

Residents Picks of Favorite  
**Summertime Activities**  
in Thomas Township



Play golf at any of the Township's courses

Use the shooting range at Saginaw Field and Stream Club

Attend "Picnic in the Park Concert Series" at Roethke Park

Walk, bike or run on the trails or in neighborhoods

Ride the Roethke Park train or swim in the park's pool

Walk to Culvers and enjoy a frozen custard

Have a picnic in any  
of the Township's parks

Participate in the Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk

Play baseball in the park with my family and friends

Boat on the Tittabawassee River and fish from its bank

Pick berries at Russell's Blueberry Farm on Frost Road

Fish at Roethke Park pond

Fly kites at Roberts and Day parks

Shoot bows at Saginaw Field and Stream Club



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# Thomas Township Summer Fun

2015

## Welcome!

This new Thomas Township Summer Fun newsletter provides our residents with information on wonderful activities in Thomas Township from May to August 2015. There's even a clip and save Calendar At a Glance panel to display for convenience. Enjoy free concerts and movies, trails to walk, run or bike on, family events, races, picnics and golf. There's so many summer activities in Thomas Township – that there's no reason to leave!

# NEW Family Fun Day

**Sunday, May 17**  
11 am – 2 pm  
Roberts Park  
455 S. Miller Rd.

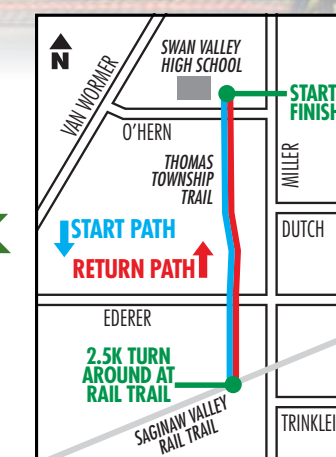
The First Annual Family Fun Day is a new and exciting Parks and Recreation event debuting this year. The event will be held Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Roberts Park from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The day will offer fun family activities and is in conjunction with the annual Run for Windy 5K Race sponsored by the Swan Valley Education Association. All race proceeds go to college scholarships for Swan Valley High School seniors.

- **RUN FOR WINDY 5K**  
Starts at 10 am
- **FISHING CONTEST**  
Please bring your own fishing gear
- **UNDER THE TENT ACTIVITIES**  
Arts and crafts, community vendors, photo booth
- **SOCCER FIELDS**  
Archery contest, carnival games, candy hunt and soccer contest
- **SOFTBALL FIELDS**  
Kids 6-12: home run contest and ball distance contest
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**  
Fire Department Spray House, Freddie the robotic talking fire truck, fire prevention handouts, fun stickers and tattoos, fire trucks and emergency vehicles on display
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**  
Crime prevention handouts, coloring books, badge stickers and police car on display
- **SAGINAW COUNTY SHERIFF**  
Mobile Command Center, children's finger printing



**SATURDAY  
JUNE 27 • 8 AM**

TITLE SPONSOR  
– Dow Corning Health  
Industries Materials Site  
– Apple Mountain



- Pre-registration entry fee.....\$25  
Pre-register by June 1 to be guaranteed a race shirt.  
Registration forms available at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org) or Township office
- Race day registration entry fee .....\$30
- Race packet pick up.....begins 7:15 am race day
- Divisions ..... under 10, 11-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, over 60
- Awards.....1st and 2nd place for each age and gender category
- Proceeds benefit ..... Trail improvement and maintenance
- Race timing .....Michigan Running Foundation Inc.

