



# BE COUNTED MICHIGAN 2020

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 is Census Day, but what is the census? The census is part of the U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 22) and mandates a headcount every 10 years for every state in America. It’s a way of saying “I count!” while doing your civic duty. The first decennial census was in 1790 and has taken place every 10 years since.

They ask a lot of questions, so how do you know your answers are safe? Every employee who works with census data is sworn under a lifelong oath to protect all respondent data, or they face felony charges. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, under no circumstances can any information on the census be shared with any government agency, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Your information can also not be used against you in court in any way. Census data is strictly used to produce statistics.

Why do we need to take the census? The census uses population, housing and other statistics to distribute approximately \$675 billion to local and state governments, including your very own Thomas Township. Michigan alone stands to lose approximately \$1,800 per person per year for anyone not counted in the census. To put it even more simply, every person counted in our community ensures that we will get our fair share of State and Federal funds distributed to local governments. Without this funding, all of us would likely need to pay more property taxes to maintain the same service levels. So, in a way, getting counted in the census indirectly keeps your property taxes down. Beyond that, as a State, we want everyone counted to make sure that we do not lose some of our voice at the Federal level. And, population totals help to determine redrawing school and legislative district lines, while helping businesses determine where to build.

It’s time to get counted in Thomas Township and Michigan in 2020. The census can now be taken online, by phone, or by mail. For more information on the census and what it does please visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or for more information regarding the census specifically for Michigan please go to [www.becountedmi2020.com](http://www.becountedmi2020.com).

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Volunteers working throughout the Township during Build Week



## Giving Back to the Community During Build Week

During the week of August 12th through the 15th, Thomas Township employees as well as local volunteers partook in Thomas Township’s 3rd Annual Build Week to give back to residents of the community who were in need of minor repairs or some sprucing up to their homes and properties. Thomas Township employs a giving staff who look forward to volunteering and helping in their community every year. Thomas Township employees work year round meeting, planning and making calls to organize the following year’s Build Week. A special thank you goes to Sarah Dorr, Jenna Stevenson and Deidre Frollo for their hard work organizing the event and making it a success.

Thomas Township took on the roll of organizing Build Week and obtaining most of the supplies needed and lining up homes in need as well as lunches and breakfast for the volunteers. However, Thomas Township was supported by Habitat for Humanity and they donated some necessary resources in order to complete the projects at hand. We also had some amazing local volunteers that were able to donate either time or resources.

Thomas Township would like to thank the following business, organizations and individuals for their efforts in making Build Week a success:

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|---|----------------------------------|
| Habitat for Humanity:                             | Tools and Supplies               |
| State Bank:                                       | Financial Support and volunteers |
| Chemical Bank:                                    | Volunteers                       |
| Huntington Bank:                                  | Volunteers                       |
| Brown & Brown:                                    | Volunteers                       |
| Hemlock Semiconductor:                            | Volunteers                       |
| Sherwin Williams:                                 | Paint Donation                   |
| Tractor Supply Company:                           | Water Donation                   |
| Home Depot:                                       | Water Donation                   |
| Jack’s Fruit & Meat Market:                       | Fruit and water Daily            |
| Tim Hortons:                                      | Coffee and donuts daily          |
| Culvers:  | Daily Lunch Item                 |
| Little Caesars:                                   | Lunch                            |
| B & C Pizza:                                      | Lunch                            |
| Eudici’s:   | Lunch                            |
| Maple Grille:                                     | Lunch                            |
| Pats Food Center:                                 | Lunch                            |
| Spatz Bakery:                                     | Baked goods                      |
| Taco Bell:  | Lunch                            |
| Coco Loco:  | Lunch                            |
| Thomas Township Library:                          | Snacks                           |
| Individual and Community Members that volunteered |                                  |

We are seeking applicants within Thomas Township for next year who own their homes and who are in need of critical home repairs or handicapped access updates, but cannot afford them. We are also seeking any local businesses for next year who would like to participate. For further information on how your business can help please contact Deidre Frollo at (989) 781-0150.

