



## New Sidewalk Project to Keep Kids Safe

The Safe Routes to School (SRS) program is a federally funded program that is managed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and supported by the Michigan Fitness Foundation. This program helps enable our children to have a safer way to travel to and from school, away from the road. SRS grants allow for the installation of sidewalks, cross walks and trails, which allow for safer access to the schools for those children who walk or bike.

Thomas Township has partnered with the Swan Valley School District to apply for and receive the grant necessary to complete the work. Work is scheduled to begin in July (tentative) and to be completed by the end of the summer.

A 10 foot wide asphalt trail will connect to the existing Thomas Trail in front of the Swan Valley Administration Building and will continue down O’Hern Road on the north side of the road to Van Wormer. At Van Wormer it will transition to a 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk and will continue north along Van Wormer on the east side where it will connect to the existing sidewalk by the Swan Valley Middle School entrance. This trail and sidewalk system will make a connection to existing trails and sidewalks so that Havens Elementary as well as Swan Valley Middle and High Schools are accessible by the sidewalk system.



Map showing approximate trail and sidewalk locations

## Water Quality Report Available

In conformance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, Thomas Township is required to provide all users of the water system a Consumer Confidence Report each July. This report outlines the drinking water quality that is delivered to your home or business. It will be available in electronic format at the following URL address by July 1, 2019.

<https://www.saginaw-mi.com/pdfs/saginaw-region-cy2018.pdf>

Please take time to read this important information regarding your drinking water quality. To request a paper copy of the Consumer Confidence Report, please contact us at 989-781-6438.

### Thomas Township Board of Trustees

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249 N. Miller Road
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8215 Shields Drive
- Fire Department ..... 781-4141  
8215 Shields Drive
- Library..... 781-3770  
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## Annual Lions Club Parade



Don't miss the Lions Club Parade on **Saturday, August 3rd, 2019**. The parade will begin at 11:00 am. This year's theme will be "Disney Movies", so if you have a Disney lover in the family don't let them miss this! Make sure to bring the kids to watch the parade, collect some candy and have a fun family outing!

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.



## Now Hiring for Future Elections!

Election Inspectors play perhaps the most fundamental and vital role in the democracy process; assisting voters in casting their ballots. By diligently following the procedures set by election law, Election Inspectors protect voter's rights and deliver accurate election results.

### **Requirements for Appointment:**

- Registered voter in Michigan
- Able to interact with the public in a professional, friendly manner
- Completion of required training
- Not a candidate or relative of a candidate appearing on the ballot
- Not a member of the local board of canvassers
- No felony or election crime convictions
- Computer experience preferred
- Able to move or lift more than 20 pounds
- Ability to sustain long periods of sitting and standing
- Ability to work a 15 hour day

### **Duties of Inspector can include:**

- Verifying voter identification
- Performing computer search functions
- Electronic logging of voters, ballots issued and special circumstances
- Reconciling voter registration issues
- Instructing and guiding voters through the voting process
- Transporting election results to the Deputy Clerk at the end of the night



### **Political Party Affiliation:**

Applicants must declare a political party affiliation. "Independent" is not a recognized party in Michigan. Election Inspectors are assigned to polling locations based on party affiliation. Election law requires each of the two major political parties, Democrat and Republican, to be represented in each voting precinct as equally as possible.

### **Assignment and Training Information:**

- Your name will be placed on our inspector list. Thomas Township cannot promise that you will work each election. Inspectors are assigned based on the type of election and the number of inspectors needed to administer the election.
- Prior to each election, invitation to work and assignment notification will be sent via email or mail. Inspectors are also needed for the substitute inspector list, so even if you are not assigned to an election, you may still be called on to work.
- Paid training is provided.

