



**5K** THOMAS TOWNSHIP  
**TRAILBLAZER**  
**RUN/WALK**  
**&**  
**7 Mile Run**

2016 Race will be on  
July 9, 2016.  
7 Mile Run will begin  
at 7:30 am  
and  
the 5K will begin at  
8:00 am  
Registration is tak-  
ing place NOW!



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**TODAY**



**Roberts Park Soccer Pavilion Ready to Go for 2016**

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation is very proud to present our new soccer pavilion located at Roberts Park.

When I arrived in Thomas Township in 2009, one of the first projects that I was told about was the Roberts Park Expansion. In 2008, Hemlock Semiconductor kicked off the project with a generous \$200,000 donation to build the soccer fields. Now, just 8 years later, we are close to wrapping up the second phase. With three full size soccer fields, three pavilions, four softball fields, walking trails, pond and play areas, Roberts Park is truly a jewel in the heart of Thomas Township.

As you may have seen, the newest addition to Roberts Park is the soccer pavilion located at the center of the soccer fields and parking area. This 3,100 square foot building houses heated men's and woman's

bathrooms, a concession stand, and a garage. The back of the building is a covered pavilion complete with a sound system, outlets and water fountains. During events and soccer games, the concession stand will serve hot dogs, brats, nachos, pickles, Gatorade, pop, coffee and chips.

The pavilion was built entirely through donations. The Dow Corning Foundation, on behalf of Hemlock Semiconductor, donated \$200,000 to get the fund raising started in March of 2015. With this generous donation we were able to move forward seeking the additional money needed to complete the project. The list on page 8 includes the companies, foundations and individuals who helped make this much needed building possible.

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## 2016 Trash & Treasures Rummage Sale Registration

**2016 Trash & Treasures Registration**

**July 8th - 10th**

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 7th Annual Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales. Please take a moment to complete the form below. Once the form is returned, your address will be included on a map, provided for free by Thomas Township, which lists all sales for the event. The map will be produced and distributed the week of the sales.

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sale \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

★ Due to limited spacing, we cannot list specific times or individual items for sale on the map ★

To return your completed form to Thomas Township you may drop it off at our office located at 249 N. Miller Road (You may use drop box out front) or by emailing it to [operator@thomastwp.org](mailto:operator@thomastwp.org). You may also fax the form back at (989) 781-0290. In order to have your sale included on the map you MUST have the form turned in by 5 pm June 16th, 2016.

Please remember.. This is a community event so please be considerate of your neighbors during the sale. Please allow parking for shoppers at your home and consider asking your neighbors if they would like to stake off their yard to avoid shoppers walking through it. Let's make this event enjoyable for everyone!



# Rummage Sale!





# 2015 Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Guide

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission Members and Staff

Scott Branch, Chairman, Angela Alworden,  
Craig Blower, Craig Monahan,  
Bryan Mrozinski, Carly Rusch,  
Dean Rusch

Staff:  
John Corriveau, Director  
Will Gast, Assistant Director  
Stacy Hable, Secretary

**Parks Office is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (989) 781-0151**



## DAY CAMPS

Thomas Township has nine exciting week-long camp sessions this summer for children ages 7-12. The Day Camp runs five days a week, (Mon-Fri) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This year each week will have its own new theme for campers to explore, while still offering some of the activities that they have come to love; swimming, train rides and crafts. This year's themes are:

June 13-17	Space is the Place
June 20-24	Animal Planet
June 27-July 1	Stars & Stripes
July 11-15	Outdoor Explorer
July 18-22	Carnival Craziiness
July 25-29	Roethke Olympics
August 1-5	Chef for a Week
August 15-19	Under the Sea

Fee: Resident \$110      Non Resident \$120

**\*\*Camp fees will be reduced by 25% for each child after the first child is registered in the same week of camp.\*\* This applies to Mini Camp as well.**

## BEFORE & AFTER CAMP CARE

Before & After camp care is for parents who need to drop off or pick up their children before the scheduled camp time is available. A counselor will stay with any children if they need to be dropped off early or stay late. Before & After Camp Care begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee per week per child for this service. All children **MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID IN ADVANCE FOR THIS SERVICE**

## MINI CAMPS

Two, one week (Mon-Fri) sessions for children ages 4-6 are being offered this year. The sessions run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This outdoor oriented day camp is fun and includes all the activities that Day Camp has to offer. All activities are geared to the age level of the children. There is a limit of 20 campers. Wednesdays are still cook-out days.