## Events and News from the Police Department

Happy Fall everyone! This is my first official newsletter as your Police Chief. In this issue, I will be providing updates on some of the programs that are happening with the Police Department.

### Explorers Program:



The Police Explorers program is in full swing. Participating students are from several high schools including Swan Valley, Freeland, St. Charles and Baptist Calvary. The Explorers have been taught many aspects of law enforcement that include building searches, criminal law, motor vehicle laws, arrest/searching and crash investigation. The Explorers have also helped out on several community events like the Rebel Magnolia Flea Market at Roberts Park, the Lions Club Parade, the Covenant for Kids race at Swan Valley High School and National Night Out in Saginaw Township. The Police Explorers are always looking for new members, so if you or someone you know are between the ages of 14 (in high school) and 20 and have an interest or curiosity in law enforcement, this program will be perfect for you. You can contact Sgt. Cowles for additional information at (989) 781-1300.

### Coffee With a Cop:

The Coffee with a Cop Program will be starting up again but we will be trying something different. We will be adding our favorite food group, donuts, to go with the coffee. The program will be held every three months at the Public Safety Building at 8215 Shields Dr. The first date will be October 12th from 8 am to 10 am. Come out and have coffee and donuts on us! Stop in for a conversation with the department or prior to your kids soccer game. Hope to see you there!

### Phone Scams Alert:

BEWARE!!! There have been an uptick of different types of phone scams that are targeting senior citizens. Anytime someone asks you for money, gift cards for payment or personal information like social security number or bank account number, it's likely a scam. These scams are geared to scare you by threatening to arrest you or tug at your heart strings by claiming a relative is in trouble and needs money to get out of jail. If you do receive a call and are not certain if it's legitimate or it's a scam, contact the police department at (989) 781-1300 and we'll be able to help you out.



Thank you,  
Al Fong,  
Police Chief

## Trick or Treat Hours

Bring out the superheroes, princesses, ghouls, mermaids and more for Trick or Treating in Thomas Township from **5:30 - 7:30 pm** on Halloween night!

Don't forget to drop by either Fire Station for treats and goodies!



## Halloween Safety Tips

- ☆ Trick or Treat in groups, not alone.
- ☆ Wear bright colored or reflective costumes or carry a flashlight.
- ☆ Avoid costumes that impair your vision.
- ☆ Avoid costumes that may cause a tripping hazard.
- ☆ Cross the street at crosswalks.
- ☆ Do not run in-between parked cars.
- ☆ If your child is trick or treating without a parent, make sure that you know what areas they are going to and what time they will be back.
- ☆ Don't talk to strangers.

## Winter Tax Bills

Winter property tax statements are scheduled to be mailed to you on or around December, 1st, 2019. If the property tax statement has not been received by December 6th, 2019 please contact the Deputy Treasurer at (989) 781-0150 or request a copy through email at treasurer@thomastwp.org

For your convenience a drop box is available near the entrance of the Thomas Township Municipal Office building for making payments after hours. The drop box is checked at 8:00 am each morning that the Township holds business hours and all payments are considered received on that day. All payments must be received or postmarked no later than December 31st, 2019 to be considered paid in 2019.

**Reminder:** When paying in person, please bring the entire tax bill with you (both top and bottom portions) and our staff will stamp the top portion paid for you as your receipt

Vern Weber,  
Township Treasurer

## Swan Valley High School Honors First Responders

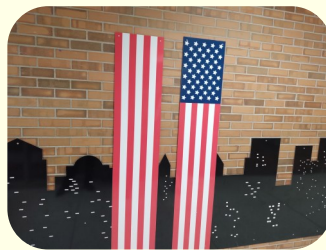
Through a memorial on display in Swan Valley High School, students are honoring First Responders from both Thomas and James Townships. This wall recreates the Twin Towers in New York City we lost so tragically on September 11, 2001.

