after normal hours at (989) 529-0041 and one of our staff will assist you.

Rick Hopper,
Director of Public Works

Veterans Display: Honoring All Who Served

With Memorial Day fast approaching, you have an opportunity to honor your Veteran with an engraved paver that will be placed within the Township's Veteran's Display. Anyone who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States is welcomed to be honored. Costs are \$35.00 per paver and the price represents only the actual costs to purchase and engrave the brick. Simply visit the Township Offices located at 249 N Miller Road, or download the form at www.thomstwp.org

Remember that our flag flies above the land of the free only because of the brave.....



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The Parks & Recreation Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with foot traffic from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and can be reached at (989) 781-0151. If the office is closed for any reason, please stop into the main office for further assistance.



Day Camp

Thomas Township has eight exciting, week-long day camp sessions this summer for children ages 7-12. The Day Camp runs five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Each week will have it's own theme for campers to explore, while still offering some of the activities that campers have come to love such as swimming, train rides and crafts.

This years themes are:

June 14th - 18th	Camp Roethke's Got Talent
June 21st - 25th	Buggin' Out
June 28th - 2nd	Space is the Place
July 6th - 9th	Mini Camp Nickelodeon Days
July 12th - 16th	Shark Week
July 19th - 23rd	Full STEM Ahead
July 26th - 30th	Roethke Survivor
Aug. 2nd - 6th	Dino Days
Aug. 9th - 13th	Zootopia
Aug 16th - 20th	Mini Camp The Final Showdown

There is a reduced fee for a 2nd child of the same family registered in the same week. This also applies to mini camps.



Registration Fees:

Resident: \$120
Non-Resident: \$130

Mini Camps

Mini Camp sessions run from 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday through Friday. This outdoor orientated day camp is fun and includes all of the activities that Day Camp has to offer. All activities are geared towards the age level of the children. Each Mini Camp has a theme: In July, it is Nickelodeon Days and in August the theme is The Final Showdown.

Registration Fees:

Resident: \$85
Non-Resident: \$95

Before & After Camp Care

Before and After Camp Care is for parents who need to drop off or pick up their children before or after the scheduled camp time. A counselor will stay with any children if they need to be dropped off early or stay late. Before and After Camp Care begins at 7:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm.

Fees:

\$30 per week per child

All children must be registered and paid in advance for this service.

ONLINE REGISTRATION is available for Parks and Recreation Programming. You can access the online registration at thomastwp.org. When using the online registration system to register for Parks and Recreation Programming, you **MUST** pay for the program you are registering for at the time you fill out the registration form or you will not be considered enrolled in that program. Registration is a two step process. Once you hit **REGISTER NOW**, you will register, agree to the terms and hit **SEND**. You will then be redirected to the payment options on the next screen. From there you should receive a confirmation email of payment. If you do not receive a confirmation, then your payment was not able to be processed and registration will not be able to be completed.

Not all programs are available for online registration. If you have any questions feel free to call the Parks and Recreation office at (989) 781-0151 or stop into the Parks and Rec office at 249 North Miller Road.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are taught by certified instructors and each session consists of eight lessons. Classes are Monday through Thursday with both morning and evening sessions.

Fees: Resident: \$50 Non-Resident: \$60

Level 1: Water Exploration (Ages 4-6) Introduction to aquatic skills & water safety.

First Session: June 14th - 25th

Second Session: June 28th - July 16th

Third Session: July 19th - July 30th

Fourth Session: Aug. 2nd - 13th

Morning Session: 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Evening Session: 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Level 2: Primary Skills (Ages 5-9) Passed level 1 or a skill test. Working on a basic strokes and aquatic safety.

First Session: June 14th - 25th

Second Session: June 28th - July 16th

Third Session: July 19th - July 30th

Fourth Session: Aug. 2nd - 13th

Morning Session: 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Evening Session: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Level 3: Stroke Readiness (Ages 6-10) Passed level 2 or a skill test. Continue working on strokes, water safety and diving skills.

First Session: June 14th - 25th

Second Session: June 28th - July 16th

Third Session: July 19th - July 30th

Fourth Session: Aug. 2nd - 13th

Morning Sessions: 10:00 am - 10:45 am & 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Evening Sessions: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm & 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Pool Schedule

The pool will be opening up for recreational swimming, Monday through Sunday on June 12th, 2021 and will remain open until August 22nd, 2021. *Closing date subject to change*

Open Swim Monday - Sunday:

12:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Fees

Resident: \$5

Non - Resident: \$10

Family of 5:

Resident: \$15

Non- Resident: \$25

Season Passes:

Resident: \$60

Non - Resident: \$80

Family of 5:

Resident: \$85

Non - Resident: \$115

There will be an additional \$25 fee on family passes for each additional family member over the limit of 5. Season passes are available at the Thomas Township Office, located at 249 N. Miller Road.



Park Reminders

As the temperatures rise and everyone flocks to the parks this summer, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation would like to highlight some of the park rules so that everyone can enjoy the parks in their own ways. Per township ordinance, park hours are 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Vehicles must park in designated parking lots and spaces only. Dogs **MUST** be kept on a 6 ft leash at all times. This is also a township ordinance and will be enforced more strictly. When enjoying the park please be respectful of other park users and do not allow your fun to impede the fun of those around you. Have fun and enjoy your summer at our Thomas Township parks!



Job Opportunities

Parks and Recreation is constantly looking to fill positions as sports officials and instructors for our programs. If you or someone you know would be interested please send them our way! Applications can be found on our website at www.thomastwp.org/employmentopportunities or in the office at 249 N. Miller Rd.

