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Saginaw Control & Engineering Broke Ground at the Great Lakes Technology Park



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Thomas Township welcomes Saginaw Control & Engineering to its Great Lakes Technology Park which is located on Graham Road just north of Gratiot. On November 28, 2018 the Thomas Township Planning Commission re-

viewed and approved the site plan for the Saginaw Control and Engineering Expansion. The site plan was presented by Rick Keith of Wolgast Design Group, who is the designer of the project.

The building will be constructed on nearly 40 acres of property within the Great Lakes Technology Park. The new building will boast 22,600 square feet of office space and will have approximately 120,000 square feet of warehouse and manufacturing purposes. This is considered a new plant expansion; therefore, the existing building, located at 95 Midland Road in Saginaw Township, will continue to operate as is. Business has been going very well such that Saginaw Control and Engineering needs more room to continue their operations. This exciting project will create around 35 new jobs in the company to run the expansive new building.

This project is just the beginning for Saginaw Control and Engineering, they also have options for space to build up to three similar sized additions in the future. The building permit for this project was issued to Pumford Construction in February of 2019 and they have already began work on the new building. It is projected that the construction of this project will take about ten months to be fully completed.



Construction underway at new SCE Facility

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Recognizing Two Longstanding Members of the Thomas Township Team

On January 7th, 2019 at the regular board meeting, the Thomas Township Board passed a Proclamation



Bob Weise (left), Township Supervisor, recognizing Vern Weber (right), Township Treasurer, for his 40 years of service.

recognizing Vern Weber and his 40 years of service to Thomas Township. Vern is currently the Township

Treasurer and has been since November of 2007. Before

serving as Treasurer, Vern spent 14 years as a police officer for Thomas Township beginning in 1978 until he was elected as a Trustee in 1992.

Though Vern has spent 40 years with the Township, he has also made a positive impact on the Township through his many other services. Vern has served on the County Board of Directors of the Saginaw County 911 Authority, Saginaw County Sheriff's Department Support Division where he was Captain, attained chairmanship on the Personnel Committee, and memberships of the Public Safety Committee, Roads Committee, as well as the Kiwanis Club of Thomas Township and more.

Part of the proclamation stated, "Whereas, Mr. Weber's service as a Thomas Township Board Trustee and Treasurer has always been with the highest ethical standards and commitment to protecting and improving Thomas Township." When interviewed by the "Township View" Vern was quoted, "Thomas Township is a great place to live. The Township officers and it's employees are second to none; it makes it easy for the Boards to make Thomas Township what it is."

Thank you Vern for your 40 years of service to Thomas Township. We look forward to many more years of your knowledge and experience on the Thomas Township Board.

- Community Development

At the regular board meeting on February 4th, 2019, a proclamation was passed by the Township Board recognizing Lyle Cousins for 50 years of service to Thomas Township.



Bob Weise (Left) Township Supervisor recognizing Lyle Cousins (Right) Asst. Fire Chief, for his 50 years of service

On January 27, 1969, Lyle Cousins joined the Thomas Township Fire Department. He raised his right hand and said "I DO". When he said that, he made a promise to do his best to serve this Community to the best of his abilities". He has now proudly served his community for 50 years!

Lyle began his passion for serving this community through the fire department. As he served, he began to take on leadership roles including Lieutenant, Captain, Training Officer, Assistant Chief and even Interim Chief. 48 of his 50 years of service were in leadership roles. Lyle has also served others beyond Thomas Township. He served as the President of the Saginaw County Fire Fighters Association, participated in a County wide fire prevention initiative and several other committees in Saginaw County.

As involved as Lyle was in the fire department, he remained a dedicated family man. His supporting wife Carol, of nearly 60 years, raised their family here in Thomas Township since 1964. Being an active member of the fire department is not something you just do, it becomes part of a family's life style. This isn't "just a volunteer" role but one that has expectations: you are requested on a moment's notice to drop everything to help someone out because it is the right thing to do and you committed to doing it.

Lyle has mentored many and lead by example. You may ask how I know so much about him. Well, over the past 54 years, I was one of three people privileged to call him my Dad! It also has been an extreme honor to serve alongside of him in the fire department for the past 34 years.

-Mike Cousins, Fire Chief

2019 Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales

Although the Shields Festival has ended, the Trash & Treasures Rummage Sale event is still going on! The sales are scheduled to run from Saturday, June 15th through Sunday June 16th, 2019. We hope to see just as many if not even more sales registered this year!

A donation truck will be provided for any items that residents would like to donate. There will also be dumpsters available for residents to use as well. Both of these will be available at the Public Safety Center, located at 8215 Shields Drive, during the event.

