

THOMAS *Township* TODAY

New American Flag Retirement Drop off Box

Often, people call or stop in and ask where can they properly dispose of an American flag. More often than not, we would collect the flag and give it to our former Assistant Fire Chief, Lyle Cousins, or to Print Express. They then would take it to the American Legion Post on Weiss Street. We do this to help those who are wanting to show respect for the flag by properly disposing of it. Now, thanks to Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Howe, American Flags can be retired properly at the Public Safety Building.



Chief Cousins, Ethan Howe, and Chief Fong

A few months ago, Swan Valley Student and Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Howe, approached both Chief Fong and Chief Cousins with an idea. His idea was to provide a “safe box” for people to drop off their used American flags. Both the Police and Fire Chief liked the idea as did the Township Manager, Russ Taylor. Ethan’s idea has now become a reality! The flag drop box is located on the west end of the Public Safety Building. We feel this will be used on a regular basis and will be a great benefit to our residents.

Ethan has completed all of the requirements to be eligible to earn this prestigious rank as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of Troop 345 which assembles at Swan Valley Methodist Church on Geddes Road. Thank you Ethan, for this great idea and for caring enough about the proper disposal of our American flag.

Sincerely,
Chief Fong and Chief Cousins

“When we honor our flag we honor what we stand for as a Nation - - freedom, equality, justice, and hope.”

- Ronald Reagan

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Trash Pickup the week of Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales

Trash pick-up will run at a different time during the rummage sales so that the drivers can easily pass down streets and pick up trash before the roads become congested with traffic. This is because in the event that a driver can not go down a road due to traffic congestion, the driver must turn around and your trash will not be picked up until the following week. Some of our roads are narrow or dead ends and the driver needs to be able to safely navigate the truck.

On **THURSDAY, June 9th**, please put your trash to the road **BEFORE** going to bed. Trash pick-up will run overnight into Friday morning.



May 3, 2022 Election: Hemlock Public School District Bonding Proposal

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There will be a Special Election for voters who live in Thomas Township and vote in Precincts 3 and 4 only, located at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, Michigan 48609. Hemlock Public Schools has put forth a May 3, 2022, bonding proposal that reads as follows:

HEMLOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Hemlock Public School District, Saginaw and Midland Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$41,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping or reequipping school buildings for instructional technology; purchasing school buses; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping playgrounds, playfields, athletic fields and facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024, under current law, is 0.80 mill (\$0.80 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the previous year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.02 mills (\$3.02 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$5,740,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Absentee ballot requests can be submitted online at www.michigan.gov/vote. Applications are also available at the Township Office located at 249 North Miller Road. Once the completed application is received, a ballot will be mailed to the address indicated. The last day to request a mailed ballot is April 29, 2022. After that date, ballots can be requested in person until 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022. Two secure drop boxes are available for voted ballots, one is located just outside the Township Office and the other is a mail slot to the right of the main door. Ballots may also be returned by mail. Please allow 7 to 10 days for delivery.

The Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) is available online to check voter registration, preview the ballot or track the status of your ballot. Visit the MVIC at www.michigan.gov/vote. The last day to register to vote other than in-person at the local clerk's office is April 18, 2022. The polls will be open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m., please respect the election workers and the space of others while exercising your right to vote.

Darci Seamon,
Deputy Clerk

Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales June 9th - 12th, 2022



**Thank you for choosing to participate in the 13th
Annual Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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 you can email it to 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 **May 27th, 2022!** Please be considerate of your neighbors during the sale.**



*** If you are not a Thomas Township resident, you may register your sale, and 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**

Keeping Grass Cut

Now that April is officially here, it's time to think about getting your lawn mower ready to cut for the summer. In Thomas Township, it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep lawns to a height of no more than ten inches (10") beginning May 1st. Exceeding this is a violation of the "Noxious Weed Ordinance". If you happen to receive a notification that your property is in violation and do not bring the property into compliance, Thomas Township may enter the property and cut the weed/plant growth. Any expenses incurred to do so will be the responsibility of the property owner and they will be charged accordingly. Upkeep of the property including taking care of regular lawn maintenance helps to keep the appearance of the neighborhood and Township to a higher standard as well as deterring any vermin from finding a habitat to live. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (989) 781-0150 to evaluate a property.