The mastermind behind this was History Teacher Craig Monahan, who also serves as a Trustee on the Thomas Township Board. Mr. Monahan's intent is to educate our youth on this event that most were not even alive for. There are several displays, but the main one is a metal silhouette of the towers flanked with pictures of the first responders from Thomas Police, Thomas Fire, and James Fire. Included in this display are also some of the uniforms and equipment used by these responders.

As a part of our nation's history, we do not want to ever forget the severity and damage this caused our nation. While tragic, it is also important to note that this event also had a positive, if unintended, side effect. It brought our nation together. Many Americans became closer to each other and demonstrated their love for their country! It is a shame it took such a tragedy to remind us of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, but the fact is, we had lost sight of that until this tragedy. This day in September made many of us realize how lucky we are to live in such a great nation. It also pushed us to improve our "situational awareness" skills as this quickly became a new phrase in our vocabulary.

It took quite a few people and local companies to accomplish the vision Mr. Monahan had. He was able to garner support and donations from the Bierlein Companies who donated the steel for the silhouette, Sign Image provided the vinyl for the city landscape, Mr. Nathan Wachowicz donated his wood working skills and made a 3D version of a waived United States flag and David Sommers for photographing the first responders. The Thomas Township Kiwanis Club donated \$1,000.00 to help fund the project and many thanks also goes to Swan Valley School as they supported this incredible display to be put up within their high school.

Mike Cousins,  
Fire Chief



Twin Towers Display



Display for First Responders



Wooden flag made by  
Nathan Wachowicz

## It's a Burning Question!

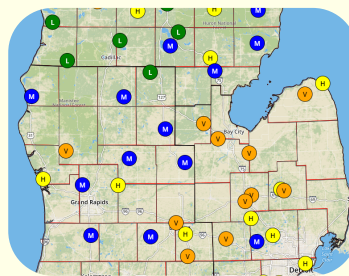
Now that the temperature is cooling down it's the perfect time to enjoy a recreational fire in your back yard. In Thomas Township each resident has the privilege to burn, but there are rules that should be followed to ensure things do not get out of hand. Please keep in mind, The Fire Chief or designee has the authority to terminate any recreational fire that he/she determines to be in an unsafe device, is an unsafe condition or for any situation which warrants extinguishment. If you choose to have a recreational fire in your backyard we ask that these precautions be taken:

- Burning shall not be located within 15 feet from any structure and must be at least 20 feet from any property line.
- A responsible adult at least 18 years of age must be present at all times until the extinguished ashes are cold.
- Only clean wood products are used (no treated lumber).
- The fire does not emit any fumes that irritate, annoy or constitute a nuisance to others.
- The atmospheric conditions are favorable (winds not over 10 mph)

Sometimes there is the need to do a quick yard clean up after a storm, while burning branches and small limbs are allowed there are separate guidelines you must follow which include:

- Do not burn within 300 feet of any structure.
- No burning if the winds are in excess of 10 mph.
- Burning shall be done during daylight hours only.
- The fire must be attended by an adult at least 18 years old.
- The emission of smoke and fumes do not irritate, annoy, or constitute a nuisance to other property owners in the area.
- Open burning of leaves, yard waste, ditch banks, household rubbish, tires, building materials, paper products or any product that produces smoke emissions that are offensive to the environment or occupants of surrounding properties is prohibited.

At times we may impose a burn restriction, the decision is made based on the Great Lakes Fire & Fuel map. When our environment is in specific conditions, that is when we implement a Township wide burn ban. Sometimes we may receive a small amount of rain and the question is can I burn now? Although you may have received rain at your home, a few miles down the road may not have received any. Because rain can be so sporadic, it can be hard to determine which areas received rain and which did not, which is why we use the Great Lakes Fire & Fuel map. The map is checked on a daily basis to see if conditions have improved or not before making our decision for the day. We hope this gives you a better understanding of the burn policy in Thomas Township. If you have any questions you can call the Public Safety Administrative Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at (989) 781-4141.