Sessions:	July	5-8
	August	8-12

Fee: Residents \$80      Non Residents \$90

## ONLINE REGISTRATION:

**When using the online registration system to register for Parks and Recreation Programing, 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. If you have not received a confirmation of payment, you are not registered. Some program sizes are limited.**



## SWIM LESSONS

Taught by certified water safety instructors according to the Red Cross Swim Program. Each session consists of eight lessons. (Monday-Thursday) with both morning and evening sessions.

Fee: Resident	\$45.00
Non Resident	\$50.00

### ***Level I: Water Exploration***

Ages 4-6, an introduction to aquatic skills & water safety.

First Session	June 13-23
Second Session	June 27-30th & July 11- 14
Third Session	July 18-28
Fourth Session	Aug 1-11
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

### ***Level II: Primary Skills***

Ages 5-9 who have passed Level I or a skill test. Working on basic strokes & aquatic safety.

First Session	June 13-23
Second Session	June 27-30th & July 11- 14
Third Session	July 18-28
Fourth Session	Aug 1-11
10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

### ***Level III: Stroke Readiness***

Ages 6-10 who have passed Level II or skill test. Continue to work on strokes, water safety & diving skills.

First Session	June 13-23
Second Session	June 27-30th & July 11- 14
Fourth Session	Aug 1-11
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

### ***Level IV: Stroke Development***

Those who have passed Level III or skill test. Endurance & confidence in the various strokes.

Third Session	July 18-28
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**\*\*For open swim times, if there are NO swimmers in the pool at 8:00 p.m. the pool will close early for the night.\*\***

## POOL SCHEDULE

The pool will be opening up for recreational swimming Monday-Sunday on June 10, 2016 and ending August 19, 2016. Swim Sessions are as follows:

Monday-Thursday	11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday-Sunday	Noon-3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fees for all sessions:

Individual	\$ 5.00
Individual All Day	\$10.00
Family per session	\$10.00

Season Passes:

Individual Resident	\$ 55.00
Individual Non Resident	\$ 75.00
Family Resident	\$ 80.00
Family Non Resident	\$110.00

\$20.00 extra on family passes for each additional family member over 5. Season passes are available at the Township Office, 249 North Miller Road.

## PAVILION RENTALS

Pavilion rentals for the 2016 season to residents started at 7a.m. on the first business day in January. Non-residents began renting on the first business day in February. Cost to rent a pavilion for a day is \$50 for residents; \$80 for non residents; and \$100 for corporations. A copy of homeowner's insurance showing personal liability coverage is required of renters along with a completed pavilion rental agreement form.

## RIDE THE ROETHKE TRAIN

The train runs Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and every Saturday and Sunday from June 11th through August 21st (when weather permits) from 11 am to 5 pm. If you are planning a family event or bringing out a group, it is always wise to call ahead to verify the availability of the train for your get together. For special group times call 781-0151.

**MEN'S SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

Tuesday Double Header League and Wednesday Double Header League registration deadline is Friday, April 22, 2016. Season starts May 17, 2016.

Fee: Team \$350.00  
 Players Fee: Resident \$10.00  
 Non Resident \$15.00

**MEN'S SOFTBALL WOOD BAT TOURNAMENT**

July 9-10 28th Annual Shields Homecoming Men's Wood bat Slowpitch Softball Tournament. All teams are guaranteed 4 games. Registration deadline is June 24, 2016.  
 Entry Fee \$200

**SAND VOLLYBALL LEAGUES**

Leagues for sand volleyball are now forming for play at Roethke Park, 400 Leddy Road;

Coed fours Tuesday night

Two six week seasons will be played. First session begins May 31, 2016, second session begins July 19, 2016.