Registration is **FREE** and is starting now! Once registered, your sale will be listed on a map provided by Thomas Township and distributed the week of the sales. Copies of the map will be printed in local newspapers, as well as available at local businesses and on our website www.thomastwp.org. In order to have your sale included on the map you **MUST** have the form turned in by 5:00 pm on **May 24th, 2019**.

** If you are not a Thomas Township resident, you may still 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 or individual items for sale on the map

You may register your sale by completing this form and returning it to:

Thomas Township Office
Attn: Jennifer Holtman
249 N. Miller Road
Saginaw, MI 48609

You may email the form to:
operator@thomastwp.org

You may also use the drop box located out in front of the office. For any questions, please contact Thomas Township at 989-781-0150.

Community Calendar 2019

- May 10 and 11th
Rebel Magnolia Flea Market
- June 7th
Roethke Pool Opens
- June 12th
Thomas Township Business Association Annual Steak Fry
- June 15th
Movie in the Park- Mary Poppins (Roberts Park)
- June 15-16th
Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales
- July 20th
"Ruff" Around Roberts Park 5K
- July 20th
Movie in the Park- A Dog's Way Home- Roberts Park
- August 3rd, 2019
Lions Club Parade at 11:00 am
- August 12th
Thomas Township Business Association Annual Golf Outing
- August 12th-14th
Habitat for Humanity Build
- August 23rd
Roethke Pool closes
(Subject to change)
- September 29th
Thomas Township Fire Department Breakfast

Remembering Those 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.



The costs for the engraved pavers are \$35.00 and the price only represents the actual costs to purchase and engrave the brick. Simply visit the Township Offices located at 249 N. Miller Road, or you can download the form from www.thomstwp.org.

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



Know Your Local Sirens

Spring weather brings with it an increased potential for severe weather. It is worth reminding ourselves of the sirens in our community. We have ten outdoor sirens strategically located throughout our Township. The purpose of these sirens is to notify you of a situation where you may need to seek shelter if you are outside. To cover you when you are inside, you can download various apps or sign up for notifications through the Saginaw County Notification System at www.saginawcounty911.com. When you hear a siren they are notifying you of a tornado warning for Saginaw County or to shelter in place due to an airborne hazard. When you hear a siren, you should not disregard it but investigate why it is sounding. The siren sound is the same for any event, thus furthering the reason to investigate. If we have bad weather, tune in to your local media source for up to date accounts of a storm. Tornado warnings are declared by the National Weather Service and when any portion of our County is under a tornado warning, the entire County is put on alert. This is why it becomes important to look at the storms direction and affected areas.



The airborne hazard siren alert is warning you to shelter in place, within your home or business. This could be caused by a chemical leak from a business, a roadway or farm fields. During this type of event, secure all doors, windows and turn off all heating and air conditioning units.

All area sirens are tested on a regular basis. The first Wednesday of each month all of these sirens are tested in conjunction with the Saginaw County Notification System. In the months of October – April this test occurs at noon and from May – September they occur at 7:00pm. Hemlock Semi Conductor also tests their internal sirens on a bi-annual basis which is the first Wednesday in January and July.

We are close enough where we also can hear sirens from the Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland who tests their sirens monthly. James Township also uses their outdoor siren which sounds for weather warnings and for all fire or medical calls they respond to.

Hopefully you find this as useful information and if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (989) 781-4141.

Michael Cousins
Fire Chief

Explorers Learning about Police Work

The Thomas Township Police Department started their first ever Police Explorers Program with six students selected from around the area to participate. The students are from a variety of local schools. One is from Swan Valley, one is from Freeland, two are from St. Charles, one is from Hemlock and one is home-schooled.



Due to weather, the Explorers have met only three times so far. During those meetings the Explorers learned about Police Ethic, Domestic Violence and most recently, Building Searches. As the weather warms up, expect to see the Explorers out helping with various events that are occurring in Thomas Township.

If you or someone you know is between the ages of 14 and 20 and is interested in police work, the Thomas Township Police Department is always seeking new applicants for the Explorers Program. Applications can be picked up at the Public Safety Building, located at 8215 Shields Drive. You can also call for more information at (989) 781-1300.

Lions Club Parade



Don't miss the Lions Club Parade on **Saturday, August 3rd, 2019**. The parade will begin at 11:00 am. The parade route will begin at the corner of South River Road and Stroebel Road. The parade will head north where it will turn onto Gratiot Road and head west down Gratiot Road

on the South Side of the road. Once it reaches South Miller Road it will turn left and head south down South Miller Road where it will end at Roberts Park. Bring the kids to watch the parade, collect some candy and have some family fun.