***Applications are available online at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org)***

Or by stopping by our office:

**Return completed application to:**

Darci Seamon, Deputy Clerk

249 N Miller Road, Saginaw, MI 48609

**Questions:** (989) 781-0150 or [clerk@thomastwp.org](mailto:clerk@thomastwp.org)

## Long-Time Police Chief, Steve Kocsis, Retires



*Retired Police Chief Steve Kocsis and Supervisor Bob Weise*

There are many changes coming to the Police Department this year, including the retirement of long-time Police Chief, Steve Kocsis. After 30 years of devoted service to Thomas Township, Police Chief Steve Kocsis retired on June 28th, 2019. Chief Kocsis began his career with Thomas Township in 1989 as a patrolman and was promoted to Chief in 1990 where he has served the rest of his career. Former Chief Kocsis retired with 45 years of police experience and plans to spend his well deserved free time up

north at his cabin with his family while spoiling his granddaughters.

Thank you Steve for your many years of dedicated service to Thomas Township. Though we are sad to see you go, the Thomas Township staff would like to wish you well in your retirement!

## New Police Chief in Thomas Township

Though we are sad to see Steve Kocsis retire we are pleased to announce that Deputy Chief Al Fong has been promoted to Police Chief. Chief Fong started working as a patrolman for the Thomas Township Police Department in 2014. In 2015 Chief Fong was promoted to Sergeant and then Deputy Chief and Chief in 2019. Before working for Thomas Township, Chief Fong worked for the City of Saginaw for over 20 years before moving on to Frankemuth City where he spent 3 years.



*Police Chief Al Fong*

## More Staff changes in the Police Department



*Sergeant Eric Cowles*

Eric Cowles was recently promoted to Sergeant replacing Al Fong, who was promoted to Police Chief. Sergeant Cowles has worked for the Thomas Township Police Department since 1999 when he was hired as a patrolman. Sergeant Cowles maintained that position until his current promotion.

The final change to the Police Department comes with the hiring of Officer Derek Smith. Officer Smith formerly worked as a Deputy in the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department for the past three years. He also worked as an Officer at the Breckenridge Police Department. With Officer Smith's hiring, the Department is back to it's full complement.

## In Memory

It is with great sadness that I have to report that retired Thomas Township Police Sergeant Gary Breidinger passed away on May 21, 2019. Breidinger had faithfully served the Thomas Township Police Department for 23 years. He was hired in 1993 as a part-time officer and was moved to full-time in 1997. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001 where he remained until his retirement in 2015.

Sergeant Breidinger spent his retirement with his wife, Mary Ann, daughters Amy and Erin and doted on his grandchildren Owen and Zoey. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

*Al Fong  
Police Chief*



*Retired Police Sergeant Gary Breidinger*

## Keep Hydrants Clear

If you have a hydrant located in your yard, please make sure that plants and shrubs are at least 6 feet away from the centerline of the hydrant. This clear area is necessary, so that the hydrant can be quickly located, hooked to and operated in emergency conditions. Thank you for your help.



## Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Make sure to stop out to the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on **September 29th, 2019 from 9 am to 1pm**. Enjoy a family breakfast and bring the kids to play on the obstacle course, spray the fire hose, and more, It's a fun filled day for the whole family to enjoy.



## Water and Sewer System Maintenance

The DPW staff has begun its yearly maintenance work on the water and sewer systems. For the water system, we will be completing preventative maintenance on all of our fire hydrants. This work will include flushing the water mains and testing the operation of each fire hydrant. The work is done to make sure that our hydrants operate properly in emergencies and to remove air, "old water" or mineral buildup that may have become trapped within the water mains. These activities will ensure that the water that is delivered to your home or business is of the highest quality available. We will also be lubricating, painting and color coding each hydrant, while ensuring that the hydrants are un-obscured. In some areas, we will measure water pressure and flow rates of a particular water main while flushing a hydrant. The work will be completed in phases ending in October.



Work on the sanitary sewers began in May and will continue through the summer 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 expected to be completed by October 1st. All of the maintenance work 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"

*Rick Hopper, Department of Public Works Director*

## Keeping your BBQ from going up in flames

Now that things are heating up outside many of you will be firing up your grills to celebrate different occasions this summer. According to the National Fire Protection Association 75% of U.S. households have at least one outdoor grill or smoker. On average 10,200 home fires are started by grills each year, with gas grills contributing to a higher number of incidents than charcoal.