Entry Fee: \$80.00 Co-Ed Four Player

**SOCCER LEAGUES**

Spring soccer leagues for boys and girls in grades Y5's-6th grade are registering now. Grades 4th-5th -6th- 7th are drafted teams. Team draft is April 23rd at Roberts Park at noon. Deadline to register is April 8th. Games begin May 14, 2016 and end June 25, 2016. Games are played Saturday mornings. Registration for Fall session will begin in August of 2016. Fall soccer runs September 10, 2016 through October 15, 2016.

Fees: Residents \$40.00  
 Non Residents \$45.00

**REGULAR ARCHERY CLASSES**

Begin Thursday, April 14th and run every Thursday until May 19th:

Beginner 4:30 pm-5:30 pm  
 Beginner 5:30 pm-6:30 pm  
 Beginner 6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
 Advanced 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

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

using their equipment if they have it or using our advanced set up bows. We have both fully set up compound bows or longbows available for your use.

**2016 HAUNTED TRAIN RIDE AT ROETHKE PARK**

October 14th-15th and 21st-22nd

**2016 CHRISTMAS TRAIN and FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Come ride the train and see lighted scenes created by local businesses and individuals who love Christmas lights! If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event please call the Park Office at 781-0151.

December 1-2-3 and December 8-9-10

**FREE PICNIC IN THE PARK-CONCERT SERIES AT ROETHKE PARK**

Join us for a summer picnic and FREE concert series at Roethke Park. Enjoy great music and many more special events on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Rainouts will still be on Thursday of the same week.

- June 14- Screaming Casanovas
- June 21- Brush Street with Julie Mulady
- June 28- Butch Heath & Yesterday's Country
- July 12- the Beets
- July 19- Operation 13
- July 26- the Rock Show
- August 2- CEYX
- August 9- Laurie Middlebrook Band
- August 16- The Bullseye Band

*Creekside Grille* will be providing our concessions this concert season.





**Title Sponsors:**  
Dow Corning  
Health Industries  
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& Apple Mountain

  
**5K THOMAS TOWNSHIP TRAILBLAZER RUN/WALK**  
&  
**7 Mile Run**

*Proceeds will benefit the continued improvement & maintenance of the Thomas Township Trail*

Saturday, July 9, 2016  
Race Start: 7Mi - 7:30am  
5K - 8:00am  
Pre-register by: June 24th

*Race Timing by:  
Michigan Running  
Foundation Inc.*

- \* Awards for first and second place in each division (male & female).
- \* Packets (T-shirt, bib) will be distributed race day beginning at 6:45 a.m.
- \* Divisions as follows; (<10) (11-15) (16-19) (20-29) (30-39) (40-49) (50-59) (60-over).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Shirt: please circle  
Youth - Small Medium Large  
Adult - Small Medium Large Xlarge  
Add \$2.00 for: XXL XXXL

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

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Age on race day

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Email

Please circle:

Circle One:

Male / Female

5K Race: Runner or Walker

7Mile Race (runners only)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Entry fees:

- \$25.00 for pre-registered runners
- \$30.00 for same day registration

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian if under 18 yrs of age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Phone: 989-781-0151  
Fax: 989-781-0290  
Email: park2@thomastwp.org



**Make checks payable to & mail form to:**  
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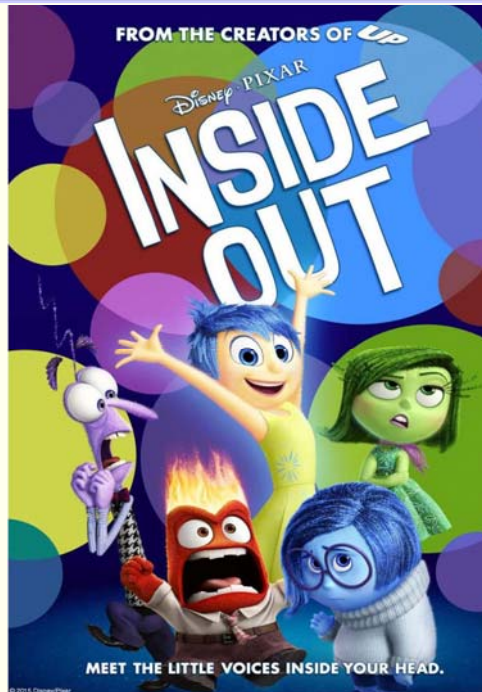
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**\*\* RACE ROUTE IS LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 7\*\***

