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Lighting the Township a Community Effort

Did you notice the Christmas decorations this year? Many new changes were made, with just as many new hands involved in making Thomas Township a beautiful place for the holidays. This article will describe some of the changes that were made, why, and who was instrumental in turning this year's displays into some of the nicest in the region.

Over the last number of years, we have been decorating the various campus buildings, streets, and roadways in conjunction with the Roethke Park Christmas Train and Festival of Lights. This has turned out to be a labor of love, and your Public Works and Parks Staff work hard decorating the various areas. Each year, we try to add to the displays, and have incorporated many changes year by year. This year was no different.

In the past we have had major difficulties with the rented decorations that were hung on the light poles along Gratiot Road



each year. These lighted decorations tended to trip off whenever wet weather conditions happened like rain, ice or snow. To

reset them, our crews had to climb 20 feet to reset the electrical plugs each time they tripped. With 100 poles with decorations on them, this proved to be a time consuming safety issue as the weather conditions



and traffic along Gratiot Road made working in the area repeatedly risky.

Last year, we made the decision to make our own decorations using LED lights and fittings we felt were best suited for our light poles. Many ideas and designs were drafted by Township staff and then turned over to the Mr. Kennely, Shop teacher at Swan

Valley High School. There he assigned some of his advance metal working students the task of building them, using materials paid for by the Thomas Township Business Association. Beginning in late February of this year, the students fabricated and constructed almost all of the hanging decorations that were used along Gratiot Road this year.

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Over the summer and early fall, seasonal staff at Public Works painted and installed the lights on them. In early November, another group of high school Honor Society students from Swan Valley finished decorating the fixtures as well as assisted in decorating the Township's various buildings, trees, and bushes.

In mid-November, volunteers from St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club installed the new decorations along Gratiot Road, and finally, staff from the Township's Parks and Public Works Departments added the final touches to make



this year's holiday displays better than ever. A big Thank You goes out to the many hands that made our community a beautiful place for the holidays.

The students of Swan Valley high School and in particular, the Advanced Metal Working and National Honor Society students. Swan Valley School's Mr. Kennely, Mr. Blower, Mr. Kemerer, and Superinten-



dent McCray. Diane Doyle, Dan Flory, Mark Foy and Dave Morlic. Pastor Ed Meyers, and the men of St. Mark Lutheran Church, as well as Russ Taylor and



the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club. John Corriveau, Dan Sika, Brian Skiendziel and Stacie Hable. And of course the staff of Public Works.

Thomas Township Kiwanis group hanging decorations on Gratiot Road.



St. Marks Lutheran Church group hanging decorations on Gratiot Road.

It was a pleasure working with all of you this year, and all I can say is that Santa's Elves have nothing on all of you.

*Rick Hopper
Director of Public Works*



CARBON MONOXIDE.... **YOU MUST KNOW MORE**

Each year we hear stories of a family who must grieve over someone who succumbs to the negative effects of Carbon Monoxide (CO). When we respond to a resident's home that has CO throughout the home, we sometimes hear, "I didn't smell anything so I thought everything was ok" or "I didn't think it would happen to us".

It might appear CO calls only occur in larger communities and we are somehow identified as "exempt" from those incidents. I can assure you we are not exempt and have had some very close calls within our own community. Although not every call we respond to is plastered in the headlines, we are called upon to more CO emergencies than you might think. During any one of these CO calls, if we save just one life, it's worth it. If you were to speak to any one of the people impacted by CO, you would hear their appreciation.

The most important thing you can know about CO is that according to its Safety Data Sheet (SDS), CO is a colorless, odorless flammable gas which contains properties that can literally kill you. CO over prolonged exposure can harm you in multiple ways up to and including asphyxiation. You need to be aware of the signs of CO poisoning. Basically CO is a dangerous gas.

Our Department recently responded to a situation that started out as an average medical emergency. While arriving on the scene, a MMR Paramedic alerted us to a possible CO problem. Our responders checked the air quality in the home and discovered dangerously high levels of CO. Fortunately, this call ended well....

We sent six family members to the hospital with CO poisoning. You might be asking, "How did that end well if they all went into the hospital"? This very easily could have ended six people lives had one member not awakened to a crying baby! My point is, it can happen here and does. Take CO seriously!

