



## Hemlock Semiconductor Announces Major Investment in Thomas Township

Hemlock Semiconductor (HSC), a Thomas Township business and one of the global leaders in producing highly pure polysilicon, has announced a \$375 million dollar capital investment, which will create around 170 jobs.

To support these improvements, these upgrades will be paid for entirely by a state grant and HSC. Beginning at HSC's plant, the Township will be building a new sewage pumping station, right sized for HSC's needs not only today, but in the future as well. A new pipeline discharging from this station beginning at the corner of Gleaner and Geddes will be constructed carrying HSC's sewer flows down Geddes to the east and underneath Swan Creek. This new force main will terminate at the corner of Geddes and Kennely where the sewage will continue in a newly constructed gravity sewer. Our existing sewer system dead ends on Geddes near Glencairn, and will be extended to the west around 4,500 feet. With HSC's flows now passing through the Township's system, it will continue on to another pumping station located at the corner of Madeline and Sue. A new pipeline that discharges from this station will be constructed on Sue, Lydia, Rambling Dr., Sybil, and ultimately discharging into the existing gravity sewer pipeline located on McCliggott. The McCliggott sewer interior will then be lined and returned to service "like new". Please refer to the "Project Location Map" on page 2.

The proposed sewer system projects will provide some significant benefits to the Township as well as to the residents and businesses. We are determined to try to be as transparent as possible and to provide informational updates via our website and Facebook as the work proceeds. This newsletter is largely dedicated to providing the initial announcement. We recognize that these projects combined will be very impactful upon our community. The rest of this article breaks out each portion of the overall project in more detail.

Presently, the sewage flows from HSC and travels south on N. Gleaner to Gratiot Road where it heads east all of the way into town. The series of projects constructing the Geddes Road Transmission System will redirect all of that flow easterly through a series of new piping and lift stations. The positive benefit to constructing this new route is that more capacity will be made available along Gratiot. Additionally, we will be able to reconstruct our under sized and old lift station into a much larger and modern design.

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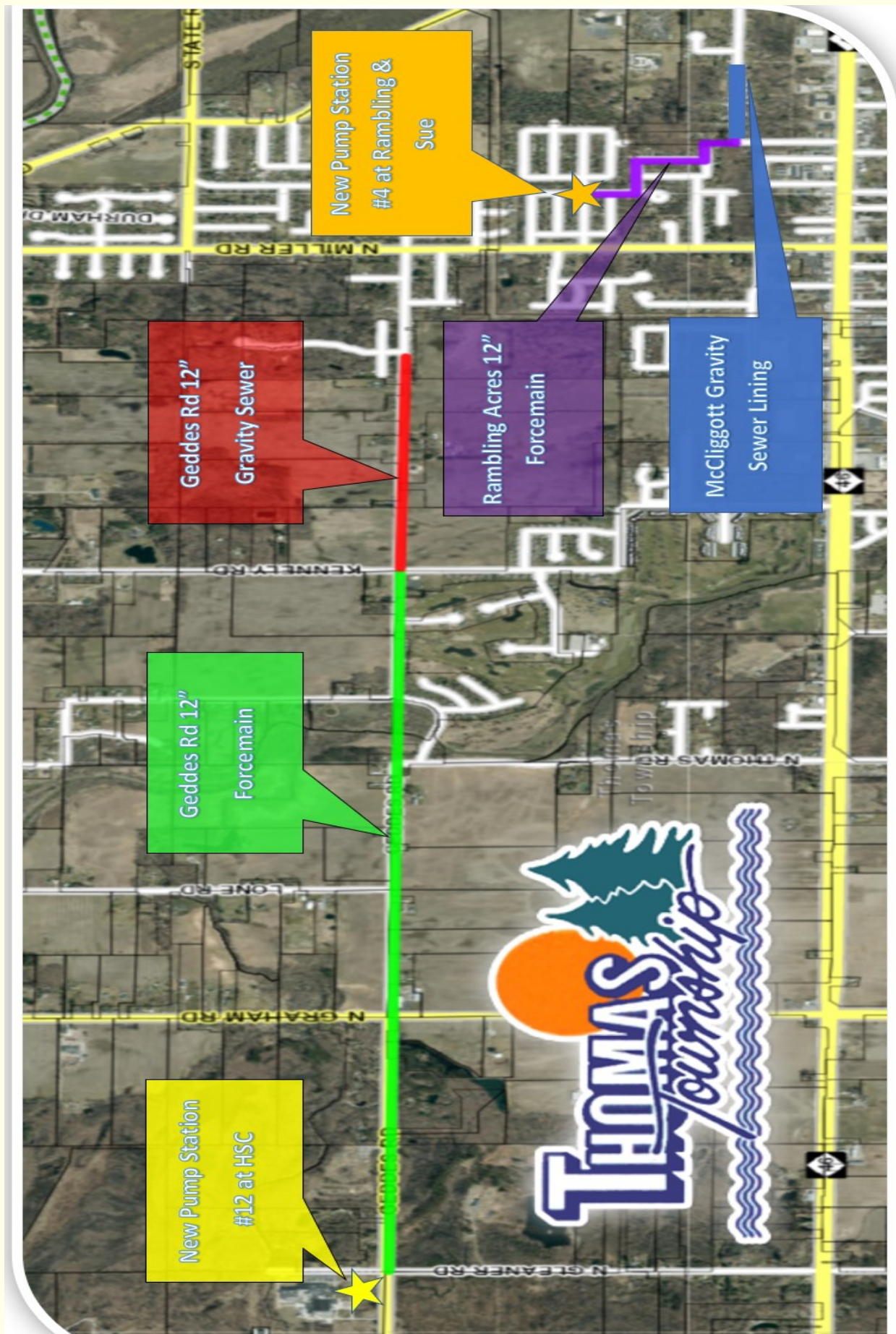
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## Location Map of the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Projects





## Governor's Announcement:

"Hemlock Semiconductor's investments in Michigan will create more good jobs in the Saginaw region and empower us to continue building and leading semiconductor production in our state," said **Governor Gretchen Whitmer**. "Thanks to HSC's continued investment in our state – which spans decades – Michigan will stay at the forefront of high-tech polysilicon production for the critical semiconductor and solar industries. The impact of this investment will be felt around the entire state for decades to come and build on our economic momentum as work to lead the future of this transformational industry right here in Michigan."