# FREE MOVIE NIGHTS IN ROBERTS PARK



**JUNE 18, 2016**  
 Roberts Park Soccer Fields  
 Use the South Miller Road Entrance  
 Approximate start time 9:20 p.m.  
 Full concessions will be available

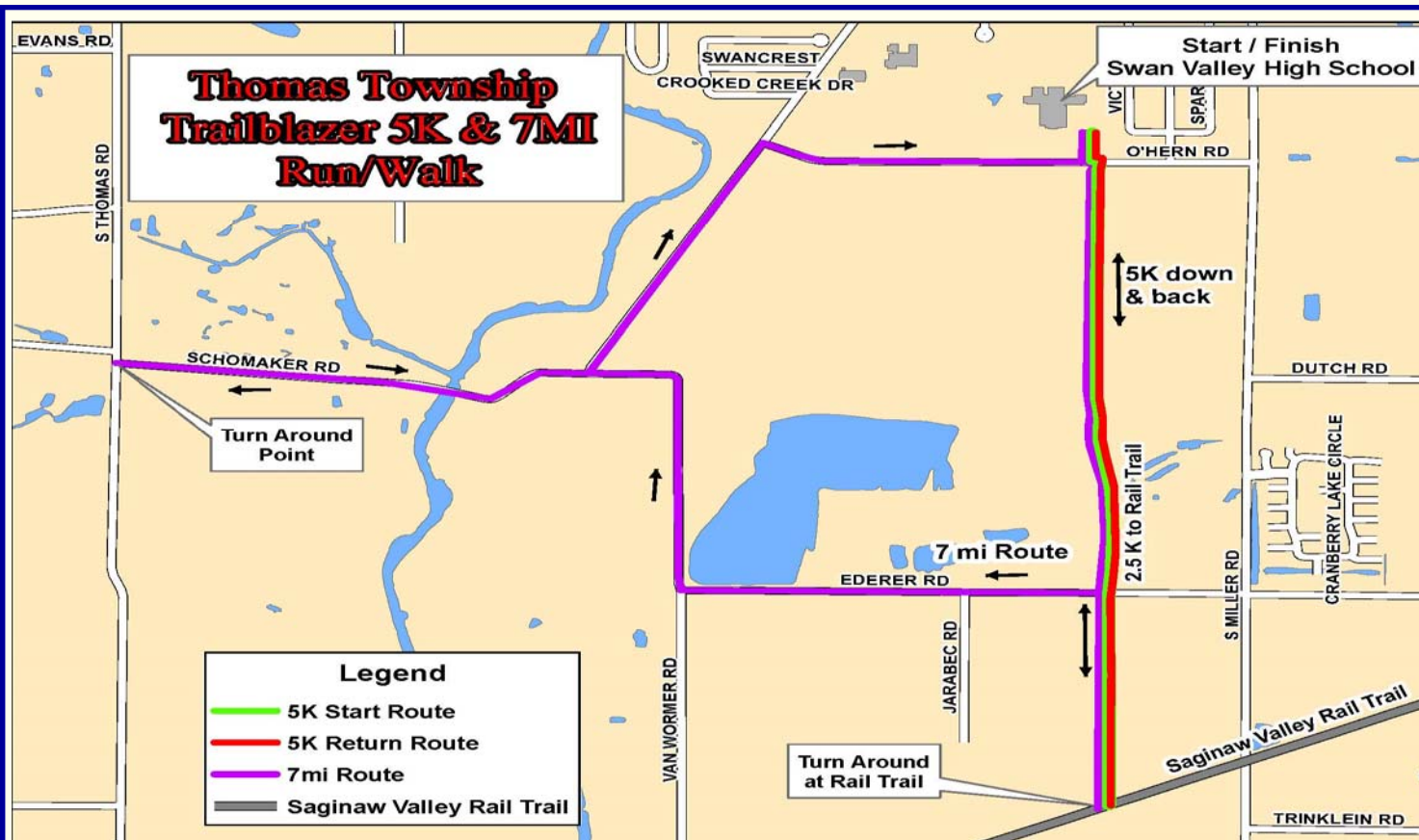


**JULY 23, 2016**  
 Roberts Park Soccer Fields  
 Use the South Miller Road Entrance  
 Approximate start time 9:10 p.m.  
 Full concessions will be available



**AUGUST 13, 2016**  
 Roberts Park Soccer Fields  
 Use the South Miller Road Entrance  
 Approximate start time 8:45 p.m.  
 Full concessions will be available

## 2016 TRAILBLAZER 5K RUN/ WALK & 7 MILE RUN COURSE





# SHIELDS SUMMER FESTIVAL JULY 7-10

## Shields Lion's Club Parade

One of the highlights of the Shields Summer Festival is the Shields Lions Club Parade held on July 9, 2016 at 11:00 am. This year's theme is "SPORTS". For PARADE INFORMATION ONLY contact Wayne Engel at (989) 301-0022 OR email Wayne at wengel9125@aol.com. The Lions have been coordinating this great community event for over 30 years!

Parade registration forms can be picked up in our office, 249 North Miller Road, or you can obtain them from our website at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org).

## \*\*\*\*TRASH PICKUP REMINDER\*\*\*\*

Because of the amount of traffic in the area during the Community Trash & Treasure Sales, trash collection will begin at 1:00 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2016.



Please be sure and put your trash out to the curb **BEFORE** you go to bed on Thursday night.

## FESTIVAL DAYS BUSINESS SPECIALS

During Shields Summer Festival many of our area businesses have specials and free items to give away. Thomas Township publishes all known specials on the back of the Trash and Treasure map. Make sure you watch for this publication in mid June. We will also publish this information on our website at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org).

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## Soccer Pavilion Doners

Hemlock Semiconductor  
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 DOW  
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 Thomas Township Business Association  