### **Please keep these safety tips in mind while grilling this summer:**

- Keep your grill clean and remove all grease and fat buildup.
- Never leave the grill unattended and keep children and pets at least three feet away.
- Keep the grill away from the home, eavestroughs, deck railings and from overhanging branches.
- If you are using charcoal, let the coals completely cool before disposing.
- If you use starter fluid, only use charcoal starter fluid and never add starter fluid, or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- If you use propane make sure to check the tank and hose for leaks.

Although you may take every precaution, accidents still happen. Have a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it. When using a fire extinguisher, remember **P.A.S.S. - Pull the pin, Aim at the base of the fire, Squeeze, Sweep side to side**. Fire can spread quickly, dial 911 if the fire is getting out of control. Have a happy and safe summer!

*Joe Giacoletti,  
Fire Inspector*

## Thomas Township Honors First Responders

The Thomas Township Fire Department held its annual awards banquet on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. During this event, members of the fire department received accolades for their years of service, life safety awards, citation of merit and the department's highest honor, the fire fighter of the year.

Those receiving awards for saving a life were: Joe Giacoletti, Lyle Cousins, Jason Grandy, Dominic Goergen and Casey Cichowski. Congratulations to each of these responders and their positive efforts!

Those being acknowledged as new Cardio Pulmonary Respirations (CPR) Instructors were: Joe Giacoletti, Brian Leach, Dominic Goergen, Nathan Wachowicz, Jenna Stevenson and Stephan Allision. This was all completed under the direction of Brandon Rossi who taught the class.

Citation of Merits are selected by the station officers. They evaluate the members within their stations and select the person to receive this honor. This year, both stations recipients were awarded this honor for the same type of reasons. Both of these are from the medical responder division of the fire department. They collectively ensure all the required medical equipment is kept up to date and fully stocked on our medical trucks. They both have stepped up to the plate with respect to our medical division and assist in many ways on the fire scenes. They run rehab, scene accountability, changing air bottles and cover other medical calls while on fire scenes. Both members joined in 2017 and they are Jenna Stevenson and Joe Gill!

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. Jim Grove joined the department in 2006 and is Fire Fighter 2 and a Medical First Responder. He is a team player and who one will help anyone at the drop of a hat. He is very talented and uses those talents to make our department operate more efficiently. Comments made about him on the nomination form were, "Always willing to help, lots of behinds the scenes work. Jim has is a team player, he has always been a "go to" guy for any equipment issues including his positive role on various committees. Patient and willing to teach others. Knowledgeable and willing to help with mechanical needs at the stations."

My own thoughts about Jim Grove would include, a true asset to this Township and our fire department. He thinks out of the box, possesses an awesome skill set and brings forward some great ideas. I was very pleased to see Jim being supported by his peers as this year's Fire Fighter of the Year for 2018! Congratulations Jim Grove.

Mike Cousins  
Fire Chief



L to R: Joseph Gill, Jim Grove  
and Jenna Stevenson

### F.D. Academic Accomplishments

#### **Fire Academy:**

Steven Hermann  
Christopher Castellano.

#### **Medical First Responder:**

Christopher Castellano.

#### **Company Officer:**

Nathan Wachowicz

### F.D. Years of Service Awards

Awards for years of service are presented in 5 year increments. First responders and their years of service are as follows:

#### **5 Years:**

Sherri Simerson

#### **10 Years**

Thomas Arn  
Peter Stevens

#### **15 Years**

Brandon Rossi

#### **20 Years**

Jason Grandy

#### **30 Years**

Craig Simon

#### **50 Years**

Lyle Cousins

*Congratulations*

## Trash & Treasures Sales, Thank You!

Thomas Township would like to thank everyone who participated in the 10th Annual Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales. This is the second year of running the sales without the Shields Summer Festival, and we couldn't be more thrilled than to see the registration numbers leap over last years total. We had over 120 sales registered on the map!

We hope everyone who participated had a successful sale and had the opportunity to shop a few themselves! The Township would also like the thank all of those who shopped the sales. Without the buyers, the sales wouldn't be possible.

Yet again the donation truck provided by Oldtown Christian outreach Center was packed and that is so exciting to see. The organization is so overwhelmed every year with the amount of items they receive to help those in need.