Noxious Weeds and 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



Rebel Magnolia Flea Market in the Spring

Bond with mom this Mothers Day and shop your heart out at the Rebel Magnolia Flea Market on May 10th and 11th, 2019! Take time to shop over 100 unique vendors to find yourself the perfect treasure.

Friday, May 10th, is VIP night, this means you can be one of the first people to browse and shop the vendors before everyone else. The tickets are \$12 and include re-admission to the Market on Saturday. These tickets must be purchased ahead of time. Tickets for general admission on Saturday are only \$5 and can be bought at the gate or ahead of time. Children 12 and under are free.

Due to the Markets success, transportation is now provided via shuttle for anyone that cannot park at the event. Though parking at the event has been maximized, the Market is so successful Rebel Magnolia has partnered with Swan Valley Schools to provide a bus shuttle running every 15 minutes from Meijer, 8400 Gratiot Road, to the Flea Market at 605 S. Miller Road, and back.

Outdoor Water Restrictions

Beginning June 1st, 2019 the annual outdoor water restrictions will be taking effect. The outdoor water restriction will continue until September 1st, 2019. 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 address may use outdoor water on even days and on odd number addresses may use water on odd days. By putting the restrictions into place we can control the demands on the water supply system in order to prevent any unexpected and costly improvements that may not be necessary otherwise. Thank you for helping us conserve water and keeping our systems in tact!



Keeping the Water Clean

The single most important improvement that has benefitted all of mankind, is access to clean water. For millennium humans had unknowingly contaminated their own sources of drinking water with raw sewage and wastes, leading to widespread diseases such as cholera and typhoid, and as our civilizations advanced, we have polluted our waters with contaminates such as heavy metals, toxic materials and solvents. In 1969, Ohio's Cuyahoga River actually burst into flames because of the level of pollution in it and this incident immediately became the face of how industrial pollution was destroying our water resources.



In the United States, all this began to change in 1972 with Congress's enactment of the Federal Clean Water Act. Its purpose was to reduce water pollution and set standards for drinking water nationwide; regulating the drinking water before it gets to your tap to the wastewater you flush down the toilet and is ultimately put back into the environment for eventual reuse. Since enactment, the world has taken notice and most of the planet has enacted some step to curb water abuses. Everyday new contaminates are identified and new technologies are employed to clean them. Water and waste water staff continually train and educate themselves with current studies and information to make sure that the water you drink, and the water you fish and play in are safe.

To insure you of the quality of the drinking water supplied to your home or business, the Clean Water Act requires every drinking water system in the nation to publish an annual "Consumer's Confidence Report" or CCR. This report details what is in your drinking water and describes our water system treatment and distribution systems. The CCR is to be electronically posted for general viewing prior to July 1, 2019 by visiting the Township's web site www.thomastwp.org and clicking on the link labeled "**2018 Consumers Confidence Report**". Paper copies will be available after June 1, 2019 and can be obtained by visiting the Thomas Township Municipal offices located at 249 N Miller Rd.

Upcoming Department of Public Works Projects

We will be completing a couple of water system improvements this year. In early spring, we will be replacing the water pipes beneath North River Road around the Shields Court and Wallace Drive areas. This improvement will modernize and upsize the water supply pipes servicing those streets. We are also installing new water main around the new Saginaw Control and Engineering factory site located at the Great Lakes Technology Park on North Graham. This water main will improve fire protection of the site. Most of the work completed for these projects will take place within the road right-of-way. Please be mind-full of the workers and equipment in the area and always remember to "**Give 'Em a Brake**". Work on our sanitary sewers will begin in mid to late April as we clean major portions of the sewer pipelines of grease and "other" built up materials. Cleaning will consist of high-pressure cleaning and is necessary to ensure that the sewers continue to flow unobstructed. This work is also expected to be completed by October.

Outdoor Wood Burner, what you need to know!

The Township Building Department is asked many questions throughout the year. One of the more common questions recently has been, “what are the regulations for installing an outdoor wood burning furnace?” or more commonly called an outdoor solid fuel burning furnace.



In most cases, a homeowner considers adding one of the furnaces to supplement an existing heating system. They work by heating liquid and running it through a heat exchanger in the home. It is true that these devices can help during the cold months in Michigan if you don't mind adding wood to the burner, which is outdoors.

