

# THOMAS Township TODAY

## When A Community Came Together



Overlooking Wallace Drive near Tittabawassee River  
Courtesy; Dave Sommers

It's been one year since the flood of 2020. One year since neighbor helped neighbor and stranger helped stranger. One year since our community banded together in a time of need for many members of our community.

Most of us remember this day, watching the news and waiting to hear what was happening, but what most people may not remember is just what happened after the flood. When the community needed strength, residents needed help, and we were all trying to figure out

what was next. What happens now? This is when we truly saw our community shine. Residents and volunteers from all over came out along with the Swan Valley Pay it Forward Program to volunteer their time and efforts to help residents affected by the flood with one goal in mind: Helping those who needed it.

The Swan Valley Pay it Forward group was crucial for most residents in need. They were first on scene with supplies and volunteers. This dedicated group organized where volunteers were needed to help homeowners clean out their flooded homes while they also went door to door with boxes of supplies. They are endless in their pursuit to take care of their community, and this community thanks them wholeheartedly



S.V. Pay it Forward Drop off & pick up for supplies

Volunteers went neighborhood to neighborhood offering what they could, food, water, muscle, time, whatever they had. Neighbor helping neighbor, stranger helping stranger. In the days immediately after the flood, the Frankenmuth Bible Church (FBC) wanted to help their neighboring community here in Thomas Township. The church had some connection through families in Thomas Township and put together a special collection for our community. The FBC was instrumental in helping our residents who were affected by the flood. Their congregation raised just over \$25,000 for flood victims for Thomas Township. We couldn't be more grateful for their congregation and how they supported and loved our community and residents.

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### Thomas Township Board of Trustees

- Bob Weise .....Supervisor
- Edward Brosowski . .... Clerk
- Steven Witt ..... Treasurer
- Michael Thayer .... ..Trustee
- David Sommers..... ..Trustee
- Craig Monahan .... ..Trustee
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### Departments

- Municipal Office.....781-0150  
249 N. Miller Road
- Parks & Recreation..781-0151  
249 N. Miller Road
- DPW Administration781-6438  
251 Miller Court
- Police Department ..781-1300  
8215 Shields Drive
- Fire Department .....781-4141  
8215 Shields Drive
- Library .....781-3770  
8207 Shields Drive

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## Email: A New Way to Receive your Water Bill!

Thomas Township residents can now elect to receive their water bills by email. By receiving your bill electronically, you won't need to worry about it getting lost in the mail!

A photo ID will be required to sign up to receive your bill by email. You may make a photocopy of your ID and use our drop box out front or mail it in along with the form to our main office at:

Attn: Water Dept.  
249 N. Miller Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48609

You can also simply bring the form into the main office along with your ID to sign up. The form is enclosed in this newsletter or it is also available at our website at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org).

Walk in hours for the office are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday unless closed for a holiday. Staff is available by phone from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

## When A Community Came Together *Continued from page 1*

Thomas Township staff went door to door for days handing out gift cards and water and quickly opened up special waste drop off sites for flood damaged items. Throughout all of this, the goal was always the same, to help our community and residents as much as we could.



*Township Staff handing out water and gift cards to residents*

For some, the worst is behind them. For others, the rebuilding process still isn't over. The community is still here for them, the pride felt watching the community come together will stay forever in our hearts, and the support will never be forgotten. I've never seen a community band together to take care of it's own the way I saw ours come together last year. I am a proud member of this community. I watched it shine at it's lowest. I will never forget the flood of 2020, or how our Township came together to care for one another, whether strangers, neighbors, family or friends, Thomas Township was one.

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***"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much"***

*– Helen Keller*

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## 2020– The Year of the Flood: One Year Later

In May of 2020 we had a significant flooding event, now, one year later, we have been experiencing a significant drought. I would like to take this time to reflect back on the flooding event from one year ago.



*State Road  
Bridge Damage*

During the flood, we saw many homes, business, roads and fields flooded. Some received minor damage, while others were destroyed. The flood was much like we experienced in 1986, but in many cases it was worse. That impression could be due to my opposite roles in these two events. In 1986 I was assigned to a rescue truck evacuating homes on Wallace and then at St. Francis Home. In 2020, I was working in the Command Post directing resources.