<https://www.michiganbusiness.org/press-releases/2022/09/infrastructure-investment-enables-hemlock-semiconductor-growth-michigan-semiconductor-supply-chain/>

## Sanitary Sewer Project Funding

The big question you are probably asking yourself is, "how are all of these improvements being paid for?" Thomas Township and Saginaw Charter Township (SCT), in partnership with HSC and with the help of Saginaw Future, as well as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) have secured \$37 million in state funding to support these critical infrastructure improvements.

Out of the \$37 million granted, Thomas Township will receive \$17 million to complete the improvements to the sewer transmission system, while Saginaw Charter Township will receive \$20 million to increase sewer treatment capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. An additional grant of \$600,000 was awarded by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to help with the road re-construction cost of Geddes Road from N. Gleaner to Graham Road.

Thomas Township will be the grant manager, and provide detailed oversight to the spending in order to keep the project on budget and schedule. Please direct any questions via email to either DPW Director, Rick Hopper at [dpwdirector@thomastwp.org](mailto:dpwdirector@thomastwp.org) or to DPW Assistant Director, Trevor Schultz at [dpwassist@thomastwp.org](mailto:dpwassist@thomastwp.org).

## Sewage Pumping Station #12

Located on the corner of N. Gleaner and Geddes Roads, Pump Station #12 receives the sewage flows from the DuPont Health Materials Site and HSC. The current station pumps the sewage collected under pressure from the manufacturing sites down Gleaner Road to the south, then east down M-46 to a discharge point near Van Wormer. From there, the sewage flows through large gravity sewers along the southern portion of Thomas Township, and ultimately to the treatment plant located in Saginaw Township on West Michigan Road.

This new, larger capacity station will be constructed adjacent to the existing station. Capable of pumping up to 1,000,000 gallons per day, it will provide for additional service capability in this area. Consisting of a new block building, on-site natural gas generator, 2 submersible pumps, and a robust control system, this pump station will move the sewage effluent away from the site and into a new force main.

The project has been permitted by the State, and will be going out for bid in early December. This will allow for a construction timeframe of late Spring 2023 until the spring of 2024. The estimated cost to complete this improvement is \$2,450,000 and will be 100% funded through the SOAR grant and the State of Michigan.



Existing Pump Station #12



New Pump Station Location

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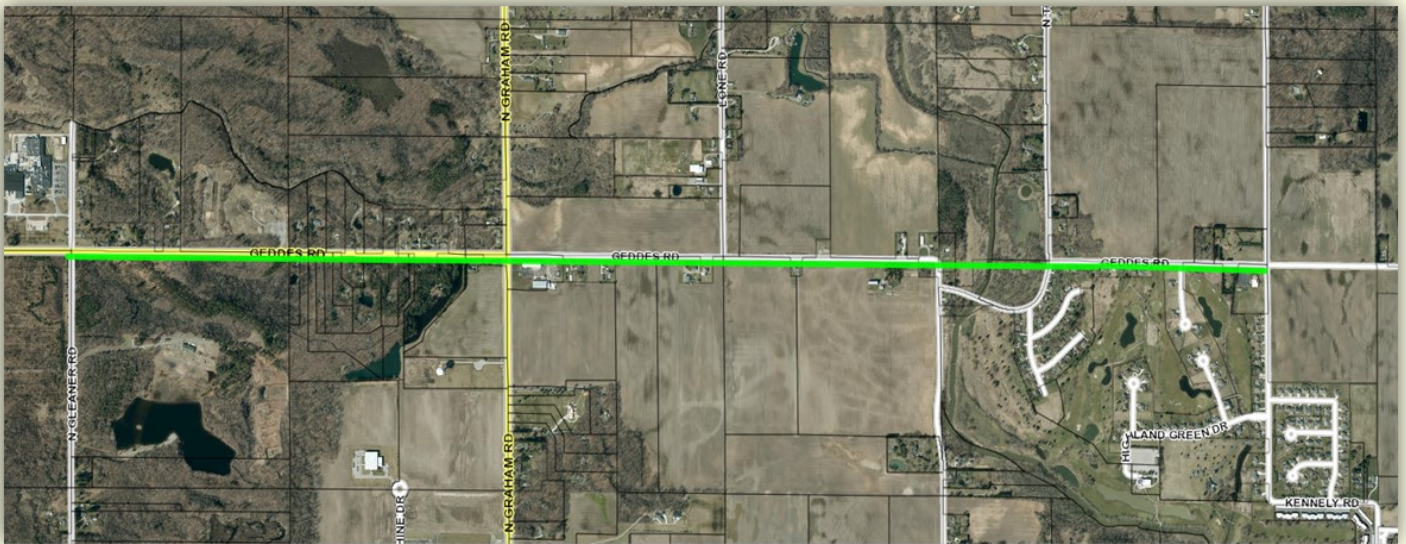
longing the lifespan of the system.

lane so the entire roadway will be restored.



## Direction Drilling

road restoration is around \$6 million and will be 80% funded through the SOAR grant and 20% funded through MDOT.