Storm Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems

With the changing of seasons, we see thunderstorms and snow melt off, because of this increased precipitation, it's important to distinguish between a Sanitary Sewer System and a Storm Water System.

Storm Water Sewer System

This system collects rainwater and snow melt from many types of areas. Storm sewers are comprised of enclosed pipes, catch basins, swales, open ditches and semi-open culverts which are operated and maintained by numerous agencies. In many cases, dewatering sump pumps, field drains, irrigation runoff and foundation drains are also directly discharged to these systems. Storm sewers discharge waters directly to the environment, without treatment. You can help with protecting our environment and keeping the storm system operating freely by ensuring the drains in your yards are not plugged with debris, and that the drainage culverts under your driveways are clean. Always be mindful to not dump any sort of chemicals, oils, paints, or antifreeze into any sewer, especially a storm sewer.

With few exceptions, the Saginaw County Road Commission is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the storm water system. If you have a storm sewer problem and require assistance, please call the Road Commission at 989-752-6140. For additional storm water information, please visit the Saginaw Area Storm Water Association webpage at: www.saswa.org

Sanitary Sewer System

Sanitary sewers are designed to convey what we normally generate as wastes through the use of toilets, housekeeping and bathing activities. These types of wastes pose specific dangers to the environment and public health if they are improperly handled or discharged without being adequately treated. Thomas Township is responsible for the operation and maintenance of this sewer system. If you have a sanitary sewer backup, call the Township offices at 989-781-0150. After hours, please call DPW on-call operator at 989-529-0041.

Saginaw Area Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

A Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as the annual water quality report provides information on your local drinking water quality. Every community water supplier must provide an annual report by July 1 of each year to its customers on the quality of the drinking water and the sources of that water, and to characterize the risks (if any) from exposure to contaminants detected in the water. according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Consumer Confidence Report Rule.

Thomas Township partners with the City of Saginaw to complete this report. When all the data has been compiled, it will be hosted on the City of Saginaw website. Your notification will be on your water bill, and direct you via webpage to view the Saginaw Area Consumer Confidence Report. The 2020 report is currently hosted at: <https://www.saginaw-mi.com/ccr.php>.

Trevor Schultz,
Assistant Director of Public Works



Outdoor Water Restrictions

Beginning June 1st, 2022 the annual outdoor water restrictions will be taking effect. The outdoor water restriction will continue until September 1st, 2022. During the restrictions using outdoor water for washing the car, watering the garden or grass and other summer activities will be limited according to your address.

Even number addresses may use outdoor water on even days and odd number addresses may use water on odd days. By putting these restrictions in place, we can control excessive demands for water, which helps keep our water rates lower. Thank you in advance for helping us conserve water.

Changing Places & New Faces

As some of you may have already noticed, Nicole Schulte has made the move from Parks Receptionist to the Full-Time Water Clerk. We are happy to see her smiling face in the main office, and hope you congratulate her when you see her in the Water Department!



Susan Prevost

We would also like to welcome Susan Prevost as the new Parks Receptionist! She has been learning quickly and we are so happy to have her as a part of our team! Make sure to welcome her when you see her in the Parks Office! Susan comes with great experience, her and her husband owned their own business previously and are from Jackson Hole, Wyoming! She loves being outdoors and bicycling which makes her a perfect addition to the parks office!

Welcoming Another New Face to the Police Department



Amy Dasky, Police Officer

I'd like to introduce you to Amy Dasky, our newest officer. Officer Dasky previously worked as a full-time patrol officer for the Birch Run Police Department where she performed general patrol duties. During that time, she also worked as a part-time deputy for the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office where she performed courthouse security and prisoner transport.