What I remember from 1986, and what still remained true in 2020, is the sense of COMMUNITY by those involved. Being a witness to a community coming together during times of need is inspiring. Often times we see and hear negativity instead of positivity. It's unfortunate that it takes a disaster to bring people together. However, I am glad they do, as it brings everyone together with one common goal, helping those in their time of need. We actually seen the same thing happen as a nation during tragic events like the 9-11 attack. Many Americans came together and demonstrated that we are a strong nation.

## 2020– The Year of the Flood; One Year Later Continued

What has happened in this past year? Many residents and business owners have fully recovered and some continue to recover from the floods. Many buildings had damage ranging from a clean up and removing drywall, and some were complete demolitions.

In this same time period, our Township provided two areas for residents to bring their water-soaked household goods to, which we then removed to the landfill. A special garbage truck pick-up at the areas directly impacted by the floods was held as well. We worked with the Saginaw County Emergency Manager and United Way to help provide assistance to those in need. Several other groups and churches provided direct and indirect aid to residents in the impacted areas.



Dump site of flood items

All of the Departments within Thomas Township came together to help wherever needed. There were fire fighters taking vacation days from their normal jobs to stay here in our Township and help our residents. In addition to our own resources, we received mutual aid from many other fire departments, our own Thomas Township Police and MMR to respond to calls and ensure continuity of emergency services.

Swan Valley Schools quickly helped turn a school building into a temporary shelter for several days. We relied on past fire department members and some residents to help support this shelter site which was something we have never done before. Another first was working with Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) on a much closer and more intense level than we have in the past. We have learned the level of details they request for any potential reimbursements. We continue to work with FEMA through the State's Emergency Management office to receive any funds.



Corner of S. River  
and Stroebel Roads

Our community suffered a loss, but through the support of many people, **we persevered** and were able to work through the event. We as a Community can be proud of all of our residents for the work that was accomplished together. We can say a prayer of thanks to the many people who demonstrated good hearts and helped others without expecting anything in return.

As I reflect on the past year, it's certainly been a trying year on many levels. Between COVID -19 and the flood, we have seen and experienced a lot of changes and challenges. We, as your local fire department have gone through the same on various levels, and one thing remains constant, together we have persevered.

Thank you,

Mike Cousins  
Fire Chief

## Community Calendar 2021

- July 5th  
Office closed in observance of the 4th of July
- July 13th  
The Yesterday's Country Band; Roethke Park Concert
- July 15th - 18th  
Community Wide Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales
- July 20th  
The Savior Machines; Roethke Park Concert
- July 23rd  
Movie in the Park at Roberts Park: A Dog's Journey
- July 27th  
The Jim and Tim Acoustic Show; Roethke Park Concert
- August 3rd  
Swan Valley School District only Election
- August 3rd  
The Rock Show ; Roethke Park Concert
- August 10th  
Todd Michael Band ; Roethke Park Concert
- August 17th  
Michele Spitz; Roethke Park

Upcoming Events!





## Fire Department New Faces and Service Awards

### New to the Department:

**Jean Lisee**

*Administrative Assistant*

**Kylar Vanderwall**

*Part Time Medic*

**Brandon Gagnon**

**Samantha Coykendall**

**Jay Sutherland**

*Fire Fighter 1 & 2*

### Years of Service Awards:

Gary Salo, 10 years

Brian Leach, 20 years

David Sommers, 25 years

Gary Fuller, 50 years

### Perseverance!

2020 was a year filled with challenges due to COVID-19, a significant flood and a major wind storm. Webster's Dictionary defines **PERSEVERANCE** as continued efforts to do or achieve something despite difficulties. We are fortunate to have a group of men and women who stepped up to those challenges. As the leader of this fine department, I am very proud of our team as they define **PERSEVERANCE!** All members of the fire department were presented with a special award pin with **PERSEVERANCE 2020** on it.



## Fire Department Annual Awards Banquet

The Thomas Township Fire Department held its annual awards banquet at the Swan Valley Banquet Center last month. Typically, we hold the event in April, but Covid forced us to delay it. During the banquet members of the department received accolades for their years of service, life safety awards, citations of merit and the department's highest honor, Fire Fighter of the Year.