## Thomas Township Summer Fun

<p>Combine business with pleasure at Apple Mountain! Enjoy a round of golf after your meeting followed by dinner in Kathleen's Restaurant. 4519 N. River Road Freeland, MI 48623 989.781.6789 applemountain.com</p>		
<p>Enjoy a round of golf at Crooked Creek Golf &amp; Banquet. 9387 Gratiot Road Saginaw, MI 48609 989.781.0050 thecreekandthevalley.com</p>		
<p>Offering a great course, friendly staff, negotiable rates and both an outdoor and indoor clubhouse. 1435 S. Thomas Road Saginaw, MI 48609 989.781.1248 valleyviewfarmgolf.com</p>		
<p>Enjoy a round of golf at Swan Valley Golf Club &amp; Banquet Center. 9521 Highland Green Dr. Saginaw, MI 48609 989.781.4945 thecreekandthevalley.com</p>		



PICNIC IN THE PARK, ROETHKE PARK



**Roethke Park**  
400 Leddy Road  
**Tuesdays**  
6:30-9 pm

Concessions each night provided by JJ Country Cafe.

- JUNE 16:** Screaming Casanovas (1)
- JUNE 23:** Operation 13 (2)
- JULY 7:** Brush Street with Julie Mulady (3)
- JULY 14:** The Beets (4)
- JULY 21:** The Yesterdays Country Band (5)
- JULY 28:** The Rock Show (6)
- AUGUST 4:** Laurie Middlebrook Band (7)
- AUGUST 11:** CEYX (8)
- AUGUST 18:** The Bullseye Band (9)



# Enjoy Our Parks

Thomas Township has four beautiful and unique parks, plus two trails for enjoying the outdoors. Each park is owned, operated and maintained by Thomas Township Parks and Recreation.

**ROBERTS PARK, 455 S. MILLER** Paved pathways; 3 soccer fields; 4 softball diamonds; 3 pavilions; fishing pond; and play area. The park continues to expand as grants and monies become available.

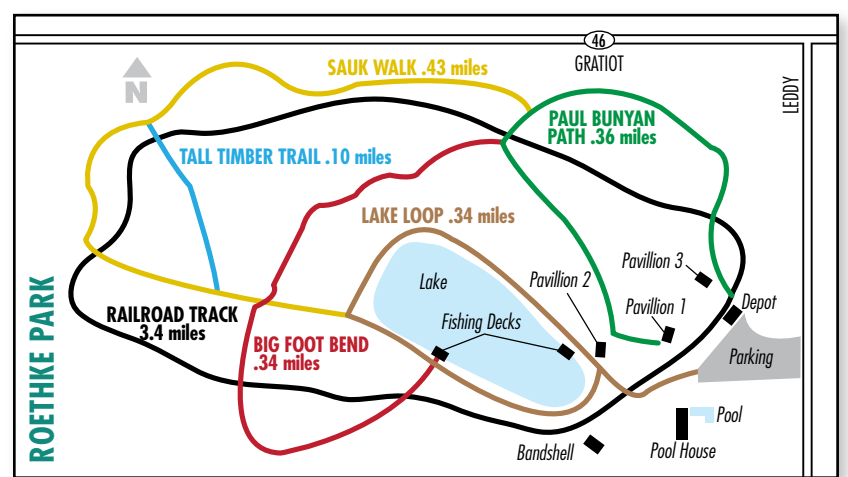
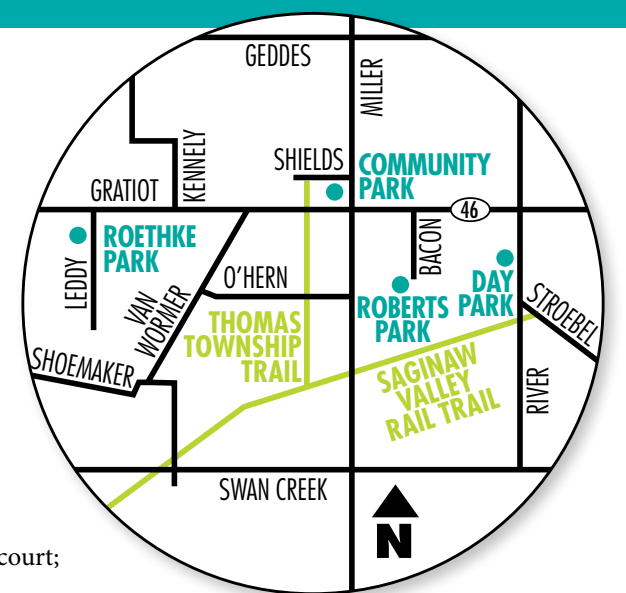
**ROETHKE PARK, 400 LEDDY ROAD:** 1.57 miles of natural scenic beauty seen from chipped and natural rustic quiet trails; bandshell; miniature train rides; pool; play areas; and fishing pond.

