



Disaster Strikes Swan Valley Condominium Building

As many of us know, our community suffered a major fire on July 7, 2022. According to our records and a few local historians, the fire at Swan Valley Condominium Building C was the largest fire in our Township's history. The fire appeared to start accidentally and it quickly spread throughout the open attic space that ran the length of the building. This building was built in 1973 and was a 20-unit, two-story wood frame structure. The building was evacuated without injury to any of the residents, but unfortunately, some pets still remain unaccounted for. There were also no onsite injuries to the roughly 100 firefighters on the scene.

The fire was called in at 4:49 pm and our first fire vehicle arrived on the scene in only four minutes. Upon arrival, there was heavy smoke and fire already throughout the roof. A second alarm was immediately called, which consists of two additional fire departments. Within 10 minutes, a third alarm was requested plus an additional ladder truck. Before the fire was completely extinguished, there were 21 fire departments that responded to help us. This included fire departments from Midland and Gratiot Counties. The fire itself took 14 hours to completely extinguish which went throughout the night. Due to the roof collapsing and the concern for the safety of the firefighters, we were forced to bring in two excavators to remove the roof and a large section of the second floor.

The fire required a significant number of resources and many cooperative efforts by agencies, friends, neighbors, and people we didn't even know. Those agencies assisting our community were: Thomas Twp. Police and Department of Public Works, Saginaw Central Dispatch, Mobile Medical Response, Hemlock Semi-Conductor, Saginaw City Water Department, Saginaw County Sheriff's Department, David Sommers, Hemlock High School, Mackley Excavating, Hedrich Excavating, Consumers Energy, Red Cross, Saginaw County Coordination/MABAS, and the Saginaw County Emergency Manager. The following fire departments spent countless hours providing assistance on the scene and providing coverage for additional calls: James, Richland, Tittabawassee, Tri Twp, Saginaw Township, Saginaw City, Birch Run, Bridgeport, Buena Vista, Chesaning-Brady, Frankenmuth, Jonesfield-Lakefield, Kochville, Maple Grove, Marion, Spaulding, Taymouth, Zilwaukee, Midland Twp (Midland County), and Breckenridge-Wheeler (Gratiot County). We would like to thank them all for their support during this tragedy.

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The Red Cross set up a shelter site at Hemlock High School, which didn't have anyone stay the night. I was asked, "Why didn't you use Swan Valley Schools for this shelter site?" That is a valid question, while in the past Swan Valley has graciously served as a shelter site several times, the decision to take this to Hemlock High School was made by the Red Cross themselves. While a greater distance from the fire, it did make sense given the construction that was taking place at the Swan Valley Schools. I spoke to Mat McRae to make sure he and the school board knew; it was not anything they had done. In fact, quite the opposite, we have a great relationship with Swan Valley Schools. Most don't necessarily know this, but the Swan Valley Condominiums are actually in the Hemlock School District.

The fire displaced approximately 30 people from the 20 units. We had the privilege to work with these folks in an attempt to help guide them through this disaster. The process of going through such a tragedy can be very taxing and trying. The hope of rebuilding is in the process already.

I know I have said this before, but I must say it again, I am very proud of our community. Every time we suffer a disaster, our community comes together to help and support those who have been effected. We have seen this same positive caring action during the flood, and now again during and after this fire. This is what community and being an American is all about, helping out our fellow citizens in their time of need! THANK YOU to the community at large for the support they have shown to so many in their time of need.

Mike Cousins
Fire Chief

Public Safety Millage Update

Wow!! What can we say other than THANK YOU for the support which you have shown for public safety on August 2nd. The Police and Fire Department asked our residents for a 1 mill increase to hire additional first responders, to help provide the citizens of Thomas Township with the first-class service that they deserve. The citizens came through by approving the needed increase, by a ratio of 2 to 1 by township voters. So, now that the millage has passed, what can our citizens expect?