Lifesaving awards were given to David Sommers, Brandon Rossi, Gary Salo, Craig Simon, Brian Leach, Thomas Arn, Jim Grove, Casey Cichowski, Ed Blue and Allen Dalton for their work on saving a patient who went into cardiac arrest (stopped breathing) while on scene for a medical issue. This patient is alive yet today because of these first responders. Congratulations to each of them!

### CITATION OF MERIT

ST. 1 – SAMANATHA COYKENDALL – Samantha joined us this past year and was off and running. During this past year, she has demonstrated a strong commitment and a get it done attitude. She eagerly tackles any assignment sent her way including the fire academy and medical first responder classes. She demonstrates clear initiative (which is her biggest asset) in all she does. To top this list, she sought out and secured a \$5K grant from her employer, for our department!

ST. 2 - NATHAN WACHOWICZ – Nathan has demonstrated the great quality of initiative. He has completed all of his fire officer classes and is now a certified fire instructor. During some recent department obstacles, Nathan stepped up to take on my tasks and has been appointed to the role of Crew Leader. He has become more engaged in our trainings and continues to learn more by continuing his own education.

### FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Our highest honor is one that is selected by their peers. Every member is given a ballot and they select the person they believe is most deserving of this prestigious award.

GARY SALO joined the department in 2010 and is a Fire Fighter 2 and an Emergency Medical Technician. Gary earned this honor by gaining the respect of his peers as they clearly recognized his efforts this past year and his initiative in a few important areas. Specifically, Gary was responsible for locating a new ladder truck that saved the Township \$140,000! It gave me great pleasure to introduce Gary as the Fire Fighter of the Year for 2020. Congratulations Gary!



Attached Picture - L to R: Samantha Coykendall, Gary Salo and Nathan Wachowicz (Photo credit Heidi McGrandy)

Thank you  
Mike Cousins, Fire Chief

# Swan Valley School District Bonding Proposal

Swan Valley School District residents will be voting on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021 on the following proposal:



The proposal reads as follows:

*Shall Swan Valley School District, Saginaw County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, equipping and re-equipping, and furnishing and refurbishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; purchasing school buses; erecting, furnishing, and equipping athletic and other structures; and acquiring, preparing, developing, and improving sites.*

If you have any questions about the millage proposal, please contact the Swan Valley School District at 989-921-3701

## Absentee Ballot Requests

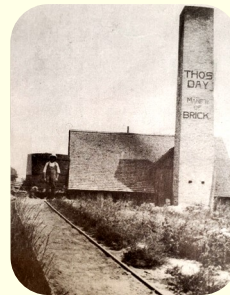
Absentee ballot requests can be submitted online at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). Applications are also available at the Township Office located at 249 North Miller Road. Once the completed application is received by the Clerk, a ballot will be mailed to the address indicated. 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.

## A Step Back in Time: Thomas Township's Early Businesses: Brick & Tile Companies

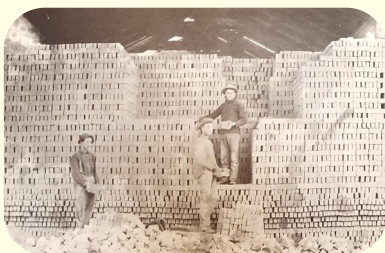
Clay bricks and eventually tile were another important early industry in Thomas Township. In the late 1800's it was discovered that in a few select areas, Thomas Township had the right type of clay to manufacture bricks.

There were a couple brick yards in Thomas Township, the earliest know manufacturer began in 1872 and was founded by Ferdinand Ohmer. It is believed that this is the Thomas Day Brick Plant. The bricks were sold commercially and transported down the river on barges to Saginaw. In 1895 Ohmer sold the company to the Sperry Brothers who used the plant to manufacture brick until 1900 when they closed the current clay pit location and moved to a different section of the Township.

In 1904 the Sperry Brothers purchased a Tile machine and then built a kiln in 1906 which leads the way for a switch from manufacturing bricks to manufacturing tile. Then in 1915 the brothers sold the business to the Miller City Tile Company of Findley, Ohio. Miller City Tile continued to manufacture tile in our area until 1941 when a fire destroyed the buildings and they were never rebuilt.



