

# THOMAS *Township* TODAY

## 2018 Fire Department Awards Banquet

The fire department recently held its annual awards banquet. This is our way of recognizing these men and women who put so much time into serving their community. Each year we acknowledge various accomplishments from our members. Many of these folks spend countless hours going to classes to better themselves thus providing a better service to the community we protect and serve. Those receiving service pins were Drake Parent for 5 years and Tom Stoddard for 15 years. The highlight of the evening comes with the three top awards, the Citation of Merit for each Station and the Fire Fighter of the Year Award.

The Citation of Merit is selected by the station officers. They evaluate the members within their stations and choose a person to receive this honor. For Station #1, this goes to a person who is very dedicated and will do anything to help anyone anytime. A comment about him is: "Dominic is dependable, reliable, knowledgeable, and a little quiet but he shows up for calls. He will take on any task when asked. He has a good heart and is really a team player". He joined the department in July of 2004 and is a Fire Fighter 2 and Emergency Medical Technician. Congratulations **Dominic Goergen!**

For Station #2, this goes to a person who is also dedicated and a team player. He carries positive energy and applies his talents throughout the department. Comments made about him are: "He goes above and beyond with helping at the stations, Jim is an excellent resource for our department, he is smart and creative in his approach". Jim has served on several committees. He joined the department in November of 2006 and is a Fire Fighter 2 Medical First Responder. Congratulations **Jim Grove!**

Our highest honor is one that is selected by their peers. Every fire fighter and medical responder is given a ballot and they select the person they believe is most deserving of this prestigious award. Some comments made on the ballots about this year's recipient are: "He consistently goes over and above to meet the requirements, gets along with everyone and is more than willing to help others. Anthony demonstrates the true values of this department. He participates in anything he is asked to (without complaining) and is a credit to this department". It is also my observation Anthony is dedicated, very knowledgeable, eager to learn and I rarely

hear him say no... He defines a true team player with a positive attitude and clearly demonstrates respect for his officers and fellow responders. Anthony Martin joined our department in 2014 and is a Fire Fighter 2 Medical First Responder. Congratulations **Anthony Martin!**



Left to Right: Dominic Goergen, Certificate of Merit, Station #1, Anthony Martin, Firefighter of the Year 2018, Jim Grove, Certificate of Merit, Station #2

### Thomas Township Board of Trustees

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### Departments

Municipal Office..... 781-0150  
249 N. Miller Road  
Parks & Recreation.. 781-0151  
249 N. Miller Road  
DPW Administration 781-6438  
251 Miller Court  
Police Department .. 781-1300  
8215 Shields Drive  
Fire Department ..... 781-4141  
8215 Shields Drive  
Library..... 781-3770  
8207 Shields Drive

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## Passport Fees

**New Passport Book:**  
**U.S. Department of**  
**State**

Adult	Minor
\$110	\$80

**New Passport Card:**  
**U.S. Department of**  
**State**

Adult	Minor
\$30	\$15

**Execution Fee:**  
**Thomas Township**  
\$35 per new  
application

**Passport Photo:**  
**Thomas Township**  
\$10 per person

**Expedite Fee :**  
**U.S. Department of**  
**State**  
(2-3 week processing)  
\$60 per application

\*fees subject to  
change\*



## Did you know Thomas Township is a Passport Acceptance Facility?

Thomas Township has been a Passport Acceptance Facility since 2004. Individuals can apply for a new passport or renew an existing one. Thomas Township can accept your passport applications Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at our main office located at 249 North Miller Road.

### ***What to bring when applying for your passport:***

- **Completed passport application.** These forms may be obtained at our office or through the U.S. Department of State's website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). The applications are easy to fill out, but they require detailed personal information, so you are strongly encouraged to obtain the appropriate form and fill it out before you come in. Use black ink only when completing your application, and do not use white out for mistakes.
- **Renewals do NOT require a birth certificate.** You will need your expiring or expired passport. In order to utilize the renewal form (DS-82), your passport must have expired within the last 5 years. If it expired over 5 years ago, you must follow the new application procedures.
- **Birth certificate with a raised seal,** or a previously issued U.S. passport.
- **Current driver's license** or another form of picture ID.
- **Passport photo** (taken within 6 months of application) must be provided. Thomas Township does offer passport picture services at our office at a cost of \$10.00 per person.
- For children under the age of 16, **BOTH** parents must be present to sign the passport application.
- Ages 16 and 17 will need to have one parent present to sign the application or a check for payment from their parents to account showing consent.
- All people applying for a passport must be present when the applications are turned in to us. This includes infants, the elderly and the handicapped. No applications will be accepted without the applying person available.
- **Processing time:** Routine turn-around time on the passport book and passport card is approximately 4-6 weeks. Expedited turn around time on the passport book and card is approximately 2-3 weeks.