PREVENTION is simple. **Install a CO detector.** We have pushed hard for years to have smoke detectors installed in every home. It is equally important to also have a CO detector(s) in **every home**. Quality CO detectors are more expensive than smoke detectors but are equally important. We have had better

luck with CO detectors that have a **digital read out** as opposed to those that do not, and these can be purchased from merchant's right here in our own community.

While outfitting your home with CO detectors is somewhat expensive, the dividends earned are well worth every dime spent towards prevention. It is recommended to have a CO detector on every floor of your home. If you have any questions about CO, or any other safety concerns in your home, please don't hesitate to contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at 781-4141.

Concerned for your Safety,

Michael Cousins
Fire Chief



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector with a digital display

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector without a digital display



7TH ANNUAL Thomas Township TRASH & TREASURES RUMMAGE & GARAGE SALES July 8th-July 10th



The 7th Annual Thomas Township Trash & Treasures Community Rummage Sale is set to begin this year on Friday, July 8th and run through Sunday, July 10th. The Rummage sales will be running in conjunction with the Shields Summer Festival.

This means it's time to clean house! Take a look through your house, basement, and garage, even shed, because it's time to register your sale to be included on the FREE map provided by Thomas Township. It's an opportunity you don't want to miss!

To have your sale **LISTED FOR FREE** on a map that is provided by Thomas Township you will need to fill out this registration form. Registrations will be accepted until 5 pm, June 16th, 2016. In 2015 we had over 110 sales listed on the map!

A donation truck will again be provided for any unsold items you may wish to drop off. The truck will be located in the parking lot of the Thomas Township Public Safety Building.



REGISTER YOUR TRASH & TREASURES SALE by completing a form that you can find on the Township's website or pick up one from the Township, and return it to our office at 249 N. Miller Rd. You may also email your information to operator@thomastwp.org. The Township's website is www.thomastwp.org.

For questions, please contact the Thomas Township Office at (989) 781-0150. We hope you will participate!

Trash Pick up during Shields Summer Festival Week

Due to the congestion caused by the rummage sales during Shields Festival week, trash pick up begins overnight on Thursday July 7th, 2016.



THOMAS TOWNSHIP TRAILBLAZER 5K RUN/WALK

We cordially invite you to participate in the third annual "Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk". This event is to support the maintenance and future improvements to the Thomas Township Trail. It will be held on **Saturday, July 9th at 8:00 a.m.** This year's race will follow along the Thomas Township Trail, beginning and ending at the high school. A longer race will also be offered this year. Details will follow in the April Newsletter. Awards will be presented to the first and second place finishers in each division. Watch upcoming newsletters and our website for registration times.

Sponsorships are also available if you would like to sponsor the event. Your sponsorship will help to defray some of the costs. Additional proceeds will be used specifically on the trail.

Sponsors will be represented on the race t-shirt and all publications.

There are four (4) levels of sponsorship available to you:

Diamond Sponsorship: \$2,000 and up (receive 4 free race entries)

Major Sponsorship: \$1,000-\$1,999 (receive 2 free race entries)

Minor Sponsorship: \$500-\$999 (receive 1 free race entry)

General Sponsorship: \$100-\$499 .

Booth space will be available at the race for sponsors. We would like all sponsorships to be received by May 2, 2016. If you have any questions, please call the Thomas Township Office at (989) 781-0151 or email parksdirector@thomastwp.org. Sponsorship forms are available on our website.

From the Assessing Department

2016 Assessment Notices

Your 2016 Assessment Notices will be in your mailbox the last week of February, 2016. **THIS IS YOUR ONLY NOTICE OF WHAT YOUR ASSESSMENT (SEV); TAXABLE VALUE (TV) AND PRE EXEMPTION WILL BE FOR 2016.**

If you have questions about your assessment notice, you should contact the Assessor as soon as your assessment notice arrives in the mail. DO NOT WAIT, as you may lose your opportunity to appeal these values.

There is only one time in the year that your assessments can be protested, and that is at the March Board of Review. The 2016 March Board of Review will meet March 14th, 15th and 16th (call for times).

If there is not an error in your assessment,

and you wish to appeal the values, which the Assessor has placed on your property, you ***must*** attend this March Board of Review.

If the March Board of Review does not agree with your appeal, you may then protest to the Michigan Tax Tribunal; however, ***YOU MUST FIRST APPEAL YOUR ASSESSMENT TO THE LOCAL MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW.***

The Thomas Township Assessor can be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00p.m. at 989-781-0150.