Thomas Day Brick Company



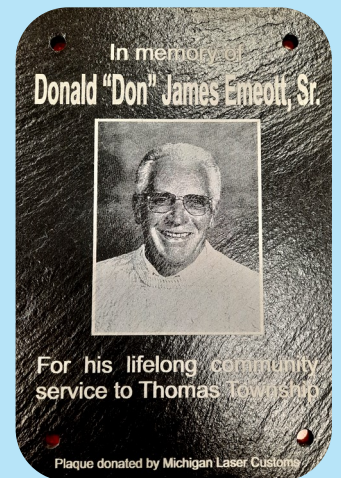
Stockpiling Bricks

## Honoring Don Emeott

Don Emeott was one of the members of the Thomas Township Park and Recreation Commission. He was honored for being the first inductee into the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Hall of Fame.

He recently retired from the Township Downtown Development Authority. Don was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #8808. Don was the last surviving original member of the Shields Men's Club.

Thomas Township is honoring Don with this plaque for his lifelong service to the community. The plaque will be added to the former Shields Men's Club pavilion as a dedication to Don and his community involvement.



## Primed Fire Hydrants

Thomas Township residents may notice a new look to some of our fire hydrants, but don't get too attached to it. The DPW has been spraying fire hydrants with a grey primer as part of the yearly maintenance to prepare for a fresh coat of their standard red color.

The primer needs to set up for a few days before the permanent color can be applied. It may take the better part of the summer for our two person crew to hand paint all of them. The hydrants are fully operational during the repainting process.



## Bicycle Safety & Rules

Warm weather means more outdoor activities, like walking, running and bicycling. One of the main activities we see is walking, either a leisurely family walk or a fast paced walk with a workout buddy. Another fun activity we see are residents riding bikes. With these fun activities, there are rules that need to be followed for the safety of the participants. I have highlighted some rules for walkers and bicyclists to follow. I hope this information will help prevent any injuries while enjoying the warm weather. Have a great summer!

Walkers should obey traffic signals, signs and markings. Here are rules to follow while walking:

- Use sidewalks when available. If you must walk in the roadway, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Cross streets at the corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.
- Always stop at the edge of a parked car, curb, or vehicle before walking out into traffic.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street and continue looking while crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing roadways.
- Be visible, wear reflective clothing and lights at night and wear bright colors during the day.
- Never allow children under age 10 to cross the streets alone.

Michigan bicyclists have the same rights and are subject to the same rules as drivers of motor vehicles. Here are the rules to follow while riding a bicycle:

- A bicyclist is not permitted to cling onto motor vehicles while biking.
- Bicycles can only carry the number of persons for which it is designed or equipped to carry.
- Bicyclists cannot carry a package that prevents both hands from remaining on the handlebars of the bicycle.
- When riding on the sidewalk, a bicyclist must yield the right of way to pedestrians and must give an audible signal before passing.
- Bicyclists must use hand/arm signals when turning and stopping.
- Bicyclists are required to come to a full and complete stop at all stop signs and traffic lights displaying a red signal.
- When riding between a half hour after sunset and an half hour before sunrise, a bicycle must be equipped with a white front facing headlight that is visible from 500 feet and a red rear reflector, visible from all distances between 100 and 600 feet. In addition to a rear reflector, a cyclist may also use a red lamp visible from 500 feet.



## Bicycle Safety & Rules Continued

- Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which enables the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level and clean pavement.
- Bicyclists must ride as close as practicable and safe to the right hand curb or edge of the road. However, there are a number of exceptions to this rule:



- ◆ When passing another bicycle or vehicle traveling in the same direction.
- ◆ When preparing to make a left turn.
- ◆ When conditions make the right edge of the road unsafe, such as debris, drain openings, uneven road surfaces, pedestrians, animals, or other obstacles.
- ◆ When the lane is too narrow to permit a vehicle to safely overtake or pass a bicycle
- ◆ When the right lane is used for right turn and the bicyclist intends to proceed straight through the intersection.

It should also be noted that motor vehicle drivers must allow at least three feet of space when passing a bicyclist. In cases where it is impracticable for a motorist to pass a distance of three feet, the motorist must pass at a safe speed and distance. Further, the law allows a motorist to pass a bicycle in a no passing zone, provided it is safe to do so.