 Thomas Township Kiwanis  
 Kluck's Nursery  
 Shields Lions Club  
 Steve and Debbie Witt  
 Local IBEW Electrical Union 557  
 Craig Leddy, Leddy Electric  
 AVS Solutions  
 Standard Electric  
 Individual Community donations

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation has over 800 kids that participate in our soccer programs each year at Roberts Park. When you take into account the parents and grandparents of these children, we have over 1,000 people who visit the park just for soccer, not to mention softball and the walking trails. Everyone who enjoys this awesome community park will now be able to use indoor bathrooms and have a safe place to stay when a storm erupts.

The park will also be home to several events in the upcoming year such as;

- ..# Movies in the Park
- ..# Family Fun Day
- ..# Corn Hole League
- ..# Softball Leagues
- ..# Kickball Leagues

As the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Director, I am very proud of this project and this community. We couldn't do any of it without your support, and I thank you.

*John Corriveau, Parks and Recreation Director  
 Will Gast, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director*



# Fire Department News

## OUTDOOR SIREN TESTING

On April 13, The State of Michigan including Saginaw County, will be conducting a tornado warning siren test at 1:30pm. This test will last 3-5 minutes with a steady siren blast. The intent of an outdoor weather siren is to notify you of a tornado warning when you are outside of your home or business. For notifications inside your home or business, you may want to sign up for the Saginaw County Notifications system under [www.saginawcounty911.com](http://www.saginawcounty911.com). At this web site, you can sign up for tornado warnings, public safety or public utility information affecting your address.

Remember a Tornado WATCH – means conditions are favorable for a tornado to develop and you should keep an “eye to the sky” and remain vigilant. A Tornado WARNING – means a Tornado has been spotted within our County and you should seek shelter immediately.