On the police side: We will be hiring two additional police officers, which will increase the authorized strength from eight to a total of ten sworn officers. The manpower for the patrolman will increase from six to eight with the command staff remaining the same at, one sergeant and one chief. By increasing the number of patrolmen, we will now have an officer who will be able to handle follow-up investigations. This officer will be more extensively trained in investigative techniques, run down tips, and interview witnesses or suspects who may live out of the township or out of the county. This officer will be able to take the time to obtain search warrants needed to obtain items of evidentiary value. Investigations can be completed in a more timely manner giving victims closure more quickly. When the officer is not conducting a follow-up investigation, they will assist the patrol officer with 911 calls.

The second officer will be assigned to enforce the traffic laws throughout the township. Speeding and redlight runners have been the majority of violations, which we will look to decrease since these violations are what tend to cause more serious accidents. This officer will also handle traffic complaints that are received from residents in their neighborhood and handle a majority of crash reports that come in from 911. When the officer is not handling any traffic-related calls they will assist the patrol officer with 911 calls as well.

Public Safety Millage Update Continued

The responsibilities for both of these officers will mean that this will allow the patrol officer to remain on the road to respond to 911 calls that come in. In addition, the two additional officers will be able to be more involved in the schools making presentations like the dangers of drunk driving, illegal drugs, bullying, and any other subject which may be of concern to our kids.

On the fire side: The biggest plus from the millage is that Fire Rescue will continue providing medical services to the residents by hiring two full-time firefighters. The full-time firefighters will be working during the day to respond to medical, fire calls, and any other issues that pop up. This is important as the paid-on-call firefighters would not be able to respond during the daytime due to their full-time employment. Having full-time firefighters will ensure that someone will be responding and the response time will be quicker.

When they are not responding to any 911 calls, they will be performing tasks like fire code inspections. This will ensure that businesses, old and new, are in compliance with fire codes for the safety of the employees and customers. Another task performed is vehicle and equipment maintenance. Due to the high cost of the vehicles and equipment proper maintenance will extend the life of them. Additionally, they will be increasing their public education program as well as a heavier focus on departmental training to meet the State requirements.

The renewal of the fire apparatus millage was also a huge sign of your support and appreciation. We work diligently to ensure we remain fiscally responsible with the taxpayer's money, yet have up-to-date fire equipment for our responders to safely mitigate your emergencies.

Even with the millage increase, the Thomas Township Public Safety millage is still the lowest in the county of communities that collect millage for public safety. Both departments will continue to be fiscally responsible and provide the best service that the residents of Thomas Township deserve.

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for your support.
Fire Chief Cousins and Police Chief Fong

New Face

Welcome to Rebecca Collison (Becca) as the new Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Assistant for Thomas Township! Please welcome her the next time you stop into the Main Office.



Becca Collison,
Code Enforcement
Officer/Planning
Assistant

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are available at the Township Office from December 1st, 2022 though March 1st, 2023.

At any time outside of these dates, you will have to obtain the dog license from the County Court-house or at your local veterinarians office.

P.A. 195 of 1969, Sec. 6 requires the owner to show proof of valid rabies vaccination including the expiration date to obtain a dog license. Dog licenses will not be issued without the required rabies vaccination information.



Department of Public Works 2022 Fall Newsletter

Well, another summer has quickly passed us by greatly exceeding what should be the speed limit for the seasons! As we move into the fall, your Public Works will be busy flushing and winterizing all the fire hydrants located throughout the Township's water system. This is a normal maintenance function which is extremely important to ensure that the fire hydrant in your area works properly in the event of an emergency. As those flushing activities begin, you may see cloudy water coming from your home's water taps. This is a normal occurrence, and is typical of flushing activities. If your water appears discolored or cloudy, simply run your water taps for a short period of time to clear your home's water piping. This flushing activity also means that there will be many areas with standing water or puddles, specifically within the road right-of-way and along curbing. In some cases, fire hoses or other piping are used to diffuse or to direct water away from potentially pooling in areas and yards.



Thomas Township water staff will begin visiting homes in the area which have not been updated with the new water meter reading equipment. If your meter still needs to be converted and you are not at home, we will leave a tag on your door giving you further instructions on how to schedule an appointment for the work to be completed. Please help us continue to update our water meters.

The Brush site will be opened for residents every Saturday and Sunday in October. The hours of operations are 8 AM to sunset each day. The site is open for any Township Resident. No leaves or grass will be accepted.