Ms. Dasky currently lives in Saginaw Township and graduated from Hill McClay High School in Montrose, MI. She attended Saginaw Valley State University, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree. Ms. Dasky graduated from the Delta Police Academy in June of 2020. It is my pleasure to have Officer Dasky be a part of the Thomas Township Police Department. Please welcome her when you see her keeping our community safe.

Al Fong,
Police Chief

Veterans Display: Honoring All Who Served

With Memorial Day fast approaching, you have an opportunity to honor your Veteran with an engraved paver that will be placed within the Township's Veteran's Display. Anyone who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States is welcomed to be honored. Costs are \$35.00 per paver. The price represents only the actual costs to purchase and engrave the brick. Simply visit the Township Offices located at 249 N Miller Road, or download the form at www.thomstwp.org

*Remember that our flag
flies above the land of the
free only because of the
brave.....*



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Receptionist

The Parks & Recreation Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and can be reached at (989) 781-0151. If the office is closed for any reason, please stop into the main office for further assistance.



Day Camp

Thomas Township has nine exciting, week-long day camp sessions this summer for children ages 7-12. The Day Camp runs five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

This year each week will have it's own new theme for campers to explore, while still offering some of the activities that campers have come to love such as swimming, train rides and crafts.

This years themes are:

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| June 13th - 17th | Hawaiian Hullabaloo |
| June 20th - 24th | Music Makers |
| June 27th - July 1st | Adventureland |
| July 5th - 8th Mini Camp | Barnyard Palooza |
| July 11th - 15th | Mission Impossible |
| July 18th - 22nd | Game Show Mania |
| July 25th - 29th | Superheroes |
| Aug. 1st - 5th | Tropical Paradise |
| Aug. 8th - 12th | Hollywood |
| Aug 15th - 19th | Anything Goes |



Registration Fees:

Resident: \$120

Non-Resident: \$130

There is a reduced fee for a 2nd child of the same family registered in the same week. This also applies to mini camps.

Mini Camps

Mini camp is a one week session, Monday through Friday, for children ages 4-6. The sessions run from 10 am to 3 pm. This outdoor orientated day camp is fun and includes all of the activities that Day Camp has to offer. All activities are geared towards the age level of the children. The theme for Mini Camp this year is Barnyard Palooza and will take place July 5th through July 8th. There is a limit of 20 campers!

Registration Fees:

Resident: \$85

Non-Resident: \$95

Before & After Camp Care

Before and After camp care is for parents who need to drop off or pick up their children before or after the scheduled camp time. A counselor will stay with any children if they need to be dropped off early or stay late. Before and After Camp Care begins at 7:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm.

Fees:

\$30 per week per child

All children must be registered and paid in advance for this service.

ONLINE REGISTRATION is available for Parks and Recreation Programming. You can access the online registration at thomastwp.org. When using the online registration system to register for Parks and Recreation Programming, you **MUST** pay for the program you are registering for at the time you fill out the registration form or you will not be considered enrolled in that program. Registration is a two step process. Once you hit **REGISTER NOW**, you will register, agree to the terms and hit **SEND**. You will then be redirected to the payment options on the next screen. From there you should receive a confirmation email of payment. If you do not receive a confirmation, then your payment was not able to be processed and registration will not be able to be completed.

*Not all programs are available for online registration. If you have any questions feel free to call the Parks and Recreation office at (989) 781-0151 or stop into the Parks and Rec office at 249 North Miller Road.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are taught by certified instructors. Each session consists of eight lessons. Classes are Monday through Thursday with both morning and evening sessions.

Fees: **Resident: \$50** **Non-Resident: \$60**

Level 1: Water Exploration (Ages 4-6) Introduction to aquatic skills & water safety.