## Local Student Named Statewide Essay Winner



*Hallie Beck,  
Essay Winner*

Hallie Beck, a local student who attends Swan Valley Middle School, was recently announced as the statewide winner for Farm Bureau Insurance's 2020-2021 America and Me Essay Contest and congratulations are in order!

Beck is an 8th grader and was one of approximately 2,000 entries into the themed essay contest. This year's theme was "My Personal Michigan Hero." Students wrote about someone who has made a significant difference in their life by teaching them valuable lessons. This contest was open to all 8th graders in Michigan and over 200 schools

submitted entries. the America & Me Essay Contest was developed in 1968 to support Michigan youth as they explore their roles in America's future.

The contest winners each received a plaque, medallion, and a cash award of \$1,000. Another \$1,000 was awarded to each school attended by the winning students with the potential for an additional \$500 if the school has been sponsored by a Farm Bureau Insurance agent.

Congratulations Hallie! Keep reaching for the stars!

## 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.



## Outdoor Water Restrictions

Beginning June 1st, 2021 the annual outdoor water restrictions began. The outdoor water restrictions will continue until August 31st, 2021. During this time 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 the outdoor water 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!









## Call Miss Dig before you dig!

As Spring turns into Summer, many folks are starting projects in their yards that require some amount of excavating. Whether it's adding a new deck, installing a pool, or even just planting new trees. The **MISS DIG** system is in place to make sure any underground utilities are located before beginning your work.

**MISS DIG** is the Michigan statewide one-call notification system that was developed in order to provide excavators and the general public the ability to inform multiple owners of underground facilities of excavation with a single telephone call. MISS DIG is a not-for-profit, independent company that processes information from excavators and passes that information on to affected utilities. Individual utilities locate and mark the underground lines, wires and cables allowing you to safely dig in the area. Michigan Statute, Public Act 1974, requires anyone who engages in or is responsible for the planning or performance of any type of excavation, grading, demolition, cultivating, auguring, blasting, or boring to provide advance notice to MISS DIG by calling 811 or 1-800-482-7171 at least 3 working days before you dig. The call center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to take ticket requests.

So, what happens when you call MISSDIG? The operator will ask your name, phone number and the name of the person doing the work. They will ask for the geographical location of the work area, including the address and nearest cross street to the work site. They will ask what type of work is being completed; for example, installing a fence or building a deck. They will ask you when you plan to start the work and what you would like to have marked. After you provide that information, a "ticket" will be generated and sent to the area utilities. The individual utilities will locate and mark their underground utilities that are in the public right of way within 3 working days. Once marked, you can begin your work.

It is very important to wait until the legal start date and time assigned before beginning your underground work. Beginning work earlier can result in forfeiture of your rights and protections granted under Michigan law. MISS DIG will issue the earliest legal start date possible, usually three business days after you contact MISS DIG. A ticket remains valid for 21 calendar days after the legal dig start date requested on the MISS DIG ticket. It is, however, the excavator's responsibility to get the marks refreshed when needed. A ticket becomes invalid only if the work continues past 21 calendar days, or the locate marks are missing or need refreshing. In certain situations, MISS DIG may issue a project ticket that will remain valid for 180 calendar days. Once marked, the utility is color coded as to what the utility is. **If your yard is marked, please do not remove the markers until the underground work is completed.**

MICHIGAN'S UTILITY COLOR CODE		
RED		Electric
YELLOW		Gas, Oil, Steam or Petroleum
ORANGE		Communications
BLUE		Potable Water
PURPLE		Reclaimed Water Irrigation
GREEN		Sewer & Drain Lines
WHITE		Proposed Excavation
PINK		Temporary Surveying





## Day Camps at Roethke Park

Thomas Township has six remaining 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 a 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.