Great Lakes Fire & Fuel Map

## Connecting the Township Campus

Thomas Township works to see that the needs of its residents as well as staff are met. With both resident and staff in mind, Thomas Township has added 26 additional parking spaces to the back parking lot of the main office building, located at 249 N. Miller Road. Of the 26 spaces, one parking space is a barrier free space to comply with the Michigan Barrier Free Code. This expansion has also created a drive between the Thomas Township Library and Municipal Office Building. The drive is located on the south side of the hockey and basketball courts.

The courts are a popular attraction all summer long, and so are the ice rinks during the winter. The new addition to the campus will provide parking closer to these areas while also keeping traffic flowing easily throughout the campus.



New Road between the Library and Main Office

Joe Giacoletti,  
Fire Inspector

## Thomas Township Business Association Buy Local Program Planning is Underway

The first ever “Greater Thomas Township Take Pride, Buy Local” program planning is underway and is slated to be in early November. Participating local merchants will have special sales and will contribute gift certificates for in-store drawings! A “Buy Local” publication will feature special drawing opportunities, Buy Local educational articles as well as information about Thomas Township and Swan Valley School District. The special publication will be available at many locations throughout the Township as well as at the school district. This promotion is being sponsored by the Thomas Township Business Association.

Please support your local merchants, because they support you in many ways.

Lynn McCoy,  
President TTBA



## 2019 Thomas Township Business of the Year Awards

On July 11th, 2019 members of the Thomas Township Planning Commission presented their Annual Business/Organization of the Year Award. Each Spring the Thomas Township Planning Commission evaluates licensed businesses, organizations and schools in Thomas Township to select a “Business of the Year” based on criteria outlined by the Planning Commission involving the overall upkeep of the property.

The criteria does separate the businesses into two categories reflecting “small” businesses and “large” businesses based on size and number of employees. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up on a job well done!!

The winners and honorable mention awards were presented to the following on July 11th, 2019:



### **Winner of the Large Business Category:** ***Sherwin Williams of 8405 Gratiot Road***

*Pictured from L to R are Dave Sommers, Thomas Township Planning Commission, Jessica Garlick, Manager, Rod Iamurri, Planning Commission Chairman and Stephen Houston, Assistant Manager.*



### **Winner of the Small Business Category:** ***Darcey's Furniture and Home Décor 7916 Gratiot Road***

*Pictured L to R are Dave Sommers, Thomas Township Planning Commission, Ellie Bolger, Darcey Kramer and Joe Kramer, owners, and Rod Iamurri, Thomas Township Planning Commission Chairman.*



### **Large Business Honorable Mention:** ***Stanley Steemer of 7536 Gratiot Road.***

*Pictured L to R are Dave Sommers, Thomas Township Planning Commission, Shannon Gross, Commercial Sales Representative, Rich King, Owner, Rod Iamurri, Thomas Township Planning Commission Chairman and Diane Buckley, Dispatcher.*



### **Small Business Honorable Mention:** ***First Area Credit Union of 193 Campbell Lane.***

*Pictured L to R are: Frank Gulczinski, First Area Board Member, Dave Sommers, Thomas Township Planning Commission, Cari Shanks, First Area Board Member, Lynn McCoy, CEO of First Area, Rod Iamurri, Thomas Township Planning Commission Chairman and Robert Lumsden, First Area Board Member.*

## A Message from the Department of Public Works

Another summer has quickly passed, greatly exceeding what should be the speed limit for seasons! As we move into the fall, your Public Works will be busy flushing and winterizing all the fire hydrants located throughout the water system. This is a normal maintenance function that is extremely important to ensure the fire hydrant in your area works properly if needed in an emergency. As the flushing activities begin, you may see cloudy water from your home's water taps. This is a normal occurrence, and is typical of flushing activities. If your water appears discolored or is cloudy, simply run your faucets for a short period of time to clear your home's water piping. This flushing activity also means that there will be many areas with standing water or puddles, specifically within the road rights-of-way and along curbing. In some cases, fire hoses and other piping is used to diffuse or to direct water away from potential pooling areas and yards.