## Force Main Location Map



## Geddes Road Gravity Sewer Project

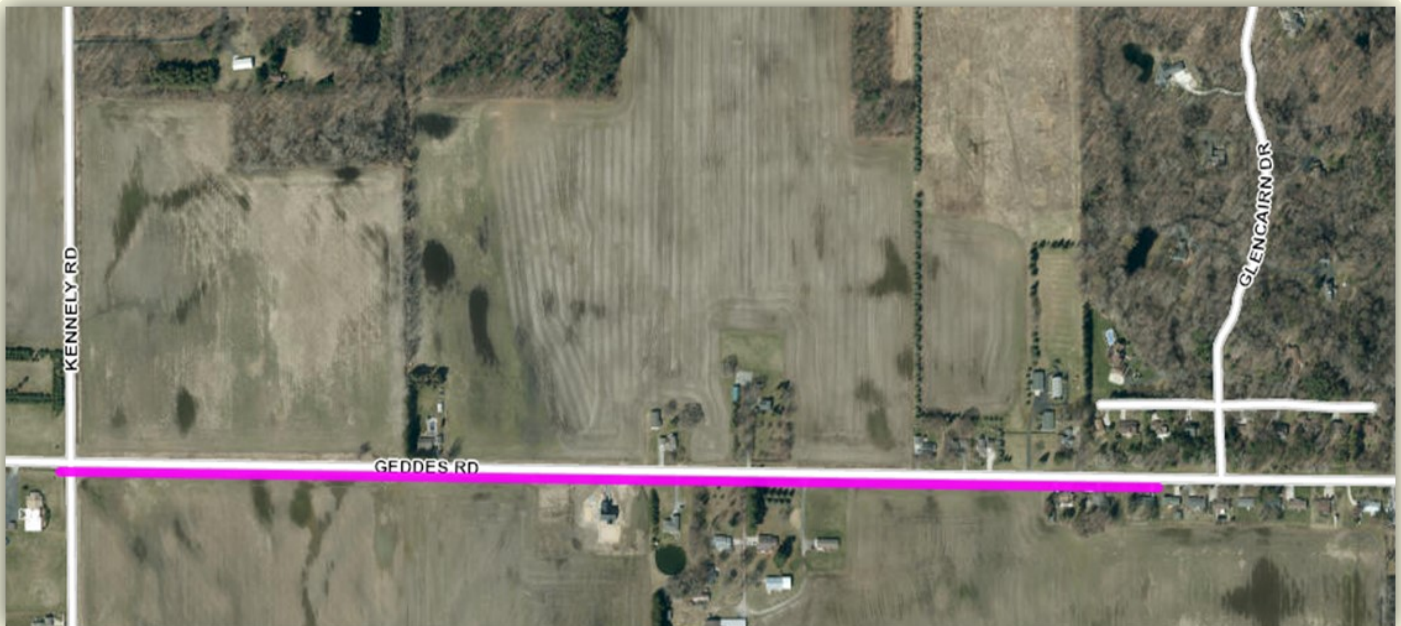
Once the sewage is pumped from the HSC area and underneath Swan Creek, it will empty into a new gravity sewer that will be constructed along Geddes Road from Kennely to just west of Glencairn. This new pipeline will be an extension of the Township's existing sewer pipe and is designed to handle the HSC flows while also opening-up the surrounding area to future sewer service.

The new sewer will be built in easements that have already been attained along the south side of Geddes Road. A new sewer service pipe will be installed for each existing home and on the centerline of currently undeveloped parcels along this section. Current residents will not be required to abandon their existing septic tanks and connect to the Township's new sewer; however, you will have the option to connect immediately after construction of the sewer main for a small cost. Whenever you wish to connect to the Township's system, simply contact us (989-781-0150) at any time and we will assist you. As the septage rules are regulated by the Saginaw County Health Department, you may be directed by that office at some time in the future to connect to the new municipal system.



*Gravity Sewer Construction*

This portion of the project has been permitted by the State, and will be going out for bid in early December. This will allow for a construction timeframe of late Spring 2023 until late 2023. The estimated cost to complete this improvement is around \$1,500,000 and will be 100% funded through the SOAR grant and the State of Michigan.



*Gravity Sewer Location Map*

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## Madeline and Sue Pump Station Project (Pump Station #4)

The lynchpin to the entire HSC related sewer improvements is the re-construction of Pump Station #4 located on the corner of Madeline and Sue in Rambling Acres. The existing station is built partially on easement and in the road right-of-way and has been in continual service for over 50 years. Almost all of the current sanitary sewer flows that are generated in Thomas Township, between Gratiot (M-46) and Tittabawassee Road, as well as between North River and North Thomas Roads currently flows through this station.

The original station was constructed in 1972 and has been in continual operation since. With modest updates made to the station during its lifespan, it is at a point where it needs to be totally re-constructed. Constructed mainly underground, it's subject to flooding and confine space issues, making it potentially unsafe to operate unless there are multiple staff members present when work needs to be completed.

As this station is being re-constructed in a residential neighborhood, this poses some additional construction considerations. What should it look like? How do you keep it quiet? Will it smell? A lot of effort has gone into the new design and many innovative features will be incorporated in this project to answer all of these types of questions.

Considering all of these factors, Thomas Township has been planning on updating this station for many years but has deferred these major improvements because of the large capital investment needed. Tie-barring this improvement to the HSC upgrades allowed us to secure outside funding to complete the project at a minimal cost to the Township. This saves our residents an enormous amount of money that they would otherwise have to fund within their sewer rates.