Day Camp at Roethke Park  
2017

### This years remaining themes are:

July 6th-9th	Mini Camp- (4-6 only)
July 12th-16th	Shark Week
July 19th-23rd	Full STEM Ahead
July 26th-30th	Roethke Survivor
Aug. 2nd-6th	Dino Dayz
Aug. 9th-13th	Zootopia
Aug. 16th-20th	The Final Showdown

### 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.\*

## Before and 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.\*



## Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Scott Branch, Chair

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Angela Alworden

Craig Blower

Dean Rusch

DJ Sova

Annie Hoffman

## Parks & Recreation Staff Members

John Corriveau,  
Director

Tyler Sutherlund,  
Asst. Director

The Parks & Recreation Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for walk in traffic and can be reached at (989) 781-0151 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If the office is closed for any reason, please stop into the main office for further assistance.



**ONLINE REGISTRATION** is available for Parks and Recreation Programming. You can access the online registration at [thomastwp.org](http://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.

## Visit our Website for more information

You can keep up to date with the Parks and Recreation Department as well as register for sports, camps, and more at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org).

*\*Please read the online Registration Disclaimer on Page 9\**



## Fall Soccer League

Registration for fall soccer leagues for boys and girls in grades young 5's through 8th grade will begin in Mid July and will continue until August 2021.

The fall soccer season runs for six weeks beginning in mid September and ending in October. For more information please call the Parks and Recreation office at (989) 781-0151.

### **Registration Fee:**

Resident: \$50  
Non-Resident: \$55



## 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: \$55 Non-Resident: \$60

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

Next Sessions: July 12th - 22nd and July 26-Aug 5

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

Next Sessions: July 12th - 22 and July 26-Aug 5

Morning Session: 11:00 am - 11:45 am Evening Session: 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

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

Next Sessions: July 12th - 22 and July 26-Aug 5

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

Evening Sessions: 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm & 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

## Pool Schedule

The pool is open for recreational swimming Monday through Sunday and will remain open until August 20th, 2021. If there are no swimmers in the pool at 8:00 pm the pool will close. \*Closing date subject to change\*

**Open Swim Monday - Sunday: 12:00pm-6:00pm**

### **Fees for all Sessions:**

Resident: \$5  
Non-Resident: \$10  
**Family of 5:**  
Resident: \$10  
Non-Resident: \$15

### **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.\**

## 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 at 455 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 during the movie!

**Ferris Bueller's Day Off** - June 18th, 2021

**A Dog's Journey** - July 23rd, 2021

\* Dates subject to change by weather\*



## 2022 Archery Program

Archery classes will begin Thursday, January 7th 2022 and will continue through May 2022. There will be three, six week sessions with classes being held on Thursdays. Registrations will begin in November of 2021 and run through December of 2021. Call the Parks and Recreation Office for more information about the program at (989) 781-0151 or check our website for updates, [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org).

Classes for beginners work on safety, form, equipment and the fundamentals to become a good archer. Classes for advanced archers are based on using their 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.



### **Sessions will be at the following times:**

Beginner: 4:30 - 5:15 pm      Beginner: 6:00 - 6:45 pm  
Beginner: 5:15 - 6:00 pm      Beginner: 6:45 - 7:30 pm  
Advanced: 7:30 - 8:15 pm

## Ride the Roethke Mini Train



The Roethke Mini Train runs Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and every Saturday and Sunday through August 20th from noon until 4:00 pm (schedule subject to change and weather permitting).

If you are planning a family event or bringing a large group please call ahead to verify the availability of the train. For special group times please call (989) 781-0151.



**Haunted Train:** Don't miss out on the Haunted Train Ride happening October 8th - 9th and 15th - 16th. From dusk to midnight you can ride the fright train. The ever popular attraction returns for another year of screams. We are always looking for more ghouls and goblins to volunteer.

## Concert Series at Roethke Park

Join us for a summer picnic and 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 24th, 2021

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.

### **The remaining concerts at the park are as follows:**

#### July 13th:

The Yesterday's Country Band

#### July 20th:

The Savior Machines

#### July 27th:

The Jim and Tim Acoustic Show

#### Aug. 3rd:

The Rock Show

#### Aug. 10th:

Todd Michael Band

#### Aug. 17th:

Michele Spitz



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### *2020 Brush Drop Off Dates*

**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 12:00 pm on the following dates:

#### *Drop Off Dates:*

July 11 & 25

August 1, 15 & 29

September 12 & 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

*Yard Waste Pick-up will began in April*