### **Water Testing:**

In 2019, Thomas Township tested for lead and copper in our drinking water. Testing for lead and copper content in the water is a requirement under the State Clean Water Act and requires us to sample every year. During this year's sampling period, we tested 30 independent sites representing a cross section of the water services found in the community. The results are far below the allowable levels in drinking water and amongst the lowest in the State of Michigan. Our latest results showed a high level of 3.4 parts lead per billion parts of water and a low of less than the limit of detection, with an average of 2.0 parts lead per billion parts of water. How little lead do we have in our drinking water? How about the equivalent of 2 drops of water per a 10,000-gallon swimming pool!

There are many reasons for so little lead in our system. It begins with an excellent source water that is drawn from Lake Huron. The water from the lake is consistent in its chemical and mineral content allowing standard treatment practices to be used to eliminate contaminants, even during seasonal changes.

Another reason is providing adequate treatment for corrosion control. Highly acidic waters, like those found in rivers and streams, have a tendency to corrode the interior of pipes resulting in water quality issues that could include leaching lead compounds from bronze fittings, soldered fittings or lead pipes. By adding corrosion control materials, we protect these fittings by imparting a protective coating on the inside of the fitting or pipe.

Thirdly, Thomas Township's water system is rather "young" and uses more contemporary materials in its system that contain little, if any lead. Finally, training programs and certification standards are followed for the hundreds of water professionals who work every day to ensure what you drink from your tap is of the highest quality and is safe to use.

For more information regarding the water quality of your drinking water, please visit [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org) and click on the 2018 Water Quality Report.

Rick Hopper, DPW Director

## Township Openings

Have you ever wondered if you are making a difference? You can, and you'll be paid for it! Thomas Township has multiple positions available including part time, seasonal and temporary jobs. Visit us at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org) and click on the "Employment Tab" for more information.

### **We have openings for:**

- On-Call fire fighters and medical responders. These are paid-on call positions that also include free training and uniforms within the Fire Department.
- You can help keep Parks and Recreation programs amongst the finest in the area. We are always looking for skilled and unskilled individuals to help with programs, projects and maintenance. Where else can you work, play, guide and mentor while working and having fun?
- How about joining Public Works? We are looking for reliable individuals who enjoy working in the community helping to maintain the community's infrastructure.

Thomas Township is an equal opportunity employer.

## 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.



## Haunted Train Ride and House

Goblins, ghouls and ghosts oh my! It's that time of year again! Come and check out the Haunted Train Ride and Haunted House at Roethke Park, located at 400 Leddy Road, this October. Get your fill of fright from one or both attractions on October 11th - 12th or October 18th - 19th. The train of terror starts at dusk and continues until approximately 11:00 pm. There will be concessions available.



*Haunted Train Ride Scene*

to by staff and residents alike! Volunteers are always needed to run skits during the Haunted Train Ride, if you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please call the Parks & Recreation Office at (989) 781-0151 to see how you can help!

Once you've exited the Haunted Train head on over to the Haunted House for your next frightful experience! Ride the train for just \$6 or ride the train and visit the Haunted House for just \$10 per person.

The Haunted Train Ride has been screeching through Roethke Park for over 30 years now and continues to be a huge event looked forward

## Christmas Train & Festival of Lights

The Annual Christmas Train and Festival of Lights will be held at Roethke Park, located at 400 Leddy Road, on December 6th - 7th and December 13 - 14th. The Roethke Express will ride through a "Winter Wonderland" each night from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come on out, take a train ride, enjoy a bonfire and visit with Santa Claus for just \$5 per person. There will be concessions available.