*Pump Station #4 Before and After*



*Existing Pump Station #4*



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## Madeline and Sue Pump Station Project (Pump Station #4)

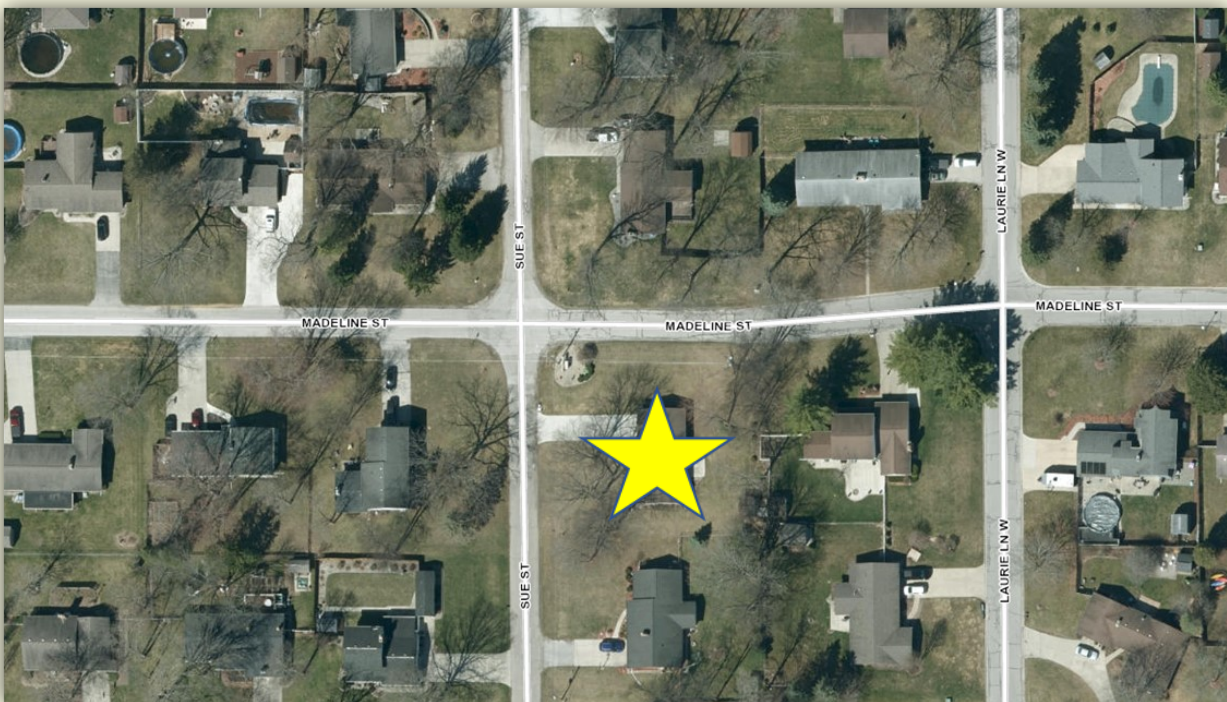


Wet Well Construction

We have designed the new station to look just like a single-family residential home. The design uses state-of-the-art, energy efficient equipment that will lower the overall operation and maintenance costs over the 50-year lifespan of the equipment. Unique odor control systems and sound dampening measures will also be built into the new construction. Adding an onsite, natural gas generator will also protect the system, and your homes, from sewer backups due to power failures. Finally, this new project will not only replace the existing equipment with the new, it will also rebuild the existing house to host all the controls, piping, as well as the emergency generator. Once completed, it is our goal to have this pumping station blend in seamlessly with the surrounding neighborhood.

Additionally, because of the construction and truck traffic impact throughout the neighborhood, Madeline will be re-surfaced and residents of this neighborhood will be left with a road that is in better condition than before the project.

This portion of the project has not yet been permitted by the State, but will be going out for permit in mid-December. After permitting, we will advertise for construction in January which will allow for a construction timeframe of late spring 2023 until winter 2023. The estimated cost to complete this improvement is around \$4,200,000, and will be 100% funded through the SOAR grant and the State of Michigan.



New Pump Station #4 Location



## Rambling Acres Force Main Project

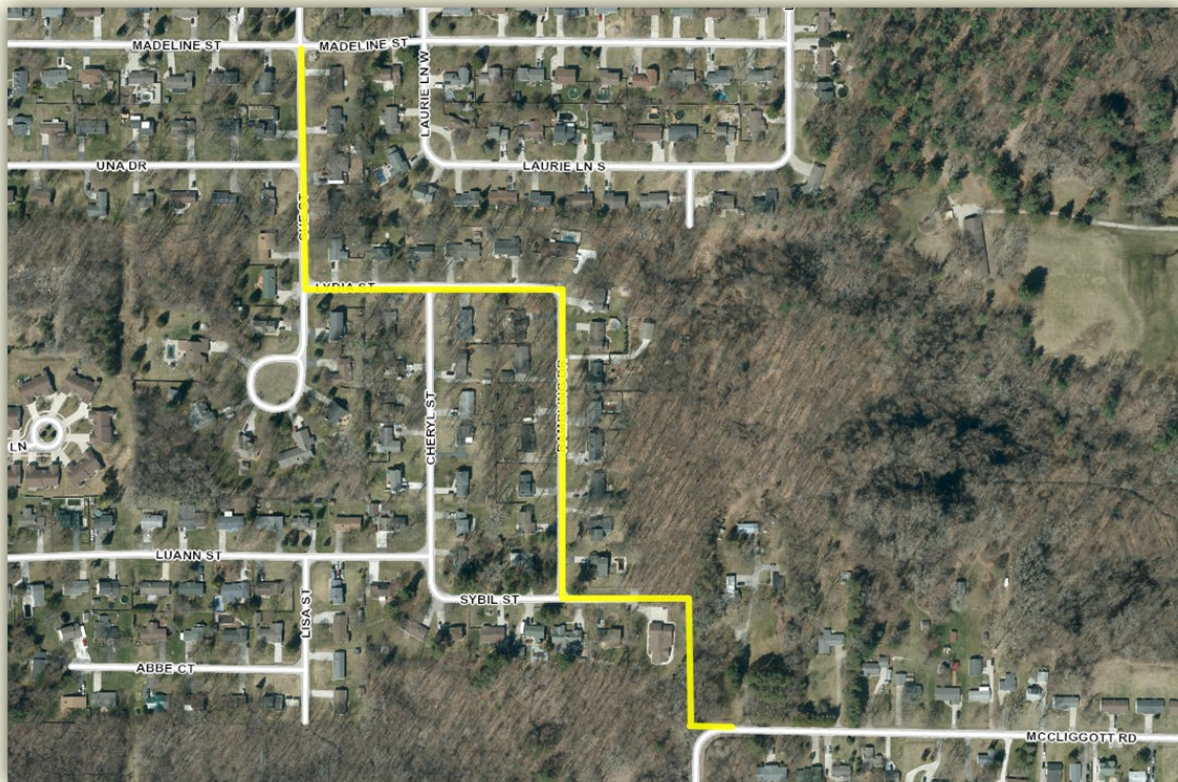
The existing 50 plus year old pipeline that currently exists has shown some signs of deterioration, it will be replaced with a new pipe. The Rambling Acres Force Main project replaces the existing force main coming from the new Madeline and Sue pump station to its discharge point on McCliggott, just east of Briar Hill. The new force main pipe will be buried beneath the centerline of Sue, Cheryl, Rambling, and a portion of Sybil streets. Once the pipeline is installed, those roadways will be rebuilt in the impacted areas.