For the Seniors!

Swingin' Seniors

The Swingin' Seniors typically meet the first Wednesday of the month for a potluck luncheon and to play bingo. Lunches are usually held at noon at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, located at 8215 Shields Drive. Regrettably our Swingin' Seniors Luncheons are **postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.** For any questions please call the parks office at (989) 781-0151.

Ride the Roethke Mini Train

The Roethke Mini Train runs Tuesday Evenings from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm and every Saturday and Sunday from June 8th through August 25th (Schedule subject to change and weather permitting) from Noon until 4:00 pm. If you are planning a large family or group event, please call ahead and verify the availability of the train by calling (989) 781-0151.



Movies in the Park

The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting FREE movies in the park this summer. The movies will be held at Roberts Park on S. Miller Road. Movies will begin around 9:30 pm and the concession stand at the pavilion



will be open to purchase snacks and drinks to enjoy during the movie! There will be two family friendly movies played this summer, one on June 25th and one on July 23rd. We will be announcing our movie selection later this spring! Dates are tentative and subject to be rescheduled due to weather.

Concert Series at Roethke Park

Join us for a summer picnic and a FREE concert at Roethke Park, located at 400 Leddy Road. Enjoy great music and many more special events on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

The Roethke Mini Train will be ready to roll for the kids during the concert series for just \$1 per person! Come on over and have a nice family night out at Roethke Park. Rainouts will be rescheduled for August 24th, 2021.

June 15th:	CEYX	July 20th:	The Savior Machines
June 22nd:	Laurie and the Lefties	July 27th:	Tim & Jim Acoustic Show
June 29th:	Brush Street Feat. Julie Malady	Aug 3rd:	The Rock Show
July 13th:	Yesterdays Country Band	Aug. 10th:	Todd Michael Band
		Aug. 17th:	Michele Spitz

Cornhole Leagues Coming Soon!



Thomas Township Parks and Recreation is in the process of creating a cornhole league which will be held at Roberts Park. The boards seen here were generously donated to the parks department by the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club in collaboration with the Swan Valley High School's wood shop class and were custom wrapped by Sign Image. We can't thank our community enough for donations like these so that we can continue to grow and offer new programs to our residents.

Archery

Classes for beginners work on safety, form, equipment and the fundamentals of becoming a good archer. Classes for advanced archers are based on using their own equipment, if they have it, or using advanced set up bows. We have both fully set up compound bows or longbows available for your use.

Archery classes begin on Thursday, April 1st, 2021 and run every Thursday through May 6th, 2021.

Class Times:

Beginner: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Beginner: 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Beginner: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Advanced: 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Advanced: 8:30 pm - 9:15 pm

Fees: Resident: \$55 Non-Resident: \$65

Bow Fishing

Our bow fishing program is a three day session taking place at Roberts Park. To be able to take this class, you must have taken one of the winter archery classes. Parks and Recreation will provide all bows, arrows, targets and materials needed for the program. This program is geared to educate individuals on how to bow fish as well as educating them on the different equipment used. ***Real fish are NOT shot in this program***

Class Sessions:

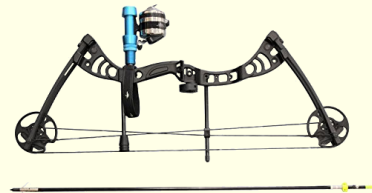
1st Session: June 14th - 16th

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

2nd Session: July 12th - 14th

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Fees: Resident: \$35 Non-Resident: \$40



Men's Softball Leagues

This year Thomas Township Parks and Rec will be offering a Tuesday night softball league along with a Wednesday night league. Each league will consist of no more than 8 teams with a minimum of 4 teams. The registration deadline is Friday May 7th, 2021. The season will begin on Tuesday May 25th, and Wednesday May 26th.

Registration Fee: Team: \$325

Player Fee: Resident: \$10 Non-Resident: \$15



Men's Softball Tournament

On August 21st 2021 (Tentative Date*), Thomas Township Parks and Recreation will be holding a Slow Pitch Softball Tournament! All teams are guaranteed 4 games. The registration deadline is August 2nd, 2021. For more information contact our offices at (989) 781-0151

Team Fee: \$250

Sand Volleyball League

Leagues for sand volleyball are now forming for play at Roethke Park, located at 400 Leddy Road. There will be 2 six week seasons.

League Times:

Co-ed Fours: Tuesday Night

1st Season: May 25th

2nd Season: July 13th

Team Fee: \$90

Soccer Leagues

Registration for the fall soccer leagues will begin in August 2021. Fall soccer will run from September through October.

Registration Fees:

Resident: \$50

Non-Resident: \$55

Pavilion Rentals

We are currently taking pavilion rental agreements' for the 2021 season. The pavilions are available for rent from May through August. A copy of the homeowner's insurance showing personal liability coverage is required from renters along with a completed rental agreement form.

Rental Fees:

Resident: \$60

Non-Resident: \$90

Corporation: \$110

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Brush Drop Off

Brush may be taken by the homeowner to the Township brush drop off site located at the northwest corner of N. Gleaner & Frost Roads (Access drive from N. Gleaner). No stumps, leaves, grass or commercial brush of any kind will be accepted. The site will be open from 8:00 am to Noon on the following dates:

2021 Drop Off Dates:

April 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

May 1st, 8th & 22nd

June 5th & 19th

July 10th & 24th

August 7th & 21st

September 11th & 25th

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Yard Waste Pick-up will begin in April 2021