The Christmas Train and Festival of Lights is a fantastic family holiday event, sponsored by the Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Department. This event couldn't be done without the help of local businesses, organizations and families who come out to decorate a Christmas Scene for you to enjoy!



*Festival of Lights*

If your family, church, business or civic group would like to participate, please call the Parks & Recreation Office at (989) 781-0151.

**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.



## An Evening in the Park Annual Fundraiser

This year the 2019 Evening in the Park Annual Fundraiser was held at Roberts Park on September 16<sup>th</sup> and it was a marvelous evening with local food, drinks and music. This fundraising event was previously held at Roethke Park, but this year we wanted to showcase one of our other parks and have our magnificent soccer pavilion be the center of attraction. This event is our biggest fundraising event of the year and we truly can't thank the generous people who come every year to help support our parks and our recreation programs enough! THANK YOU!

We would like to say a special thank you to Hemlock Semiconductor. Each and every year we hold this event Hemlock Semiconductor has donated \$10,000. We simply cannot thank you enough for your continued support towards our parks and our recreation programs. Without your support we wouldn't be able to make the parks and programs what they are today!

The Parks & Recreation Department depends on the work of so many people in our community who volunteer to coach, work events, help raise money or give back to their community in other ways. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year and specifically thank everyone who donated towards the Evening in the Park Fundraiser:

Apple Mountain  
Adam & Chelsea Houthoofd  
Al Fong  
Bob and Ann Murphy  
Carla Zietz  
Christopher Marker  
Craig Blower  
Culvers  
David and Edith Sommers  
Ed & Nancy Brosofski  
Eric and Janice Cowles  
Eudici's Pizza  
Frank & Christine Gulczinski  
Hemlock Semiconductor  
Jack & Elizabeth Visuri  
James & Connie Becker  
Jim & Tim Acoustic Show  
Kluck's Nursery  
Lee Tents  
Ledy Electric  
Little Caesars Pizza

Magical Blooms & I Do's  
Mike and Lynda Thayer  
Rob and Laurie Eggers  
Robert and Mary Jo Weise  
Ronald and Ellen Ryder Petre  
Rod Iamurri  
Rusch Entertainment  
Russ and Sue Taylor  
Sally Kluck  
Shields Lions Club  
Stroebel Automotive  
Spicer Group  
Swan Valley Banquets  
Tara DeLine  
Thomas Twp. Business Association  
Thomas Township Fire Association  
Thomas Township Kiwanis  
Trevor & Kadie Schultz  
Vern and Yvonne Weber  
Wanigas Credit Union



HSC Donation to  
Parks & Recreation

## Hall of Fame Inductee

The 2019 Thomas Township Hall of Fame Inductee is Robert (Bob) Weise. Mr. Weise has been a huge supporter of the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Department for many years and it was an honor to recognize him for all that he does. Congratulations to Mr. Robert Weise and THANK YOU for your continued support!



Mr. Weise Receiving Hall of  
Fame Award..  
L-R; Bob Weise, Scott  
Branch, John Corriveau

## Website Information

Make sure to check out our website at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org) for the latest updates from the Parks and Recreation Department about classes, camps, sports and more!



## Rebel Magnolia in the Fall, Flea Market Success.

Rebel Magnolia recently hosted their Semi-Annual flea market at Roberts Park on September 6th and 7th. Good weather and amazing vendors made the market an absolute success yet again! People poured in to begin shopping on Friday night with their VIP tickets for early access and first chance shopping!

The event is a continuing success that evolves each year to make it better than the last. Rebel Magnolia has organized a wonderful and fun community event that attracts thousands of people to our area, which also boosts local business traffic as well. For more information on the event, check out their Facebook page "Rebel Magnolia Flea Market" or stop on by their shop located at 7677 Gratiot Road.