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| First Session: June 13th - 24th | Second Session: June 27th - July 15th |
| Third Session: July 18th - July 29th | Fourth Session: Aug. 1st - 12th |
| Morning Session: 10:00 am - 10:45 am | 11:00 am - 11:45 am |
| Evening Session: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm | 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm—Not offered every session |

Level 2: Primary Skills (Ages 5-9) Passed level 1 or a skill test. Working on basic strokes and aquatic safety.

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| First Session: June 13th - 24th | Second Session: June 27th - July 15th |
| Third Session: July 18th - July 29th | Fourth Session: Aug. 1st - 12th |
| Morning Session: 10:00 am - 10:45 am | 11:00 am - 11:45 am |
| Evening Session: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm | 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm—Not offered every session |

Level 3: Stroke Readiness (Ages 6-10) Passed level 2 or a skill test. Continue working on strokes, water safety and diving skills.

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| First Session: June 13th - 24th | Second Session: June 27th - July 15th |
| Third Session: July 18th - July 29th | Fourth Session: Aug. 1st - 12th |
| Morning Sessions: 11:00 am - 11:45 am | Evening Sessions: 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm |

Pool Schedule

The pool will be opening up for recreational swimming, Monday through Sunday on June 11th, 2022 and will remain open until August 19th, 2022. *Closing date subject to change*

Open Swim Monday - Sunday:
12:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Fees :

Resident: \$5
Non - Resident: \$10
Family of 5:
Resident: \$15
Non- Resident: \$25

Season Passes:

Resident: \$60
Non - Resident: \$80
Family of 5:
Resident: \$85
Non - Resident: \$115

There will be an additional \$25 fee on family passes for each additional family member over the limit of 5. Season passes are available at the Thomas Township Office, located at 249 N. Miller Road.



Park Reminders

As the temperatures rise and everyone flocks to the parks this summer, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation would like to highlight some of the park rules so that everyone can enjoy the parks in their own way. Per township ordinance, park hours are 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Vehicles must park in designated parking lots and spaces only. **Dogs MUST be kept on a 6 foot leash at all times.** This is State Law and will be enforced more strictly. When enjoying the park please be respectful of other park users and do not allow your fun to impede the fun of those around you. Have fun and enjoy your summer in Thomas Township parks!

Job Opportunities

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation is constantly looking for sports officials and instructors. Application can be found online at www.thomastwp.org/employmentopportunities or in the office at 249 N. Miller Rd.

For the Seniors:

Swingin' Seniors

The **Swingin' Seniors** will resume again **April 6th and May 4th!** The Swingin' Seniors typically meet the first Wednesday of the month for a potluck luncheon and to play bingo. Lunches are usually held at noon at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, located at 8215 Shields Drive. Our Swingin' Seniors Luncheons **WILL RESUME THIS SEPTEMBER.** For any questions please call the parks office at (989) 781-0151.

Ride the Roethke Mini Train

The Roethke Mini Train runs Tuesday Evenings from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm and every Saturday and Sunday from June 11th through August 26th (Schedule subject to change and weather permitting) from Noon until 4:00 pm. If you are planning a large family or group event, please call ahead and verify the availability of the train. by calling (989) 781-0151.

Movies in the Park

The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting FREE movies in the park again this summer. The movies will be held at Roberts Park on S. Miller Road. The movies will begin around 9:30 pm and the concession stand at the pavilion will be open to purchase snacks and drinks to enjoy during the movie! There will be two family friendly movies played this summer on June 10th and July 22nd. The dates are tentative and are subject to being rescheduled due to weather. We will be announcing our movie selections later this spring!



Concert Series at Roethke Park

Join us for a summer picnic and a FREE concert at Roethke Park, located at 400 Leddy Road. Enjoy great music and many more special events on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

The Roethke Mini Train will be ready to roll for the kids during the concert series for just \$1 per person! Come on over and have a nice family night out at Roethke Park.