Thank you,

*Will Gast
Thomas Township Assessor*

From the Treasurer

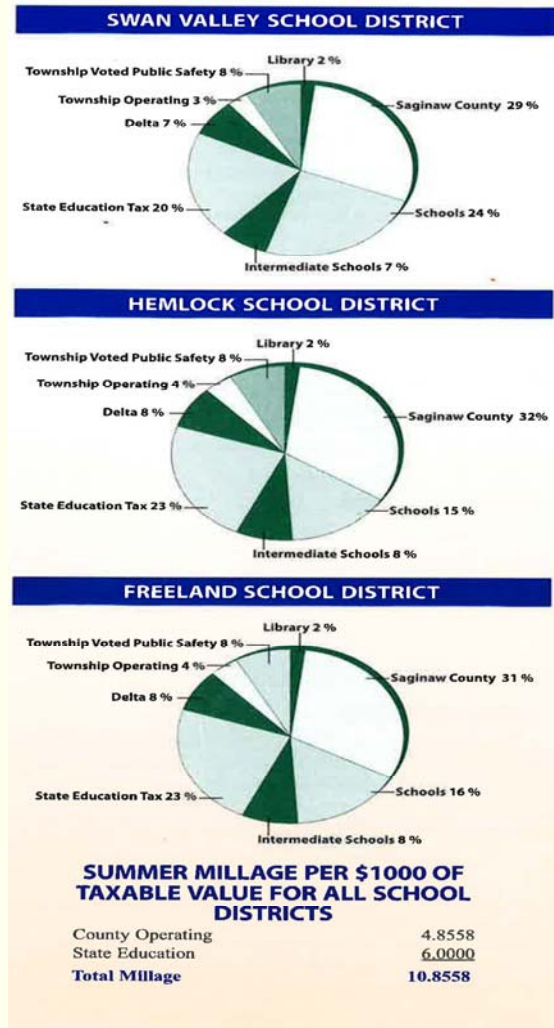
Do You Know Where Your Tax Dollars Go?

Listed below is a tax bill detail for an average home in Thomas Township. The only amount of your tax bill that the Township gets to keep for general operations is listed below as LOCAL OPERATING. This amount is equal to about 2.60% of your total winter tax bill. Local Operating (general fund) is the amount of money the Township receives to operate everything in the Township except the Library, the Water Department and the Sewer Department. While the Public Safety millage (9.55% of tax bill) and the Fire millage (1% of tax bill) offsets the majority of the Police Department and Fire Department expenses, the General Fund must still supplement a large percentage of their operations. This holds true for the Parks and Recreation Department as well.

The Township Library also receives its operating income from a local millage, which was voted in by Thomas Township residents. About 3.0% of each tax bill goes to operate the public Library in Thomas Township.

The remaining 82% of your tax bill is sent to various OTHER taxing jurisdictions such as the County of Saginaw, Delta College, solid waste pick up and the local Schools.

*Vern Weber
Treasurer*



Police News

Changes in our Police Department Personnel



Sergeant Gary Breidinger

During the past year there have been several personnel changes within the Police Department worth taking note of. First, was the retirement of our long-time Sergeant, Gary Breidinger. Gary served 36 years in Law Enforcement between the St.

Charles Police Department and Thomas Township Police Department. Gary and his wife, Marianne, now split their time between Higgins Lake and Florida. We wish them the very best in their new journey.

Next is the promotion of Officer Al Fong to the position of Sergeant. After a competitive promotional process, Al was elevated to his current rank in the fall. Although a daunting task, he has adapted well and continues to do an excellent job for the department.



Sergeant Al Fong

Finally, we are pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Drew Wagner as a patrol officer. Drew is a life-long Thomas Township resident, graduating from Swan Valley High School in 2012. He graduated from Delta College with a degree in Law Enforcement in 2015. Drew also completed the Michigan Police Academy Training this last December. And has been a member of the Michigan National Guard since 2011. After an intensive 16-20 week internal training program, he will take his place beside his fellow officers here in Thomas Township. We wish Drew the best and hope he has a very successful career here in Thomas Township.



Officer Drew Wagner

*Steve Kocsis
Chief of Police*

Community News

Hemlock Semiconductor Volunteers Lend A Helping Hand To Those In Need This Winter

With the winter season upon us and the snow falling, a group of volunteers from Hemlock Semiconductor is offering to assist those in need with the clearing of their sidewalks. The crew of volunteers will be using their lunch hours to provide this service to those who are elderly or disabled and unable to do so on their own.