## Archery Program

The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation program will continue to offer archery classes this winter. Thomas Township has three USA Archery and National Field Archery certified instructors on staff.

Registration is taking place now and will continue through December 6th, for both the Beginning Archery and the Explorer Archery (formerly known as Advanced Archery) classes. There is a class for everyone's personal skill level!

Beginning Archery is for everyone from age seven through adult! Classes for beginners work on safety, form, equipment and the fundamentals to become a good archer.

Explorer Archery is for archers who have passed our beginner class and can shoot 20 yards with accuracy. Students in the Explorer group will still be honing their skills through games designed to offer a fun yet challenging experience in archery. Classes for Explorer 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 and longbows available for your use.

Classes will be held weekly beginning January 6th at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club, located at 1296 N. Gleaner Road. Classes will continue for six weeks.



### Classes available for this winter season are as follows:

#### Beginner:

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

#### Beginner:

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

#### Beginner:

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

#### Explorer:

6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

#### Explorer:

7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

#### Registration Fees:

Resident: \$55

Non-Resident: \$60



Pavilion at Roethke Park

## 2020 Pavilion Rentals

Starting January 2nd, 2020 at 8:00 am Thomas Township **Residents Only** can begin renting pavilions for the 2020 year. Pavilion rentals will open up to **Non-Residents** beginning in February. Make sure to get your reservation in as early as possible because the pavilions rent out fast!

## Basketball Clinic for Boys & Girls

This six week program is held at Swan Valley High School and is for kids ages 4-8. Our recreational staff, which consists of high school athletes, will run the kids through skill drills that will help them take the next step in basketball. We also like to encourage the participants in the basketball clinic to attend the local high school games and cheer their instructors on as they play. The deadline to register is November 15th with the clinic beginning on January 6th.

### **Registration Fees:**

Resident: \$50

Non-Resident: \$55



Basketball Clinic Coach with team

## Boys & Girls Basketball

### **Boys Basketball**



Boys Basketball

Boy's basketball leagues are forming for the 2nd - 4th grades and 4th—7th grades. Children in 4th grade can either play up or down. The registration deadline is November 15th. There will be a draft held for the 4th—7th grade division at the Swan Valley High School. All kids will be assigned a coach who will set up practices during the week.

Games are held on Saturday's at Swan Valley High School. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program! To volunteer please call (989) 781-0151 to coach a team!

### **Girls Basketball**

Our girls basketball leagues are offered for 2nd—4th grades and 4th—7th grades. Children in 4th grade can play up or down. Registration for girls basketball ends on January 7th. There will be a draft held for the 4th—7th grade division at the Swan Valley High School on February 1st. All kids will be assigned a coach who will set up practices during the week.

Games are held on Saturdays at Swan Valley High School. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program! If you'd like to volunteer please call (989) 781-0151 to coach a team!

### **Registration Fees: (For both boys & girls)**

Resident: \$50

Non-Resident: \$55



Girls Basketball at S.V. High

## Community Calendar 2019

- October 11-12 & 18-19  
Haunted Train Ride & Haunted House at Roethke Park
- November 5th  
Hemlock School District Only Election
- November 7th  
Volunteers install Christmas decorations along Gratiot
- November 28th - 29th  
Office Closed in observance of the Holiday
- November 30th  
Delayed Trash Pick-up Day & last day of Yard Waste Pick-Up
- December 6th - 7th & December 13th - 14th  
Christmas Train & Festival of Lights at Roethke Park
- December 7th  
Thomas Township Business Association Christmas Party at Thomas Township Public Safety Building Noon to 2:00 pm.
- December 24th - 25th  
Office Closed in observance of the Holiday
- December 28th  
Delayed Trash Pick-up Day
- Dec. 31st - January 1st  
Office Closed in observance of the Holiday

*Upcoming Events!*



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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:

October 5  
October 12  
October 19  
October 26

*Yard Waste Pick-up will run through November 30th, 2019*