The new pipe line will be 12-inch ductile iron pipe and installed much shallower than traditional gravity sewers. This means that construction should go much quicker and easier than conventional sewer projects saving both time and money. The existing force main that is currently in service will be abandoned in place, so it can be rehabilitated and placed into service with minimal cost, effort, and disruptions should the township-wide sewer system ever need to be expanded upon sometime in the future.



*HDPE Pipe*

This portion of the project has not yet been permitted by the State, but will be going out for permit in mid-December. After permitting, we will advertise for construction in January which will allow for a construction timeframe of late Spring 2023 until late 2023. The costs associated with this portion of the project are included in the Madeline and Sue pump station costs.



*Force Main Location Map*



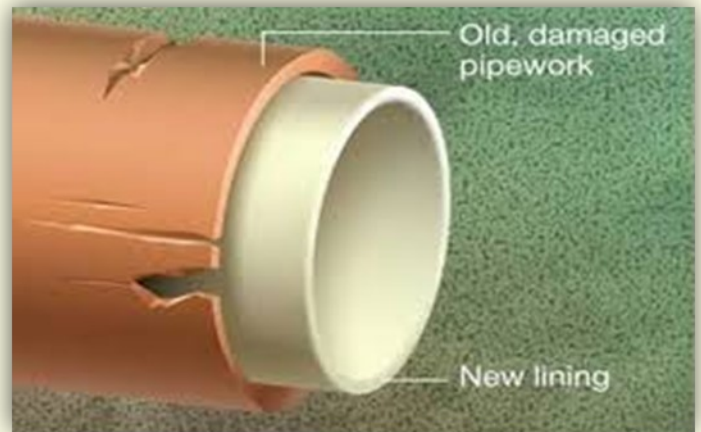
## McCliggott Road Gravity Sewer CIPP Lining Project

Thomas Township is always looking at ways to maximize the useful life of its infrastructure and to make sure that the investments being made are smart and efficient. This means melding our new infrastructure improvements into our existing system where it makes financial sense and does not compromise the overall integrity of the system. The McCliggott gravity sewer relining project is a good example.

The current 27-inch gravity sewer on McCliggott accepts the sewage flows from the Madeline and Sue pump station and carries that flow to the east, dumping into a large sewer on North River Road. Early in this project, extensive studies were completed to see if the sewers along North River to Stroebel Road could be reused in this project, paying particular attention to McCliggott Road. Even though these sewer pipes are a half-century old, they are in good structural shape to remain in service for another 50-100 years with just a little bit of rehabilitation.

This project will install a liner into the existing sewer in a process called “cured-in-place pipe” lining or CIPP lining for short. During this project, the existing sewer will be relined from Briar Hill to Gillette Street. Completed without having to excavate down to the actual sewer, this process will install the lining from one manhole to another. After the lining cures (which is usually just a couple of hours) the interior of the pipe is strengthened significantly with a liner that is corrosion and erosion resistant.

This portion of the project has not yet been permitted by the State, but will be going out for permit in mid-December. After permitting, we will advertise for construction in January which will allow for a construction timeframe of late spring 2023 until winter 2023. The estimated cost to complete this improvement is around \$625,000 and will be 100% funded through the SOAR grant and the State of Michigan.



CIPP Lining



McCliggott CIPP Lining Location

## Christmas Tree Disposal

Residents in all 34 communities served by the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) can put their fresh Christmas trees to the curb by 7:00 am on their regular trash day throughout the month of January. You do need to remove ornaments, tinsel, garland or other decorative items. Trees can be put to the curb with or without a tree bag.

Trees that are frozen to the ground or covered with snow will not be collected until they can be safely accessed by the driver. Large or heavy trees may have to be picked up by the bulk truck, and in those cases trees should be collected within two (2) days of the resident's regular service day.

This service applies only to Christmas trees that have been used as indoor holiday décor. State law prohibits yard waste and vegetation from being disposed of in landfills; however, the ban does not apply to Christmas trees. Artificial trees may be placed to the curb as a bulky item any time of the year.