**DAY PARK, 700 S. RIVER:** Two picnic table pavilions, sledding hill; and open space.

**COMMUNITY PARK, 249 N. MILLER:** Two full size basketball courts; a roller hockey court; and two ice skating rinks.

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP TRAIL** begins on Shields Drive: the 2.6 mile lineal park heads south, skimming the edge of Swan Valley High School, entering James Township and eventually connecting to the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail and is home to the annual Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk. The park continues to expand as grants and monies become available.

**SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL** covers 9.55 miles of abandoned rail corridor in Saginaw County. It stretches from Saginaw to St. Charles and incorporates seven bridges, the Shiawassee State Game Area and numerous rivers and creeks. The trail offers an equestrian trail, trail shelters, restroom facilities, viewing platforms and benches. Owned, operated and maintained by Saginaw County Parks and Recreation, this trail can be accessed from the Thomas Township Trail on Stroebel Rd., Van Wormer Rd. and Water Street in St. Charles.

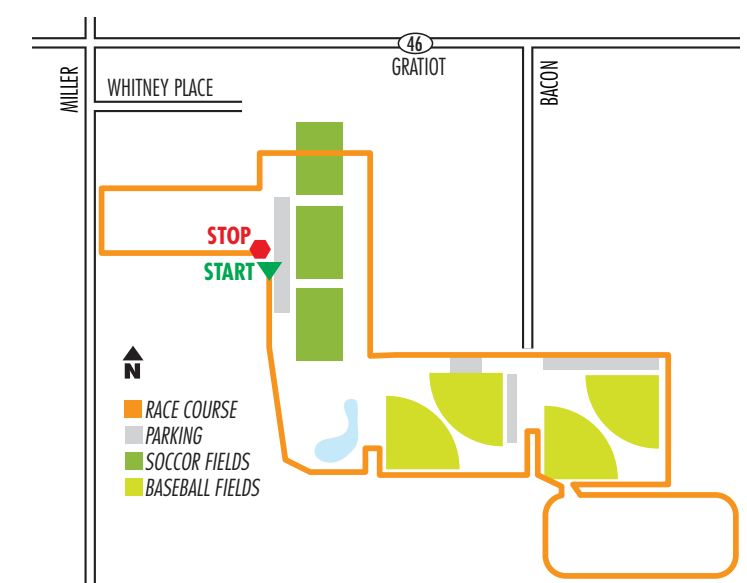


# Run for Windy 5K Race

**SUNDAY, MAY 17 • 10:00 AM • ROBERTS PARK**

Miss Julianne Windy, former cross country/track coach and Swan Valley High School science teacher, was involved in a serious car accident in June 2007. The Swan Valley Education Association continues the annual Run for Windy to honor her and the progress she continues to make. The race is in conjunction with the first annual Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Family Fun Day.

Proceeds are used to fund an ongoing scholarship in Miss Windy's honor. The "Overcoming All Obstacles" scholarship is given to a Swan Valley senior who embodies these principles.



# SHIELDS FEST WEEKEND

## Shields Summer Festival

Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, June 28  
Shields Men's Club, 605 S. Miller Rd.

Highlights include carnival games and rides along with great BBQ chicken dinners.

## Shields Lion's Club Parade

Saturday, June 27 • 11 am-1 pm

Begins at Shields Elementary, 6900 Stroebel Rd., travels along Gratiot Rd. and ends at Shields Men's Club, 605 S. Miller Rd. This year's theme is "The 70's".

## Trash & Treasures Garage Sale

Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28

A residential and business community-wide garage and rummage sale event. Open to all residents. To have your sale included on a free published map, register at operator@thomastwp.org.