Beginning in May and ending in September, the monthly siren testing will take place at 6:00pm instead of at noon. This allows the night dispatchers to become familiar with this system versus just the day dispatchers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

*Thank you,  
Michael Cousins – Fire Chief*



# Police Department News

With the vacancy created by the retirement of long-time Sergeant Gary Breidinger and the promotion of officer Al Fong to Sergeant, last year, the department began the process of hiring an individual to fill the open position. After conducting testing, interviews and background checks, we found what we believe to be the perfect fit for the department in our own backyard! That person turned out to be Mr. Drew Wagner of Thomas Township.

Drew is a life-long Township resident and a 2012 Graduate of Swan Valley High School. He attended Delta College where he obtained his degree in Criminal Justice and attended the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards accredited “Basic Police Training Academy”, graduating this past December. Drew was sworn in at the February 1<sup>st</sup> Township Board meeting and immediately began a 16 week intensive, in-house, field training program, under the direction of Officer Eric Cowles. Drew has been a member of the Michigan National Guard since 2011 and a paid-on-call Thomas Township Firefighter since December of 2013.

We are very pleased to have Drew join the ranks of the Thomas Township Police Department and wish him a long and illustrious career!



*Steve Kocsis  
Chief of Police*

*Township Clerk, Edward Brosowski swearing in new Police Officer Drew Wagner*

# DPW NEWS



## Department of Public Works 2016 Spring Newsletter

Beginning in March, DPW staff began its yearly maintenance work on both the water and sewer systems. For our water system, we are completing preventive maintenance on all of our fire hydrants. This program includes flushing the water mains and testing the operation of each individual fire hydrant. This work is done to make sure that our hydrants operate properly in emergencies and to remove air, "old water" or mineral buildups that may have become trapped within the water mains. Overall, these activities ensure that the water delivered to your home or business is of the highest quality available. During the overall maintenance work, we will also be lubricating, painting and ensuring that fire hydrants are unobscured. 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 throughout the spring, summer and fall, ending in October.

Work on our sanitary sewers will begin in mid to late April as we clean major portions of the sewer pipelines of grease and built up materials. Cleaning will consist of high pressure spray. This is necessary to ensure that the sewers continue to flow unobstructed. Work is expected to continue through the summer.

All of the maintenance work will take place within the road right-of-way. Please be mindfull of the workers and equipment in the area and always remember to "Give Em a Brake".

### Construction News....

Later this summer or fall, we are planning on replacing a sewage pumping station located on Thunderbird. The new project will replace the pumps and controls, along with a permanent emergency electric generator.

### Storm Water Control Update....

Trees are both beautiful and functional. They shade your house from the scorching sun in the summer and block it from icy winds in the winter. Trees improve air quality by catching dust in the air and provide a valuable habitat for birds and other wildlife. Did you know that a mature tree canopy can also intercept 1,600 gallons of rainwater per year? This is storm water that may otherwise run off of roofs and streets, causing pollution to local water bodies. When selecting trees for your yard, it is best to plant a variety of native species to prevent the spread of disease. By interspersing conifers and deciduous trees, you will ensure that your landscape is using water throughout the year. You can find trees at your local nursery or take part in an Arbor Day tree sale through your city or local Soil and Water Conservation District.

***You know spring has sprung....Curbside Yard Waste Pickup resumes the first Friday in April!!!***

### FIRE HYDRANTS

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.

### Outdoor Water Restrictions

Annual Outdoor Water Use Restrictions will resume June 1 and continue until August 31. Even addresses may use outdoor water on even dates, and odd number addresses on odd dates. Thomas Township greatly appreciates your cooperation as we conserve our water resources.



## ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Thomas Township Fire Department recently held its annual awards banquet at the Swan Valley Banquet Center. During this annual event, service pins and awards are presented to our members. Once again, we need to send a sincere thank you to James Township Fire Department for graciously protecting our Community during this event.