Some things that you should know prior to purchasing one of these furnaces: Outdoor solid fuel burning furnaces are strictly regulated within both the Thomas Township zoning regulations and the Michigan Mechanical Codes. The regulations are in place to help prevent health hazards and nuisance conditions between neighbors due to the smoke created by the furnaces. Burning of any restricted materials is strictly prohibited and it may not be used as a waste incinerator. The exhausts or stack must have a spark arrester, and the furnaces must be located behind the principal dwelling on the property. It must be located a minimum of 300 feet from any side or rear lot line, and must be a minimum of 300 feet from any residential structure on an adjacent property. The stack height must be equal to the highest part of an adjacent roof on adjacent parcels to the subject parcel and in no case shall it be lower than seventeen (17') feet in height.

Additionally, a mechanical permit is required by law and it must be secured by a licensed mechanical installer, not a home owner, prior to being installed. As a property owner, it is important that you understand the operation as well as the installation of these wood furnaces before you make the purchase. This is particularly true when considering heating with an outdoor wood burning furnace due to the potential of higher levels of smoke being emitted.

If you are interested in an outdoor solid fuel burning furnace, pick up a copy of the ordinance that regulates the use and installation (Section 3.2 r) before purchasing the unit. For a copy, or if you have a question, please contact the Thomas Township Code Enforcement Office or Building Inspector at 989-781-0150.

Habitat for Humanity

We are seeking applicants from residents within Thomas Township who own their homes and who are in need of basic home repairs or handicap updates but cannot afford them. Applications are available in the Thomas Township Office, located at 249 N. Miller Road. We are also seeking any local business who would like to participate with Habitat for Humanity. For further information on how your business can help please contact Deidre at (989) 781-0150.

You may qualify for one of several available grant opportunities! If you are interested, or know of someone who may qualify, please act right away and contact the Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity, 315 W. Holland Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48602, (989) 753-5200.



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The Parks & Recreation Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 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 nine 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.

This year each week will have it's own new 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 10th - 14th	Movin' & Groovin'
June 17th - 21st	Dynamic Earth
June 24th - 28th	Adventure Awaits
July 15th - 19th	The Mighty Jungle
July 22nd - 26th	Beach Bums
July 29th - Aug. 2nd	Hungry Hungry Hippos
Aug. 5th - 9th	All- Stars
Aug. 12th - 16th	Animal Planet
Aug. 19th - 23rd	Raiders of the Lost Artifact

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

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

Mini Camps

Mini camp is a one week session, Monday through Friday, for children ages 4 -6. The sessions run from 10 am to 3 pm. 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. The theme for Mini Camp this year is Imaginaries and will take place July 15th through July 19th. There is a limit of 20 campers!

Registration Fees:

Resident:\$85

Non-Resident: \$95



Day Camp at Roethke Park
2017

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. 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 17th - 27th Second Session: July 8th - 18th

Third Session: July 22nd - Aug. 1st Fourth Session: Aug. 5th - 15th

Morning Session: 9:00 am - 9:45 am Evening Session: 6:00 pm - 6:45 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 17th - 27th Second Session: July 8th - 18th

Third Session: July 22nd - Aug. 1st Fourth Session: Aug. 5th - 15th

Morning Session: 10:00 am - 10:45 am Evening Session: 5:00 pm - 5:45 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 17th - 27th Second Session: July 8th - 18th

Third Session: July 22nd - Aug. 1st Fourth Session: Aug. 5th - 15th

Morning Sessions: 9:00 am - 9:45 am & 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Evening Sessions: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm & 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Level 4: Stroke Development For those who have passed level 3 or a skill test. Endurance and confidence in the various skills.

Only Session: July 22nd - Aug. 2nd

Morning Sessions: 9:00 am - 9:45 am & 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Evening Sessions: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm & 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Pool Schedule

The pool will be opening up for recreational swimming, Monday through Sunday on June 7th, 2019 and will remain open until August 23rd, 2019. *Closing date subject to change* *If there are no swimmers in the pool at 8:00 pm the pool will close.*

Open Swim Monday - Thursday: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Open Swim Friday & Saturday: Noon - 3:00 pm & 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Fees for all Sessions:

Resident: \$5

Non - Resident: \$10

Family of 5:

Resident: \$10

Non- Resident: \$15

Season Passes:

Resident: \$60

Non - Resident: \$85

Family of 5:

Resident: \$85

Non - Resident: \$115

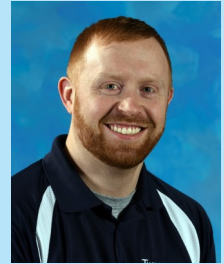
Day Passes:

Resident: \$10

Non- Resident: \$15

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.