## Help Keep our Lakes & Rivers Clean

Did you know that many of our daily activities have an influence on water quality in our local tributaries such as the Tittabawassee River and Swan Creek? Since the adoption of the Clean Water Act in 1972 there has been progress in cleaning up local waterways, but more needs to be done. We all must start taking measures to assure that the storm water runoff that enters our lakes, rivers and streams is as clean as the water that fell from the clouds. Remember, what enters those drains in the streets and parking lots ultimately ends up in the Saginaw Bay where we get our drinking water.

Some common sources of this pollution include car washing,

vehicle fluids, pesticides and weed killers, paint products, oil, and garbage. Here are a few suggestions that you and your family can try to help improve our waterways:



**Put trash where it belongs:** Put garbage in a trash can.

Do not litter. Litter will find its way into a drain.

**Never fertilize before a rainstorm:** The fertilizer that you put on your yard will get washed right down a storm drain if you apply it just before a rainstorm. Fertilizer is a significant pollutant.

Community Development  
Department

## Rebel Magnolia Flea Market In the Fall

New name, same Flea Market! Get prepared for another Rebel Magnolia Flea Market on September 7th and 8th, 2018! This event has been a hit since its debut. With so many local and handmade items, you can get your fill of shopping local in just one day. There will be shuttle transportation provided at several locations.

The Flea Market will boast about 100 vendors as well as food trucks and food vendors. The kids can also have fun by playing on the bounce house or getting their face painted. Tickets will be \$10 for Friday & Saturday or \$5 for Saturday only. The Rebel Magnolia Flea Market will be held at Roberts Park, located at 455 S. Miller Road.

Check in with Rebel Magnolia located at 7677 Gratiot Road for more information. You can also find them on Facebook and keep up with the latest news.



*Shop local and support small business at the Rebel  
Magnolia Flea Market.*

## Community Calendar

July 30th-August 3rd, 2018

Habitat for Humanity Home  
Rehabilitation Project

July 31st-Aug 4th

105th Saginaw County Fair

August 7th, 2018

State Primary Election

Coffee with a Cap

Concert in the Park (Roethke)

August 14th, 2018

Concert in the Park (Roethke)

Featuring: Laurie & the Lefties

Featuring: Todd Michael Band

September 4th, 2018

Coffee with a Cap

September 7 & 8, 2018

Rebel Magnolia Flea Market

September 14th, 2018

Summer Taxes Due

September 30th, 2018

Fire Department Pancake

Breakfast & Open House

October 9th, 2018

Last day to register for the  
General Election

October 12-13 & 19-20

Haunted Train Ride & Haunted  
House at Roethke Park

November 6th, 2018

General Location

Nov 30th- Dec 1st

& December 7-8th

Christmas Train Festival of  
Lights

## Color Correspondence

**Red Means Buried  
Electrical Wires**

**Orange Means Buried  
Communications Wires**

**Green Means Buried  
Sewer Pipes**

**Yellow Means Buried  
Gas Pipelines**

**Blue Means Water Lines**

**Pink Means Temporary  
Surveying**

## The Miss Dig System

It's summer! Many of us are getting ready to do work around the old homestead, be it building a new fence, putting in new landscaping, driveways, paved patios, or any number of things that will require

you to dig in your front or side yard. Your yard is home to other underground utilities like water and sewer lines, buried electrical, telephone and TV cables and natural gas pipes and services. All of these can easily be damaged by an inadvertent shovel, trencher or backhoe. Though damage can be fixed, each year untold injuries and loss of life also occurs. That is why utilities and communities have banded together and helped create the MISS DIG system.

MISS DIG is Michigan's statewide one-call notification system that was developed in order to provide excavators and the general public the ability to inform multiple owners of underground facilities of excavation with a single telephone call. MISS DIG is a not-for-profit, independent company that processes information from excavators and passes that information on to affected utilities. Individual utilities locate and mark the underground lines, wires and cables allowing you to safely dig in the area. Michigan Statute, Public Act 1974, requires any-

one who engages in or is responsible for the planning or

performance of any type of excavation, grading, demolition, cultivating, auguring, blasting, or boring to provide advance notice to MISS DIG by calling 811 or 1-800-482-7171 at least 3 working days before you dig. The call center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to take ticket requests.

So what happens when you call MISS DIG? The operator will ask your name, phone number and the name of the person doing the work. They will ask the geographical location of the work area, including the address and nearest cross street to the work site. They will ask what type of work is being completed; for example, installing a fence or building a deck. They will ask you when you plan to start the work, and what you would like to have marked; the entire front yard, on either side of your yard, etc. After you provide that information, a "ticket" will be generated and sent to the area utilities. The individual utilities will locate and mark their underground utilities that are located in the public right of way within 3 working days. Once marked, you can begin your work.