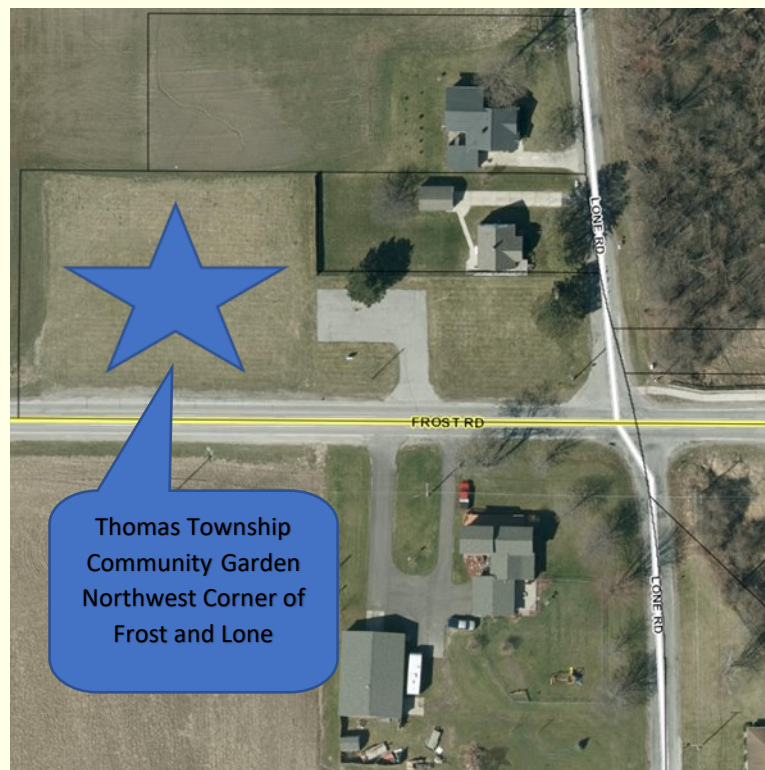
## Thomas Township Community Garden Coming Soon!

The Community Garden Project was created to provide a place for Thomas Township residents, groups, and organizations to grow seasonal gardens. The location of the Community Garden is at the northwest corner of Frost and Lone Roads (the old community hall site). Two watering spigots with hoses are available and will be turned on/off seasonally and maintained by DPW staff. You will need to bring your own tools, seeds, plants, and any other equipment that you would typically use to garden. The Township will provide a place to dispose of garbage and hoses to water your garden. Parking is available in the paved parking lot while visiting the Community Garden.

There are a total of 36 plots with access rows available on a first come first serve basis. Each individual plot size is 12' x 28' allowing the area to be utilized for community planting of perennial or annual plants, flowers, and vegetables. No raised garden beds are allowed. Plant material such as trees, are NOT allowed to be planted in the Community Garden plots. The planting or growing of Cannabis is strictly prohibited.

The Community Garden will officially open in May (weather dependent). Thomas Township DPW staff will initially till the land and till in compost to prepare it for the spring gardening season and the fall dormant period. Community gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, and taking care of their own plots, including removal of any diseased or dead plants. Best of all, it's FREE to Township residents. Check out the Township's website for an application and further information.

Keep an eye out for more information on Facebook and the website around the start of the new year!!





## New Faces in the Police Department

Recently the Thomas Township Police Department, like many other entities, faced staffing challenges. Our current officers went above and beyond until this short-fall could be addressed and we could proudly provide a new officer who can serve our community and its residents with the professionalism and ethical qualities it deserves.

Andrew Weiss has been officially hired to the department as our newest police officer. Andrew previously worked for the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the road patrol. He was also employed by the jail prior to attending the Police Academy. Andrew will be a significant asset to the department.

In addition to this, with a grant received from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, it has afforded the police department the ability to provide sponsorship to the Police Academy to two qualified individuals who will join the department in 2023.

Bailey Gosen worked for Saginaw County Animal Control where she gained experience investigating animal abuse/neglect cases and obtaining arrest and search warrants. Prior to that, she graduated from Michigan State University with her Bachelors of Arts degree in criminal justice and earned her Master of Science degree in Intelligence Analysis. She graduated from Swan Valley High School and lives in Thomas Township.

Matthew LaLonde currently works as a corrections officer for the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office. He enlisted in the army right after high school. Matthew graduated from Swan Valley High School and lives in James Township.

We are very excited to have Bailey and Matthew join the department once they graduate from the police academy. They will be the first recruits that the Thomas Township Police Department has ever sponsored. Check our Public Safety page on Facebook as we will be posting weekly updates starting in January on their progress.

The Thomas Township Police Department takes pride in providing officers to the community who can fulfill their duties with the upmost standards. These two recruits along with Officer Weiss will help us to provide that quality of service.

Chief Al Fong



Bailey Gosen



Matthew LaLonde

## Sidewalk Maintenance

As the winter season quickly approaches, it is important to remember to clear the sidewalks at your home or business of any snow and/or ice to prevent a potential hazardous situation.

Thomas Township residents appreciate your hard work keeping the sidewalks cleared and safe for pedestrians.

Thomas Township mandates that the snow and/or ice be cleared within 48 hours of a storm. Allowing the snow or ice to build up creates a safety issue for those who regularly utilize the sidewalks.

Ice or snow can create a slipping hazard but also can force walkers to go out into the street to avoid trudging through the accumulation thus putting them at risk.

Remember, your efforts at keeping the sidewalks clear benefit the entire community from children walking to school to those who use them for exercise. If you have any questions about the snow removal ordinance, call the Thomas Township Code Enforcement Officer at 989-781-0150.

## Fire Hydrant Accessibility

Fire hydrants are strategically located throughout the Township and are used in emergencies to combat fires of all sorts. With wintertime upon us, we ask that you help us keep snow away from any hydrant. Please keep a three foot radius around the hydrant snow-free. Hydrants can be difficult to see in the dark and when they are buried in snow, it becomes even more of a challenge when every second counts.