Welcome Tyler! New Assistant Parks Director



Tyler comes to us as a Central Michigan University Graduate in 2015 where he studied Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration concentrating in Outdoor recreation and Natural Resources. Tyler completed an internship with the National Parks Service at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore where he worked side by side with their Law Enforcement division out on South Manitou Island. After graduation, Tyler received a job with the Department of Natural Resources and was sent to their 7-week Ranger academy where he received his limited law enforcement commissions. Tyler was working out of the Traverse City State Park as a seasonal Park Officer for a year before he transferred down to the Bay City State Park during his 2nd year with the DNR. Tyler was then hired as the Assistant Parks Director in January, 2019.

NEW! Resident Card

This year the Parks and Recreation office is doing something new. They will be issuing a “resident card” to any Thomas Township resident. Present this card to receive the resident fee for any of the Parks and Recreation programs, including the pool. This pass must be shown at the pool in order to be charged for only the resident fee, rather than the non-resident fee. Please stop into the Parks and Recreation office beginning in April to pick up your resident card!

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. The 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 and they are subject to be rescheduled due to weather.



Mary Poppins will be playing on June 15th, 2019.

A Dog's Way Home will be playing on July 20th, 2019.

Both features are weather permitting



“Ruff” Around Roberts Park 5k

On Saturday July 20th, 2019 Thomas Township Parks will be hosting a “Howl-days” in July 5k Run/Walk at Roberts Park. We invite you to come out and participate with your friendly canine companions. There will be a discount given to any participant who brings their dog along for the run/walk. Thomas Township Parks and Recreation will be teaming up with local shelters/rescues to have local dogs who are looking for a home available to tag along with you on your run and are available for adoption. Proceeds will go to benefit our trail system and local shelters/rescues. There will be dog contests as well such as best costume, best trick, best bark and a few more with the winners receiving prizes. A 50/50 raffle will also be taking place. The event will run from 9:00 am to 12:00pm with the movie in the park taking place that evening. The movie that will be playing is “A Dog's Way Home” to finish out our “Ruff Around Roberts” day at the park. Contact the parks office for more information at (989) 781-0151.



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 6:30-9:00 pm. Rainouts will be rescheduled for August 21st, 2019.

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.

June 11th	CEYX	July 23rd	Tim & Jim Acoustic Show
June 18th	The Savior Machines	July 30th	Laurie & The Lefties
June 25th	Brush Street Feat. Julie Malady	Aug. 6th	Michele Spitz
July 9th	The Rock Show	Aug. 13th	Todd Michael Band
July 16th	The Yesterday's Country Band		

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 11th, 2019 and run every Thursday through May 16th, 2019.

Class Times:

Beginner: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm Beginner: 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Beginner: 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Beginner: 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Advanced: 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

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

Bow Fishing

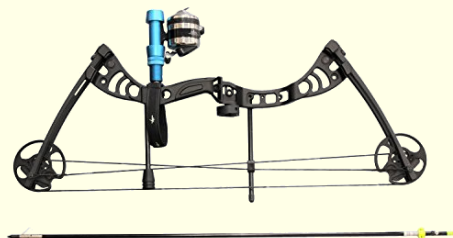
Our bow fishing program is a three day session taking place at Roberts Park. To be able to take this class, you must have taken one of the winter archery classes. Parks and Recreation will provide all bows, arrows, targets and materials needed for the program. This program is geared to educate individuals 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 17th - 19th
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

2nd Session: July 8th - 10th
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 3rd, 2019. The season will begin on Tuesday May 21st, and Wednesday May 22nd.

Registration Fee: Team: \$325

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

Men's Softball Tournament

On August 17th, 2019, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation will be holding a "Wooden Bat" Slow Pitch Softball Tournament! All teams are guaranteed 4 games. The registration deadline is August 2nd, 2019.

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:

Coed Fours: Tuesday
Night

1st Season: May 28th

2nd Season: July 16th

Team Fee: \$90

Soccer Leagues

Registration for the fall soccer leagues will begin in August 2019. 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 2019 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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2019 Brush Drop Off Dates

Brush may be taken by the homeowner to the Township brush drop off site located at the northwest corner of Gleaner & Frost Roads. No stumps, leaves, grass or commercial brush of any kind will be accepted. The site will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following dates:

Drop Off Dates:

April 6, 13, 20 & 27	May 4 & 18
June 1, 15 & 29	July 13 & 27
August 10 & 24	September 7 & 21
October 5, 12, 19 & 26	

Yard Waste Pick-up will run through November 29th, 2019