Sidewalks in Thomas Township must be cleared within forty-eight (48) hours of a snowfall. With over ten miles of sidewalks in Thomas Township, keeping them clear for the great number of walkers and runners who use them on a daily basis is extremely important. If you feel that you may be in need of assistance in clearing your sidewalk, please contact the Thomas Township Office at (989) 781-0150.

Our thanks to the "crew" of volunteers who are giving back to those in need in Thomas Township and the benefit they are providing to the entire community, from children walking to school, to those who use the sidewalks for exercise!

*Connie Watt
Community Development Staff*



2016 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates

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| January—4 | July—11 |
| February—1 | August—1 |
| March—7 | September—12 |
| April—4 | October—3 |
| May—2 | November—7 |
| June—6 | December—5 |

Fire Department News

SNOW SEASON = SNOW AWARENESS

With the snow season comes many small things we forget about, but can have big returns, in terms of safety. Please take a couple moments to review this list to help ensure your safety throughout these cold months.

1. Keep a clear distance around your furnace, hot water heater and heat vents.
2. Have your chimney cleaned regularly.
3. Keep your closest fire hydrant shoveled out (at least three feet).
4. Ensure all your household exit doors are accessible.
5. Be VERY careful when using...candles (see note below).
6. Test your smoke detectors to ensure they work.
7. Educate your family on a safe meeting place, outside the home.
8. Ensure your carbon monoxide detector is operating properly.

CANDLE FIRE FACTS

* 38% of home candle fires started in the bedroom.

* December is the peak time of year for candle fires, 13% of home candle fires began with decorations as compared to 4% the rest of the year.

* Falling asleep was a factor in 12% of home candle fires.

* Top five days for home candle fires were Christmas, Christmas Eve, New Year's day, New Years Eve, and Halloween.

We do offer, free of charge, home fire safety inspections. Two fire officials would come to your home for a free fire safety inspection of areas which might pose a hazard and offer a suggestion or two on preventing the hazard. If you have questions on any of these safety concerns or would like a safety inspection, please don't hesitate to contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at 781-4141.

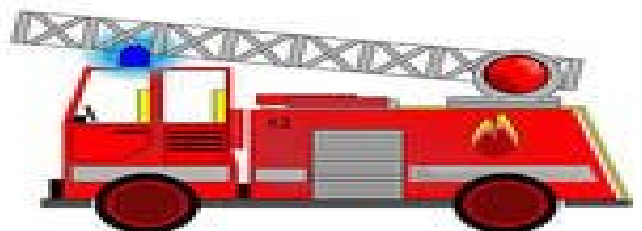
THREE NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

The Thomas Township Fire Department is proud to announce that three more Township Residents have joined our ranks. We are proud to recognize Brandon Felten and Nathan Wachowicz and Justin Troup. Brandon and Nathan are new to the fire service. They have already completed their Medical First Responder class and are enrolled in the Saginaw County Fire Academy. Justin comes to us from a neighboring community and already has his fire and hazardous material training completed. He will be enrolling in a medical class shortly.

Now, when you call for assistance, there are thirty-three eligible men and women to answer that call for help. As a community, we are extremely fortunate to have these thirty-three dedicated members who give up so much of their own time to help others. Our fire fighters and responders all maintain fulltime jobs, have hobbies, operate households, and have families. They make time to regularly attend training sessions and meetings to maintain their skills and respond to calls. Each fire fighter and emergency responder will invest approximately 360 hours in the fire academy and another 80 hours in medical classes.

We welcome these three new faces and I encourage each of you to say 'thank you' to all of the Fire Department members as you see them in our community. If you would like to know more about becoming a member of our Fire Department, please visit us at www.thomastwp.org and look under department/services then FIRE DEPARTMENT or you just can call us at 781-4141.

Thank you,
Michael Cousins
Fire Chief



Parks and Recreation Fall and Winter Happenings

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.



Soccer Clinic

Soccer Clinic registration is underway for both boys and girls. The clinic is an instructional program, where boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of soccer. The soccer clinic will be held on Saturday mornings at Swan Valley High School, and will run for six weeks.

4-5 year olds will run from 9:00am-10:15am
6-7-8 year olds will run from 10:30am-11:45am.

Registration will continue until January 22, 2016 with games beginning February 20, 2016. Don't forget you can register online. A \$10 late fee will be charged after January 22, 2016. No registration can be taken after January 29, 2016.