Brandon Felten and Nathan Wachowicz were introduced as our newest firefighters. Several firefighters received pins for saving lives. Those receiving save pins were; Joe Giacoletti, David Sommers, Brandon Rossi, Mike Fabish, Drake Parent, Jim Grove, Josh Irvine, Craig Simon, Derek Nikolai, Dominic Goergen, Gary Salo, Drew Wagner, Casey Cichowski, Jean Harken, Pete Stevens, Nathan Wachowicz and Police Officer Eric Cowles.

The past year was reviewed by highlighting a number of events from 2015;

...# Drake Parent was recognized as the Saginaw Exchange Club's Firefighter of the Year!

...# Drew Wagner, Brandon Felten and Anthony Martin received their Medical First Responder certifications.

...# Anthony Martin completed his hazardous material operations certification.

...# After 26 years of dedicated, faithful and humble service, Don Ludwick retired from the department. Don will certainly be missed. He was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

...# Drake Parent was recognized for completing his Company Officer and Fire Officer 3 certifications.

...# Ryan Ludwick was recognized for becoming a National Fire Protection Association Instructor 1 .

...# Service pins were issued for those having reached milestone years of service. 5 years- Josh Irvine and Gary Salo, 20 years-Dave Sommers. Congratulations to each of them!

Each of the Station's Officers recognizes a person from their respective station who continually serves with exemplary service;

...# The recipient of this award for Station One went to Dominic Goergen who continuously displays a positive attitude and willingness to help anyone at anytime. Dominic has served since 2004 and is also an EMT.

...# The recipient for Station Two, went to Lyle Cousins who has made a positive impact on each one of the officers involved in the vote. His dedication and willingness to share and teach others the job propelled him to the top for this award. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen for this honor.

The highlight of the evening is always the Fire Fighter of the Year Award. This award is voted upon by the members of the department.

This year's award was given to Nick Chad. Nick has been a member of the department since 2011. He is a Fire Fighter II, an EMT and is on the County Special rescue



*Nick Chad,  
Fire Fighter of the  
Year 2016*

Team. Nick has a great attitude and gets along well with everyone. This year, Nick was also hired as a part time fire prevention officer and is doing an excellent job in his new role. Congratulations NICK for this well deserved honor!

We are extremely lucky to have these great responders within our fire department. They are truly committed to our community! On behalf of the Residents, Business Owners, Board of Trustees, Township Manager and myself, I thank each and every member for their dedication to serving this community.

*Mike Cousins  
Fire Chief*

## Part-time Assessor Takes on Added Responsibilities



Will Gast, part-time Thomas Township Assessor, is expanding his role with the Township by assuming the duties of part-time Assistant Parks and Recreation Director as well. The success of the Township recreation programs and the importance of keeping our parks in good order convinced the Board that some additional help was needed. However, they wanted to keep the cost to a minimum, so the creation of a part-time position seemed to be the best solution.

Will actually started his work career in the Township Parks Department before acquiring his education and experience in the assessing field. His familiarity with the parks, the recreation programs and the maintenance work made it an easy fit to expand his duties. With only one full-time position in the Parks Department, having Will join the staff has provided a second person to be available on a permanent basis and will allow the Director more flexibility to address the overall needs of the Department in the future.

He has already become a key contributor to the Department as exemplified this past winter when he obtained a very generous donation from Duro-Last Roofing Company to install a liner on one of our ice skating rinks. This allowed the water to pond without draining away and thereby creating a better surface for skaters. He also brings grant writing skills to this new position that should help with getting more funding support.

Will is a lifelong resident of Thomas Township and a graduate of Swan Valley Schools. He brings his hometown pride to the job, along with the skill set necessary to continue the strong tradition of quality parks and recreation programs.

THOMAS TOWNSHIP  
249 NORTH MILLER ROAD  
SAGINAW, MI 48609-4896



## 2016 BRUSH DROP OFF SITE DATES

**Brush** may be taken by the homeowner to the Township brush drop off site located at the northwest corner of Gleaner and Frost Roads. No stumps, leaves, grass or commercial brush will be accepted. The site will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 21; June 4, 18; July 16, 30; August 13, 27; September 10, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

*Yard Waste pick-up began April 1, 2016*