It is very important to wait until the legal start date and time assigned before beginning your underground work. Beginning work earlier can result in forfeiture of your rights and protections granted under Michigan law. MISS DIG will issue the earliest legal start date possible, usually three business days after you contact MISS DIG. A ticket remains valid for 21 calendar days after the legal dig start date requested on the MISS DIG ticket. It is, however, the excavator's responsibility to get the marks refreshed when needed. A ticket becomes invalid only if the work continues past 21 calendar days, or the locate marks are missing or need refreshing. In certain situations, MISS DIG may issue a project ticket that will remain valid for 180 calendar days. Once marked, the utility is color coded as to what the utility is. One more thing, if your yard is marked, please do not remove the markers until the underground work is completed.

Thanks,





## Is your smoke detector working for you?

Do you have a properly installed and working smoke detector in your home? In the first quarter of 2018 the State of Michigan reported 44 fire related deaths. Having properly installed and working smoke alarms in your home could save your life. Smoke alarms provide an early warning of a fire, giving you valuable time to escape. If you do not have any in your home now is the time to act!

If you have smoke alarms installed in your home, do you test them once a month? Do you change the battery every six months? It is recommended that smoke detectors be replaced every ten years. Like your heart, these detectors are working around the clock to help keep you protected.



When installing detectors in your home it is recommended that you have them placed inside every sleeping area, just outside of the sleeping area, and on every level

of the home for proper protection. Smoke detectors should be installed on the ceiling or high on the wall and they should be kept away from kitchen areas to help reduce false alarms. Alarms should be placed at least ten feet away from a stove.

Once the smoke alarm sounds you should immediately get out of the house using your pre-planned escape plan. Once outside you should make sure that everyone is accounted for. Never re-enter the home to retrieve personal belongings.

Together, if we all do our part, we can reduce the number of fire fatalities in our state. If you have any fire safety questions feel free to contact our office at (989) 781-4141 and we would be glad to assist you. Fire prevention starts with you!

Joe Giacoletti  
Fire Inspector

## Trash & Treasures Thank You

Thomas Township would like to thank everyone who participated in the 9th Annual Trash & Treasures Rummage Sales. We had over 95 registrations come in, and without the festival we are thrilled to see so many residents participating.

We hope everyone who participated had a successful sale and had the opportunity to shop a few themselves! The Township would also like to thank all of those who shopped the sales, without the buyers the sales

would not be possible.

The donation truck was full again this year which is exciting for us to see. Old Town Christian Outreach Center was very pleased with the amount of items they were able to receive for those in need.

*Thank  
You*

## Pancake Breakfast

Make sure to stop out to the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on September 30th, 2018 from 9 am to 1pm. Enjoy a family breakfast and bring the kids to play on the obstacle course, spray the fire hose, and more, It's a fun filled day for the whole family to enjoy.



## Coffee With A Cop

The Thomas Township Police Department is continuing the "Coffee with a Cop" Program as a way to enhance their relationship with the residents of Thomas Township. Residents have a chance to meet with Township Officers personally and express any concerns or even to give kudos to the Department. Just show up and the coffee is free!

The Coffee with a Cop Program is held at McDonald's, located at 7778 Gratiot Road, and the next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on August 7th, 2018. If you can't make that one, please try to attend the next meeting at 8:00 a.m. on September 4th, 2018.

## Summer Tax Bills

Summer tax bills should have arrived in mailboxes on or about July 1st, 2018. They are due by September 14, 2018 to avoid penalties and interest. If you did not receive a summer tax statement, contact the Treasurer's Office at (989) 781-0150 to request a copy.

Some property owners may defer their summer payment until the time that the winter taxes are due ***IF*** one of the following applies:

- The property is the principal residence of persons age 62 or older, or the surviving spouse of a person who was age 62 or

older at death, with a household income below \$25,000.

- Persons with a disability that allows them to qualify for an extra personal exemption on the State income tax form.
- Property that is classified or used as agricultural property may qualify if the gross receipts of the farming operation are not less than the household income for the previous year.

Individuals who meet any of the above criteria for deferral must complete a form that is available through the Treasurer's Office. The deferral form

must be completed **each year prior to or on September 14th, 2018.**

***Deferral of summer taxes does not relieve the property owner from payment of taxes. It only allows them to defer the payment until February 28, 2019 without penalties and interest.***

If deferred, the summer tax amount due will not appear on your winter tax statement.

Vern Weber  
Township Treasurer

## Roethke Mini Train

The Roethke Mini Train runs Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and every Saturday and Sunday through August 18, 2018 (when weather permits) from noon to 4:00 pm. If you are planning a family event or bringing out a large group please call ahead to verify availability of the train for your get together. For special group times, please call (989) 781-0151.