Please do not plow or shovel snow against a fire hydrant. You are not only making it difficult to get to it in emergencies, but you may also be damaging the water pipes connecting the hydrant to the water mains underground. These fire hydrants are essential to our community so please be respectful and keep them clear. You never know the next time that hydrant is needed, it may be for your home or business.

## Changes in the Fire Department

Over the past year, there have been various changes in personnel within the fire department. The amount of dedication it takes to be a paid-on-call firefighter is typically more than most people think. Nationally the average length of service for a volunteer, or paid-on-call firefighter, is 5-6 years, with ours being closer to the 7-8 years mark. Our department recently experienced the departure of two of our long time members. **Joe Giacoletti** and **Jason Grandy** both served in command positions and have served with skill, talent, and professionalism for over 44 years combined! We can't thank them enough for their service to this community.

With that we have recently hired two full-time and seven paid on-call first responders! The full-time staff work on weekdays when we have the least available on-call responders. They also work with our businesses on fire prevention and community events as well as making sure the fire department is operationally prepared. We welcome both **Nick Chad** and **Tyler Larsen**.

All fire departments struggle to fill their paid-on-call ranks. With an individuals time becoming a well-sought-after commodity, we are extremely pleased to have found seven people willing to step up to help serve the community through the fire department! Three of these people recently completed the newly developed Saginaw Career Complex Fire Academy. This program is co-sponsored by Delta College and the Saginaw City Fire Department. Our new probationary firefighters who graduated from the academy are **Jack Linehan**, **McKenna Lounsbury**, and **Rob Jeter**. Additionally, we also welcome **Ryan Parks**, **Ryan Gaiser**, **Steven Weal**, and **Jake Lounsbury** to the fire department. They have all begun their training journey and will proudly serve our community.

Although this certainly bolstered our ranks, we still have a need for paid-on-call first responders, especially at Fire Station #2 located at the corner of Dice and North Thomas Roads. If you think you would be interested and would like to find out more, please call our office at 989-781-4141. We will be more than happy to provide you with information on serving the community.

Thank you,

Chief Mike Cousins





## Fire Department Purchases Two Life-Saving Devices

With a privately funded safety grant through the Saginaw Community Foundation, it was possible for the Thomas Township Fire Department to purchase a LUCAS Chest Compression Device. This device provides automatic CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Respirations) specifically the compression component in CPR. The device ensures proper compression is delivered in the rhythm required for adequate CPR. CPR performed manually is very labor intensive and often requires switching out responders after two minutes. It is extremely critical, to ensure chest compressions are being delivered effectively to reach a positive outcome. With this device we know the patient has the best opportunity possible for extended chest compressions.

As pleased as I am about this purchase, I am even more pleased that our firefighters personally purchased another device from the Thomas Township Firefighter's Association funds. Money is donated individually by the firefighters from their pay, which goes into their association funds. These funds are then used to support many community events and organizations. With their decision to purchase the second LUCAS Chest Compression Device, it once again shows their care and concern for the community they serve. At a cost of \$18,000.00, clearly, they believe in this equipment as well as their community. With two devices, we can have one at each fire station available to save lives.

It is reassuring to know there are organizations and people who are willing to step-up and provide such funding. These two life-saving devices will benefit our community greatly!

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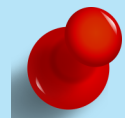
Mike Cousins – Fire Chief



Nick Chad, Thomas Arn, and Ryan Gaiser

## Community Calendar 2023

- Last week of February  
Assessment Change Notices will be mailed
- February 20th  
Office Closed in observance of President's Day
- February 28th  
Winter Taxes due in office without penalty
- March 13th, 14th & 17th  
(Tentative Date)  
March Board of Review at the Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive
- April 7th  
Yard Waste Pick-Up begins
- May 29th  
Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- June 8th - 11th  
Trash & Treasures Community Wide Rummage Sale



Important  
Reminders



## Thomas Township's Winter Wonderland

Thomas Township along with the Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the 3rd Winter Wonderland at Roberts Park. It was a spectacular site to see. We made a few small changes this year that helped make the event better for all who attended. This year, the Winter Wonderland took place on December 8th, 9th, and 10th. On the 8th, the park was lit for drive through viewing only and on the 9th and 10th, hay rides were offered through the Winter Wonderland displays. There was a viewing area for the popular Roe-



nicke Lite Show, a bonfire with s'mores, a craft tent, food and beverages, and Santa with Buddy the Elf. There was also a fireworks show each night. This year there were 35 spots available to decorate and the Parks and Recreation staff did a great job on filling the gaps along the drive.



For 2022, we again welcomed **Garber Chevrolet on Gratiot** as our main event sponsor. Without support from our local community and businesses, we couldn't continue to grow this event. Our goal is to keep Thomas Township's Winter Wonderland growing for years to come.



### Sponsors:

Garber Chevrolet on Gratiot  
Meijer  
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Fullerton Tool  
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Schomaker Farms

As part of the event this year, the Kiwanis Club of Saginaw - Thomas Township sponsored a raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000. Proceeds went to help support Thomas Township Parks and Recreation. There were a total of 636 tickets sold and the winner of the grand Prize was Nick White, a local Thomas Township resident. Next year we are hoping to give out more prizes in conjunction with the event in hopes to continue to help grow the Winter Wonderland at Roberts Park.

We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the Thomas Township Business Association for getting together with Santa to give presents out to the first 100 kids on Friday night and helping make their night more magical. Thank you to all of the local businesses and organizations that decorated a site this year as well as all the volunteers and school groups who helped at the event. Without your support and participation, our event would not have been the success it was! Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you attend next year for another amazing event!

We would like to give a special THANK YOU to the Roenicke Light Show for being a part of our event again this year. Bringing your light show to Roberts Park with more than 100,000 lights along with the displays created something even more magical for all to see!



### Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Scott Branch, Chair

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Angela Alworden

Craig Blower

Dean Rusch

DJ Sova

Anne Hoffman

### Parks & Recreation Staff Members

John Corriveau,  
Director

Tyler Sutherlund,  
Assistant Director

Susan Prevost,  
Receptionist

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





## Join an Archery Class!

Archery classes are held at the Saginaw Field and Stream Club, located at 1296 N. Gleaner Road. To give each student individual attention, class sizes are limited to 12 students, so please sign up early!

All archery classes are a six week program, taught on every Thursday. Students will learn about recurve, compound, and crossbows. Instructors are certified through USA Archery and the National Field Archer's Association (NFAA).

There are 3 class sessions offered. The first session begins on January 12th. This session is already full. The second session offered will begin in February and the third session will begin in March. Registration will continue until classes are full. Dates are subject to change based on weather cancellations.

**Fees:** Resident: \$55 Non-Resident: \$60

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

Beginner: 4:30 - 5:15 pm 5:30 - 6:15 pm 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Advanced: 7:30 - 8:30 pm



Previous Archery Class

## Volunteers Needed!

We are always looking for volunteers to help at our programs and events. If you know anyone in need of volunteer hours or who may be interested in volunteering for coaching or at our events, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at (989) 781-0151.

## Keep up to date by accessing the website

To keep up to date with Thomas Township stop by our website at [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org). View upcoming events and programs, Township information, Parks & Recreation programs, job postings and more.

## Swingin' Seniors Program

The Swingin' Seniors typically meet the first Wednesday of every month for a potluck luncheon and to play bingo. Lunches start at noon at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, located at 8215 Shields Drive. The program runs from September through June every year. For more information or any questions please call the parks office at (989) 781-0151.

## Job Opportunities

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation is constantly looking for sports officials and instructors. Applications can be found online at [www.thomastwp.org/employmentopportunities](http://www.thomastwp.org/employmentopportunities) or in the office at 249 N. Miller Rd.



**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 the 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 processed and registration will not 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.

## Winter Fun in the Parks

### Ice Skating & Hockey

There is an ice rink at the Community Park, located behind the Thomas Township Office Building at 249 N. 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. Please pay attention to the "Rinks 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.



### Sledding

There is a lighted sledding hill at the Day Park, located on S. River Road just north of Ronald Drive.

**These winter activities are not monitored by Township Staff. Parental supervision is mandatory.**

## 2023 Pavilion Rentals

It's time to reserve your pavilion for the 2023 season. Starting January 3rd pavilion reservations will open to **residents only**. February 1st, non-residents can begin reserving pavilions. Pavilions are great for birthday parties, graduation parties, family gatherings, baby showers, and so many more events! To secure your spot make sure to reserve early as rental dates tend to fill up quickly. Stop into the parks office at 249 N. Miller Road to reserve a pavilion as reservations cannot be made over the phone. If you have any questions regarding our pavilions, please call the park office at (989) 781-0151.

Beginning January 1st 2023, pavilion rentals are required to provide a homeowners insurance policy with personal liability coverage of at least \$300,000. In addition, all rentals will require a \$200 deposit, submitted at the time of the reservation. The deposit will be returned in full dependent on the proper use and clean-up of the pavilion per the rental rules.

## Girls Basketball

Girls basketball leagues are forming for 2nd-4th grade and 4th-6th grades. Girls in 4th grade can choose to play up with the 5th-6th graders or down with the 2nd-3rd graders. Registration is now open for both divisions.

Saturday games are scheduled to begin March 4th. The draft for girls in 4th-6th grades will be announced when we have more information. **Volunteer coaches are also needed** for this program! Please call the Parks and Recreation Office for more information at (989) 781-0151.

### Fees:

Resident: \$50    Non-Resident: \$55



Girls Basketball

## Soccer Clinic

Soccer Clinic is for ages 4-8. Registration is underway for both boys and girls. You can send in your registration to the parks office or register online. The start date of our Soccer Clinic is scheduled for March 4th.

The clinic is an instructional program. Participants will be taught the fundamentals of soccer. The soccer clinic will be held on Saturday mornings at Swan Valley High School's back gym, located at 8400 O'Hern Road.

Ages 4-5: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Ages 6-8: 10:15 am to 11:15 am

### Fees:

Resident: \$50    Non-Resident: \$55



Previous Soccer Clinic



# Trash & Treasures Yard Sales

**June 8<sup>th</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Thank you for choosing to participate in the  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Trash & Treasures Yard Sales!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your completed form can be returned to:**

**Thomas Township  
Attn: Karen Hitz  
249 N. Miller Rd  
Saginaw, MI 48609**

**Place in the drop box out front of the office, or  
you may email the form to: [operator@thomastwp.org](mailto:operator@thomastwp.org).**

**or fax it to (989) 781-0290.**

**In order to have your sale included on the map you  
must have the form turned in by **May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023!****

**Please be considerate of your neighbors during the  
sale.**



**\*If you are not a Thomas Township resident, you may register your sale. It will be displayed in the address list section, but may not appear on the map.**

**\*Due to limited spacing, we cannot list specific times, days or individual items for sale on the map.**

**\*For questions, please call 989-781-0150.**

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## **Brush Drop Off**

**Brush** may be taken by the homeowner to the Township brush drop off site located at the northwest corner of N. Gleaner & Frost Roads (Access drive from N. Gleaner). No stumps, leaves, grass or commercial brush of any kind will be accepted. The site will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following dates:

### **2023 Drop Off Dates:**

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

May 6 & 20

June 10 & 24

July 8 & 22

August 12 & 26

September 9 & 23

October 7, 14, 21, & 28

November 4

***Yard Waste Pick-up will begin in April 2023***

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