Cost: \$40.00 Residents
\$45 for Non Residents

Kickball- We Need Your Feedback

Would you be interested in a Family Kickball League or an Adult Kickball League? Thomas Township Parks and Recreation needs your feedback! This is a new recreational program we are interested in starting. It's a great opportunity for some outdoor fun and exercise.

This program will take place at Roberts Park, located off South Miller Road in Thomas Township.

Please let us know what you think on matters such as:

- 1) What league would you participate in?
- 2) What season, or months do you think would be best?
- 3) Should the league run on weeknights or Sundays?
- 4) Would a weekend late afternoon sound good or a weeknight?
- 5) What do you feel would be appropriate rules for such a league to ensure the emphasis is on FUN?

ANY and **ALL** input would be greatly appreciated. We are excited about offering this new program and with your help we can put together yet another great recreational opportunity for our community. Please email us with your thoughts, ideas and interests at parks@thomastwp.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

*John Corriveau,
Parks Director*





CHRISTMAS TRAIN AND FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

I want to thank everyone who came out and supported the 2015 Christmas Train and Festival of Lights. It is hard to believe this is the 5th year of the event already! The event has grown every year and this year Mother Nature gave us some good weather for people to come out and enjoy the event.

We need to thank the Thomas Township Business Association for sponsoring the event,. The community support from local businesses and organizations helps make our events successful. Thank you Thomas Township Business Association for your continued support.

We also need to thank the businesses and individuals who helped set up the lights and make the train ride so enjoyable and beautiful.

Thomas Township Business Association (Sponsor)
McDonald Ford Freeland

Stanley Steemer

Dow Corning Health Industries Materials Site

Wolgast Restoration

Corriveau Family

Skiendziel Family

Thomas Township Kiwanis Club

Shields Lions Club

Klucks Nursey

Holy Spirit

Hopevale Church

Hemlock Semiconductor

Saginaw Community Education Center

Swan Valley Schools

Knights of Columbus Council 8808

Hemlock Middle School Junior National Honor Society

A special thanks to our friends at Domagalski Photography who supplied free pictures with Santa Claus to everyone who attended this event!

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS ARCHERY CLASSES

Archery classes began again on January 7, 2016, at the Saginaw Field and Stream Club. Classes are for both beginner and advanced archers. All archery classes are six week programs taught every Thursday. Students learn about recurve, compound and crossbows. Instructors are certified through USA Archery and the NFAA.

To give each student individual attention class size is limited to 12 students, so please sign up early! The next class, which begins February 18, 2016 is taking registrations now until classes are full. A third session will begin April, 7, 2016 with registration continuing until classes are full.

Cost is \$40 per resident student, \$45 per non-resident student, each student also receives a free T-Shirt.



REMEMBER, ONLINE registration is available for Parks and Recreation Programing. 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, and make sure the form you are using is not out of date.

MORE FROM PARKS AND RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE HOURS

The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Occasionally, the park office will be closed when the park staff has to leave the office. In those cases, the main office staff will assist you with questions and registrations. Phone number (989) 781-0151.

SWINGIN' SENIORS

The Swingin' Seniors meet the first Wednesday of the month for a pot luck luncheon and bingo. Join in the fun. Meetings are at noon at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive. Any questions, call (989) 781-0151

2016 PAVILION RENTALS

It's time to reserve your pavilion for the 2016 season. Residents only can rent in January. In February, we open up the registration process to non-residents. The fee for any of the four pavilions is \$50 for Thomas Township residents; \$80 for non-residents; and \$100 for companies. There are three pavilions at Roethke Park and two at Roberts Park.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Girls' basketball leagues are forming for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 4th, 5th, 6th grades. Girl's in 4th grade can choose to play up with the 5th and 6th graders or down with the 2nd and 3rd graders. Sign up continues until January 22, 2016. After this date, a \$10 late fee will be assessed, with no registrations taken after January 29, 2016. Saturday games begin February 20, 2016 at Swan Valley High School. Player fees are \$40 for Thomas Township residents and \$45 for non-residents. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. The draft for girls in 4th-6th grades is January 30, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Swan Valley High School Gym. Shirts will be provided.