You also don't want to forget about the Haunted Train Ride happening October 12th-13th and 19th-20th. From dusk to midnight you can ride the fright train. The ever popular attraction returns for another year of screams. We are always looking for more ghouls and goblins to volunteer.

You wouldn't want to miss our Annual Christmas Train at Roethke Park running November 30th-December 1st and December 7th-8th 2018. Come ride the train and see lighted scenes created by local businesses and individuals who love Christmas lights. If you are interested in volunteering call the Thomas Township Parks Office at (989) 781-0151. The Christmas train runs from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



## Swim Lessons

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

### **Swim Lesson Fees:**

- Residents: \$45.00
- Non-Resident: \$50.00

### **Level 1: Water Exploration**

For Ages 4-6. An introduction to aquatic skills and water safety.

Morning sessions are from 9:00 am to 9:45 am and evening sessions are from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

#### Next Sessions:

- July 23 to August 2nd
- August 6th to August 16th

### **Level 2: Primary Skills**

For ages 5-9. Level 2 is for students who have passed Level 1 or a skill test. This level will be working on basic strokes & aquatic safety.

Morning sessions are from 10:00 am to 10:45 am and evening sessions are from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm.

#### Next Sessions:

- July 23 to August 2nd
- August 6th to August 16th

### **Level 3: Stroke Readiness**

For ages 6-10 who have passed level 2 or a skill test. This level continues to work on strokes, water safety and diving skills.

Morning sessions are either from 9:00 am to 9:45 am or 10:00 am to 10:45 am. Evening session are either 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm or 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

#### Last Session:

- August 6 to 16th

### **Level 4: Stroke Development**

For those who have passed Level 3 or a skill test. This level focuses on endurance and confidence in the various strokes.

#### Last Session:

- July 23rd to August 2nd

Morning sessions are either from 9:00 am to 9:45 am or 10:00 am to 10:45 am. Evening session are either 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm or 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.



## Parks & Recreation Commission Members

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Craig Blower

## Parks & Recreation Staff Members

### Director:

John Corriveau

### Assistant Director:

Stacy Hable

### Receptionist:

Meaghan Zielinski

The Parks & Recreation Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



## Fall Soccer Leagues

Fall soccer leagues for boys and girls in grades Y5's through 7th grade will begin taking registrations in mid July and will continue until August 10th, 2018. The fall soccer season runs for six weeks beginning September 15th, 2018 and ending October 20th, 2018.

### Registration Fee:

Resident: \$110  
Non Resident: \$120



## Website Information

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



## Day Camps 2018

Thomas Township has six exciting week-long day camps sessions left 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.

*Themes are subject to change.*

July 16-20	Safari Adventure
July 23-27	Park Rangers
July 30-Aug 3	Mad Science
Aug 6-10	Time Travelers
Aug 13-17	Top Chef
Aug 20-24	Water World

Registration Fee:

Resident: \$110  
Non Resident: \$120

## Before & After Camp Care

\*Camp fees reduced by 25% for each child after the first child is registered in the same week of camp. Also applies to mini camps.\*

Before & After Camp Care is available for parents who need to pick up or drop off 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 picked up late. Before & After Camp Care begins at 7:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee per week per child for this service. All children must be registered and paid in advance for this service.



## Picnic in the Park 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 6:30-9:00 pm. Rainouts will be rescheduled for Tuesday, August 21st, 2018. The Roethke Mini Train will be ready to roll for the kids during the concert series for just \$1 per person!



July 24th  
July 31st  
Aug 7th  
Aug 14th

Manic Revolver  
CEYX  
Laurie & The Lefties  
Todd Michael Band



## Archery Classes 2019

Beginning Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 and continuing through February 7th, 2019 archery classes will run every Thursday.

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

available for your use. Registration will begin in November 2018 and run through December 2018.

Three sessions will run consecutively through mid-May 2019.

Beginner:	4:30-5:15 pm
Beginner:	5:15-6:00 pm
Beginner	6:00-6:45 pm



## Roethke Pool

The pool will remain open for recreational swimming until August 24, 2018. \*Closing Date is subject to change based upon weather and staffing\*

### Open Swim Sessions

Monday-Thursday:

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday:

Noon - 3:00 pm

3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

\*Open swim days: Pool will close at 8:00 pm if there are no swimmers in the pool\*



### Season Passes

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



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

## Online Registration

ONLINE registration is available for Parks and Recreation Programming. 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. If you have not received a confirmation of payment, you are not registered. Some program sizes are limited. Make sure the form you are using is not out of date.

Thomas Township

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### 2018 Brush Drop Off Dates

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

#### Drop Off Dates:

July 7th & July 21st

August 11th & August 25th

September 8th & September 22nd

October 6th & October 13th

October 20th & October 27th

*Yard Waste will run through November 30th, 2018*