New water line installed for Swan Valley Schools!

With the major building renovations and improvements being made at the Swan Valley High School campus, a new 12-inch water main was installed from the Administration Building on O'Hern following the interior campus drive to Van Wormer Road, by the Middle School. This water line provides a much needed second water connection which is important to protect the school complex. Your Swan Valley staff and School Board were very proactive to upgrade the campus' water system to help protect our kid's safety.

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Department of Public Works 2022 Fall Newsletter

New "Hi"s and Some Good-byes

Jason Graebner who was a very valuable employee, left the department in June. He will be greatly missed.

But with every good-bye comes a new hi. Our new employee, Tyler Sharp, joined our staff in August and brings with him a wealth of experience in equipment operations. We welcome Ty, his wife Katrina, as well as his sons to the Thomas Township family.



Tyler Sharp

Thomas Township Veteran's Display

As Veteran's Day comes around this year, Thomas Township will be remembering our heroes with a Veteran's Display located at Owen Cemetery on River Road. This display was constructed by residents of Thomas Township, for the benefit of honoring those that have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. The idea of the display was inspired by the death of Lance Corporal Thomas Echols, a Michigan raised Marine, who was killed in Iraq in December of 2006. Tom was only 20 years old when he died, leaving behind a young widow and unborn daughter. He died a hero, fighting to protect our rights and freedoms.

It is a shame that in our busy lives, we sometimes fail to remember those who answered "the call of duty" except for a couple of "holidays" each year. For this reason, the display was designed to be a living tribute, not strictly a memorial, where residents can honor their veteran with an engraved paver which is installed in the reflection area of the monument. You can honor your Veteran with an engraved brick by simply stopping into the Municipal Office Building located at 249 N Miller Road and filling out an order form. The cost for each brick is \$35.00. This is not a fundraising endeavor and the cost of the paver only represents the actual expense to have it made and customized.

Trevor Schultz
Assistant Director of Public Works



Trick or Treat Hours

Bring out those superheroes, princesses, ghouls, mermaids and more for Trick or Treating in Thomas Township from **5:30-7:30 pm on Halloween night!**



Halloween Safety Tips

- ☆Trick or Treat in groups, not alone.
- ☆Wear bright colored or reflective costumes or carry a flashlight.
- ☆Avoid costumes that impair your vision.
- ☆Avoid costumes that may cause a tripping hazard.
- ☆Cross the street at crosswalks.
- ☆Do not run in-between parked cars.
- ☆If your child is trick or treating without a parent, make sure that you know what areas they are going to and what time they will be back.
- ☆Don't talk to strangers.

Winter Tax Bills

Winter property tax statements are scheduled to be mailed to you on or around December 1st, 2022. If the property tax statement has not been received by December 6th, 2022 please contact the Deputy Treasurer at (989) 781-0150 or request a copy through email at treasurer@thomastwp.org

For your convenience a drop box is available near the entrance of the Thomas Township Municipal Office building for making payments after hours. The drop box is checked at 8:00 am each morning that the Township holds business hours and all payments are considered received on that day. All payments must be received or postmarked no later than December 31st, 2022 to be considered paid in 2022.

Reminder: When paying in person, please bring the entire tax bill with you (both top and bottom portions) and our staff will stamp the top portion paid for you as your receipt.

2022 Election News

The August 2, 2022 Primary Election has drawn to a close with nearly 40% of Thomas Township residents casting their votes. Some forty plus election workers assisted our residents in securing their “right to vote” at the Township’s seven precincts. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. but all of these individuals begin their day long before that time preparing to set up the polling places and stop way after the close in order to secure election results and return to the main office “Receiving Board”. Not to be forgotten were those individuals who were part of the Absentee Ballot Counting Board who worked to tabulate absentee ballots as well. All of these individuals worked tirelessly to see that our voters had a safe and secure voting experience. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their efforts in keeping election integrity first and foremost for our voters. Without these individuals it would not be possible to have a fair and efficient election.

If you are interested in being part of the election process and working at the November 8, 2022 General Election, please contact the Clerk’s Office at (989) 781-0150.