*Thank you!*

## Code Enforcement Frequently Asked Questions

The primary responsibility of the Code Enforcement Department is the enforcement of the Township Code of Ordinances. It is our responsibility to ensure all residents and commercial properties are in compliance with all Township Codes. With the warm summer temperatures giving everyone a chance to spend quality time outdoors, some frequently asked questions arise about Township Codes and Ordinances such as:



### **Q. How long can my neighbor's yard go before they are required to mow?**

A. The ordinance states that uncontrolled plant growth and noxious weeds must not exceed a height of ten (10") inches.

### **Q. What are the rules concerning garage sales?**

A. The sale is considered temporary and shall not continue for a period exceeding two (2) weeks from the date of commencement and may not commence again for at least thirty (30) days from the last date of the prior sale. No more than three (3) sales are permitted per year. When the sale is not in progress, no sale items may be openly displayed.

### **Q. Can I park my recreational vehicle on my property?**

A. Yes. A maximum of two (2) recreational vehicles or equipment may be parked outside on a parcel, but only one (1) may be parked on a driveway surface within the required front yard depth between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30th. Recreational vehicles and equipment must be parked no closer than four feet (4') from any side or rear property line. (For the complete ordinance, contact the Township Office.)



### **Q. How long can trash be at the side of the road before pick-up?**

A. Trash cans may not be at the curb more than twenty four (24) hours in advance of trash pick-up.

### **Q. My neighbor parks their car on the grass. Is this allowed?**

A. No. Vehicle parking is restricted at all times to the driveway surface. To clarify, a vehicle in this sense, being a passenger vehicle, station wagon, sedan, pickup truck, motorcycle, SUV or similar vehicle. For recreational vehicle/equipment parking restrictions, you must refer to the ordinance section regarding recreational vehicles/equipment.

If you have any questions or concerns in your neighborhood, please contact me at (989) 781-0150 or by email at [codeenforcer@thomastwp.org](mailto:codeenforcer@thomastwp.org)

Connie Watt  
Code Enforcement Officer

## Rebel Magnolia Flea Market in the Fall

Time to get ready for the Rebel Magnolia Fall Flea Market happening September 6th and 7th, 2019! With a wide variety of local vendors showcasing so many handmade items everyone in the family is sure to get their fill of local shopping in just one day. There will be shuttle transportation to and from the event provided at select locations.

The flea market will boast about 100 vendors and will also have food trucks and other food vendors! The kids can have a great time in the kids area where there will be plenty of entertainment just for them. Tickets will be \$12 for early access on Friday night from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. These tickets are pre-sale only and will be available at Rebel Magnolia, located at 7677 Gratiot Road, or on their website, [www.rebelmagnolia.com](http://www.rebelmagnolia.com). These tickets also allow re-entry to the market on Saturday. Only stopping by on Saturday? Not a problem, tickets will be just \$5 for the day and will be available at the gate. The Rebel Magnolia Flea Market will be held at Roberts Park, located at 455 S. Miller Road. Check in with Rebel Magnolia, located at 7677 Gratiot Road, for more information. You can also find them on Facebook.



Rebel Magnolia Flea Market  
2018

## Summer Tax Bills

Summer tax bills should have arrived in mailboxes on or about July 1st, 2019. They are due by September 16, 2019 to avoid penalties and interest. If you did not receive a summer tax statement, contact the Treasurer's Office at (989) 781-0150 to request a copy. Some property owners may defer their summer payment until the time that the winter taxes are due ***IF*** one of the following applies:

- The property is the principal residence of persons age 62 or older, or the surviving spouse of a person who was age 62 or older at death, with a household income below \$25,000.
- Persons with a disability that allows them to qualify for an extra personal exemption on the State income tax form.
- Property that is classified or used as agricultural property may qualify if the gross receipts of the farming operation are not less than the household income for the previous year.

Individuals who meet any of the above criteria for deferral must complete a form that is available through the Treasurer's Office. The deferral form must be completed ***each year prior to or on September 16th, 2019.***

***Deferral of summer taxes does not relieve the property owner from payment of taxes. It only allows them to defer the payment until March 2, 2020 without penalties and interest.***

If deferred, the summer tax amount due will not appear on your winter tax statement.