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY

Floor hockey will again be offered to Y5's-K and 1st-2nd-3rd graders. The six week season begins on February 20, 2016. This program is held on Saturdays at

Swan Valley High School and is for both boys and girls. Floor hockey is recreational in nature and there are no practices or standings kept. Fees are \$40 for Thomas Township residents and \$45 for non-residents. Shirts will be provided. Registration continues until January 22nd. After this date a \$10 late fee will be assessed. No registrations can be taken after January 29, 2016.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Adult volleyball teams can sign up for the spring league for women either recreational or power and men's power begin in March and games begin in April. Games are held weeknights at the Swan Valley Schools. There is a \$125 team fee and \$10 player fee for Thomas Township residents and \$15 for non-residents.

WINTER FUN IN THE PARKS

SLEDDING

There is a lighted sled hill at Day Park on South River Road for your winter sledding FUN! Day Park is located on South Miller just north of Ronald Drive.

ICE SKATING

There are two ice rinks in Community Park behind the Township Office buildings at 249 North Miller Road. Due to the unpredictable Michigan winter weather, and the fact that the temperature tends to climb during the day and fall at night, we cannot guarantee the quality of the ice. One rink is for hockey and one is for leisure skating. Please pay attention to the "Rink's are closed" signage if it is up. You will see the signs primarily after the rinks have been flooded and are not frozen solid or after a natural thaw. We close the rinks to ensure your safety on the slushy ice.

These winter activities are not monitored by Township Staff, so parental supervision is mandatory for the safety of all participants.



Looking Back on 2015

It is amazing how fast a year goes by. Just yesterday, the spring flowers were blooming and now there's snow on the ground. This time of year, we all seem to do a little reminiscing, so this article will highlight the efforts of the Department of Public Works over this past year.

Public Works operates and maintains the water distribution system that includes over 130 miles of water mains, 950 fire hydrants, 2,115 valves, and services 4,720 residential, commercial and industrial customers. From December, 2014 through November 2015, we helped provide 943,205,000 gallons of water (or an average water use of 2,584,120 gallons per day). Over the past year, staff repaired or replaced 630 water meters, and installed another 18 for new customers.

Your Public Works staff responded to 1,242 water related issues for the year that included 150 "Check for Leaks" or follow-up requests. They helped residents and business owners alike find the causes of high water uses through leaky fixtures and water services. These efforts potentially saved those customers thousands of dollars in wasted water use.

The Public Works staff also operates and maintains the sanitary sewer system that includes over 67 miles of sewer mains, 700 manhole structures and 15 sewage pumping stations located throughout the Township. The sewer system services 3,350 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. From December, 2014 through November, 2015, we discharged 391,270,000 gallons of sewage, or an average of 1,071,970 gallons per day for treatment and disposal. Besides the maintenance and operation of the water and sewer systems, staff also provided 1,049 underground utility locations through the MISS DIG system, and responded to 862 various customer requests for the year.

Buildings and facilities generally fall within the responsibilities of the Public Works Department too. This year staff performed landscape maintenance, painting and cleaning services upon 7 different buildings or grounds including the Township's Owen Cemetery. We also inspected over 25 miles of sidewalk and performed preventive maintenance on 33 side-

walk pads by removing tripping hazards. These efforts saved residents and businesses the cost of having to replace the sidewalks at their expense. Public Works staff replaced the Gratiot Road Banners numerous times over the course of the year and completed the Holiday decorations seen throughout the Township. A special shout out goes to our temporary seasonal help this year that consisted of Mark, Dave, Noah and Dan. Without their hard work, Public Works would not have been able to accomplish the little extra things that make Thomas Township a great place to live.

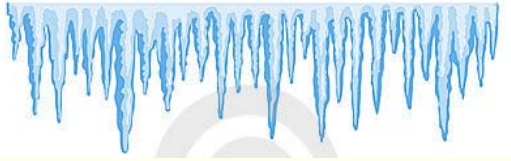
On the construction front, we replaced the water main along North Miller road in conjunction with the road rebuilding project. That new water main was sized and designed to service the water system for the next 50 years. What's coming up for next year? We are looking at completing some extensive sewer system maintenance and cleaning. We are planning to replace an aged sewage pumping station, and continue to install or update water meters under our water meter replacement program. Finally, your public works will continue to strive harder and harder to provide the best possible service for the least cost possible. Thanks for your support and it is a pleasure to work for you. Rick, Brenda, Renee, Darold, Trevor, Alan., Darryl, Steve, Mark, Dave, and Dan.

Your Thomas Township Public Works Department



St. Marks Lutheran Church Group and Thomas Township Kiwanis await their last minute instructions before hanging the Christmas decorations on Gratiot Road.

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



2016 BRUSH 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 collection will begin again the first pick up of April, 2016