## Men's Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28

All Day  
The annual tournament takes place at Roberts Park. Registration forms available at www.thomastwp.org.

## Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk

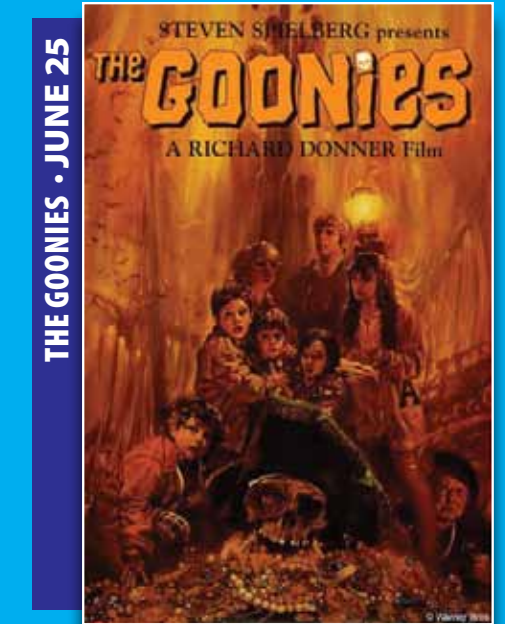
Saturday, June 27 • 8 am

Registration forms available at www.thomastwp.org.

# Movies in the Park

**ROBERTS PARK ENTRANCE**  
455 S. MILLER RD.  
BEGIN AT DUSK

Enjoy a family night at the movies under the stars! The FREE shows begin at dusk at Roberts Park on the soccer fields. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets to watch the movies projected on a big screen.



THE GOONIES • JUNE 25



BIG HERO 6 • JULY 23



GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY • AUGUST 20

# Calendar

## THOMAS TOWNSHIP SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

**MAY**  
1st Annual Family Fun Day .....Sun., May 17  
Family activities; 11 am - 2 pm  
Run For Windy 5K Race; 10 am

**JUNE**  
Apple Mountain Summer Concert Series ..... Fri., June 5  
The Rock Show; 7 pm  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., June 16  
Screaming Casanovas; 7 pm  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., June 23  
Operation 13; 7 pm  
Movies in the Park ..... Thurs., June 25  
The Goonies; begins at dusk  
Shields Summer Festival ..... Thurs.-Sun., June 25-28  
Shields Parade ..... Sat., June 27  
11 am  
Trash & Treasures ..... Fri.-Sun., June 26-28

**JULY**  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., July 7  
Brush Street with Julie Mulady; 7 pm  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., July 14  
The Beets; 7 pm  
Apple Mountain Summer Concert Series ..... Fri., July 17  
CEYX; 7 pm  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., July 21  
The Yesterdays Country Band; 7 pm  
Movies in the Park ..... Sat., July 25  
Big Hero 6; begins at dusk  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., July 28  
The Rock Show; 7 pm

**AUGUST**  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., Aug. 4  
The Laurie Middlebrook Band; 7 pm  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., Aug. 11  
CEYX; 7 pm  
Picnic in the Park ..... Tues., Aug. 18  
The Bullseye Band; 7 pm  
Apple Mountain Summer Concert Series ..... Fri., Aug. 21  
Dani Vitany and Ten Hands Fall; 7 pm  
Movies in the Park ..... Tues., Aug. 25  
Guardians of the Galaxy; begins at dusk

**LOCATIONS**  
Apple Mountain Summer Concert Series: 4519 N. River Rd., Freeland  
Picnic in the Park: Roethke Park, 400 Leddy Rd.  
Movies in the Park: Roberts Park entrance, 455 S. Miller  
Family Fun Day: Roberts Park, 455 S. Miller  
Shields Summer Festival: Roberts Park, 455 S. Miller  
Shields Parade: Begins at Shields Elementary, 6900 Stroebel Rd., travels along Gratiot Rd., ends at Shields Men's Club, 605 S. Miller Rd.  
Trash & Treasures: community-wide

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