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| June 14th | CEYX | July 26th | Jim & Tim Acoustic Show |
| June 21st | Todd Michael Band | Aug 2nd | Laurie & The Lefties |
| June 28th | JAM (Jesus & Music) | Aug 9th | The Rock Show |
| July 12th | Toppermost (Beatles) | Aug. 16th | Michele Spitz |
| July 19th | The Savior Machines | | |

Rainouts will be rescheduled for August 24th, 2022.

Sand Volleyball Leagues

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation has had sand volleyball leagues for a number of years, and we are now looking to grow our leagues this year. The leagues will be held at Roethke Park and Roberts Park based on the number of teams registered. Currently, leagues are held on Tuesday nights at Roethke Park, but with the addition of more teams, leagues could potentially be Monday - Thursday nights. Teams are coed and games are played 4 v 4. For more information please check out the Parks and Recreation page on our website, or get ahold of us in our office at 249 N. Miller Rd (989) 781-0151.

Archery

Classes for beginners work on safety, form, equipment and the fundamentals of becoming a good archer. Classes for advanced archers are based on using their own equipment, if they have it, or using advanced set up bows. We have both fully set up compound bows or longbows available for your use.

Archery classes begin the 2nd or 3rd Thursday in April and run every Thursday for 6 weeks.

Class Times:

Beginner: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

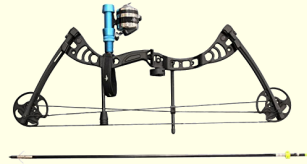
Beginner: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Advanced: 8:30 pm - 9:15 pm

Beginner: 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Advanced: 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Fees: Resident: \$55 Non-Resident: \$65



Bow Fishing

Our bow fishing program is a three day session taking place at Roberts Park. To be able to take this class, you must have taken one of the winter archery classes. Parks and Recreation will provide all bows, arrows, targets and materials needed for the program. This program is geared to educate individuals on how to bow fish as well as educating them on the different equipment used. ***Real fish are NOT shot in this program* Program is subject to change ***

Class Sessions:

1st Session: June 20th - 22nd

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

2nd Session: July 11th - 13th

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Fees: Resident: \$35 Non-Resident: \$40

Men's Softball Leagues

This year Thomas Township Parks and Rec. will be offering a Tuesday night softball league along with a Wednesday night league. Each league will consist of no more than 8 teams with a minimum of 4 teams. The registration deadline is Friday May 6th, 2022. The season will begin on Tuesday May 24th, and Wednesday May 25th.

Registration Fee: Team: \$325

Player Fee: Resident: \$10 Non-Resident: \$15



Men's Softball Tournament

On August 20th, 2022 (Tentative Date*), Thomas Township Parks and Recreation will be holding a Slow Pitch Softball Tournament! All teams are guaranteed 4 games. The registration deadline is August 1st, 2022. For more information contact our offices at (989) 781-0151 * Tournament subject to the number of teams registered.

Team Fee: \$250



Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League

Leagues for sand volleyball are now forming for play at Roethke Park, located at 400 Leddy Road. There will be two 6-week seasons.

League Times:

Coed Fours: Tuesday Night

1st Season: May 25th

2nd Season: July 13th

Team Fee: \$90

Soccer Leagues

Registration for the fall soccer leagues will begin in August 2022. Fall soccer will run from September through October.

Y5's K-1st

2nd-3rd 4th-6th

Registration Fees:

Resident: \$50

Non-Resident: \$55

Pavilion Rentals

We are currently taking pavilion rental agreements for the 2022 season. The pavilions are available for rent from May through August. A copy of your homeowner's insurance showing personal liability coverage is required from renters along with a completed rental agreement form.

Rental Fees vary by park and pavilion. Please look at the pavilion rental page of our website thomastwp.org

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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 Noon on the following dates:

2022 Drop Off Dates:

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May 7 & 21

June 11 & 25

July 9 & 23

August 6 & 20

September 3 & 17

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Yard Waste Pick-up will begin April 1, 2022

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