Vern Weber  
Township Treasurer

## 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!



## Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Scott Branch, Chair

Carly Rusch, Secretary

Angela Alworden

Craig Blower

Dean Rusch

DJ Sova

Eric Whelton

## Parks & Recreation Staff Members

John Corriveau,  
Director

Tyler Sutherlund,  
Asst. Director

Meaghan Zielinski,  
Receptionist

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 Camps

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 15th - 19th      The Mighty Jungle

July 22nd - 26th      Beach Bums

July 29th - Aug. 2nd   Hungry Hungry Hippos

Aug. 5th - 9th      Animal Planet

Aug. 12th - 16th      Raiders of the Lost Artifact

Aug. 19th - 23rd      The Last Hoorah

**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 & 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](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.



## 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.

Next Sessions: July 22nd - August 1st and August 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.

Next Sessions: July 22nd - August 1st and August 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.

Next Sessions: July 22nd - August 1st and August 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 is open for recreational swimming Monday through Sunday 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

### **Day Passes:**

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.\**

## 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!

## Website 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 8\*



## Softball Tournament

On August 17th, 2019, the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a "Wooden Bat" Slow Pitch Softball Tournament! All teams are guaranteed to have four games. For more information please call the Parks and Recreation Office at (989) 781-0151. The deadline to register is August 2nd, 2019.

### **Team Fee:**

\$250



## Fall Soccer Leagues

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 9th, 2019.

The fall soccer season runs for six weeks beginning September 14th and ending October 14th, 2019. For more information please call the Parks and Recreation office at (989) 781-0151.

### **Registration Fee:**

Resident: \$50

Non-Resident: \$55



## Archery Classes 2020

Archery classes will begin Thursday, January 2nd, 2020 and will continue through May 14th, 2020. There will be three, six week sessions with classes being held on Thursdays. Registrations will begin in November of 2019 and run through December of 2019. 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: 5:15 - 6:00 pm

Beginner: 6:00 - 6:45 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 25th 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 your get together. For special group times please call (989) 781-0151.

**Haunted Train:** Don't miss out on the Haunted Train Ride happening October 11th - 12th and 18th - 19th. 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.

**Christmas Train:** You also wouldn't want to miss the Annual Christmas Train at Roethke Park running November 6th - 7th and December 13th - 14th. Come ride the train from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and see lighted scenes created by local businesses and individuals who love Christmas lights. If you are interested in volunteering please call the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Office at (989) 781-0151.



## “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. Thomas Township Parks and Recreation will be teaming up with Saginaw County Animal Care and Control who will be hosting an adoption event during the race. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit Saginaw County Animal Care and Control as well as to our trail systems. 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 entire event will run from 6:00 pm to 12:00am with a free 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.



## 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!



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

**Mary Poppins** is rescheduled for August 17th, 2019

*\*Movie date subject to change due to weather\**



## 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 21st, 2019.

The Roethke Mini Trail 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 16th: The Yesterday’s Country Band
- July 23rd: Tim & Jim Acoustic Show
- July 30th: Laurie & the Lefties
- Aug. 6th: Michele Spitz
- Aug. 13th: Todd Michael Band



Concert Series 2018

## Community Calendar 2019

- July 20th  
“Ruff” Around the Park
- July 20th  
Movie in the Park
- July 23rd  
Concert in the Park Series
- August 3rd, 2019  
Lions Club Parade at 11:00 am
- August 6th  
Concert in the Park Series
- August 12th  
Thomas Township Business Association Annual Golf Outing
- August 13th  
Concert in the Park Series
- August 17th  
Move in the Park
- August 23rd  
Roethke Pool closes  
(Subject to change)
- September 6th-7th  
Rebel Magnolia Fall Flea Market
- September 16th  
Summer tax bills due
- September 29th  
Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

*Upcoming Events!*

Thomas Township

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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:

### Remaining Drop Off Dates:

July 13 & 27                      August 10 & 24  
September 7 & 21              October 5,12,19 & 26

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