“Elections belong to the people”-Abraham Lincoln

Connie Watt, Deputy Clerk

A Thank You from the Library Board

To all Thomas Township Residents,
On behalf of the entire Library staff and the Thomas Township Library Board, I express my sincere appreciation to you, the voters, for your support of the library millage renewal in August. Asking people for financial support, especially during difficult economic times, can be risky business. But, once again, with overwhelming numbers, you have shown that you value our library and its resources.

Those of us associated with the library will continue to work hard to ensure that our dollars are spent wisely. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Tari Dusek, Library Director, or any member of her staff.

Again, thank you all for showing why Thomas Township is a great place to live and learn!

My Best,

Doug Bird, Chairperson

Thomas Township Library Board

Ed Brosofski Retires as Thomas Township Clerk

Thomas Township offers a hearty congratulations to Ed Brosofski as he wraps up his career in public service. Ed started his professional life as a teacher at Shields Junior High in 1963, and soon became principal. He worked for Swan Valley Schools for many years, retiring in 1991. He kept himself busy with many endeavors after retirement, but he wanted to do more to be of service. With more time in his schedule, he looked for another way to give back to the community. Ed began his service to Thomas Township as a trustee in 1992, and was appointed clerk on April 25, 1997.

During his time at Thomas Township, Ed has provided steady and admirable leadership in numerous capacities. He successfully oversaw all of the elections and served on many committees during his tenure. The Personnel and Negotiations Committees especially appreciated his ability to balance the Township's resources, with the needs of employees in a fair and diplomatic manner. Above and beyond his service, Ed enjoyed working with Thomas Township employees and board members. He is well known around the office for his story-telling ability and sense of humor.

As Ed steps back from public service, he will continue to enjoy spending time with his family and friends. Ed has been married to his wife Nancy for sixty years. They have three daughters, three sons-in law, and five grandchildren. Ed will continue his involvement with the Shields Lion's Club, and looks forward to planning more road trips with Nancy.

The Thomas Township Board, Manager, and employees express their gratitude and appreciation to Ed for his many years of exemplary service and wish him continued success and happiness. Ed's contributions to Thomas Township were recognized at the August 1, 2022 Board meeting, where a proclamation that highlighted his contributions to our community was read and presented to him.



Ed Brosofski

Sidewalk Snow and Ice Reminder

Leaves are beginning to fall from the trees. It won't be long before snow follows. Thomas Township has a significant number of people who walk, run, and ride bikes on the sidewalks daily. Every winter as the first snow falls, residents and businesses that have sidewalks in front of their property have an important responsibility to keep the walks clear.

After a snowfall, all residents and businesses need to ensure that the sidewalk is cleared within 24 hours of the storm. Because Michigan weather is so unpredictable and sometimes snows for days at a time, it is important to clean your sidewalk as soon as possible so it does not get packed down from an accumulation of several snow falls or from the walkers that use them.

When you see someone shoveling their walk please express your gratitude and tell them you appreciate what they are doing. Their efforts are a benefit to the entire community. If you have a question about the snow removal ordinance, call the Thomas Township Code Enforcement Officer at 989-781-0150.

An Evening in the Park Annual Fundraiser

The 2022 Evening in the Park Annual Fundraiser was held at Roberts Park on September 19th. It was a marvelous evening with local food catered by Swan Valley Banquet Center and music by the Jim and Tim Acoustic Show. This event is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and we truly can't thank our community and those who come every year to help support our parks and our recreation programs enough! THANK YOU!



HSC Donation to
Parks & Recreation

We would like to say a special thank you to Hemlock Semiconductor. Each and every year we hold this event Hemlock Semiconductor has donated \$10,000. We simply cannot thank you enough for your continued support towards our parks and recreation programs. Without support from businesses like HSC, we wouldn't be able to make the parks and programs what they are today!

The Parks & Recreation Department depends on the work of so many people in our community who volunteer to coach, work the events, help raise money, or give back to their community in other ways. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year and specifically thank everyone who donated towards the Evening in the Park Fundraiser:

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Shields Lions Club
Spicer Group
Steve & Debbie Witt
Tara & David Deline
Terry & Donna Ross
Terry & Margaret Rock
Thomas TWP Firefighters
Tom & Janet Kennelly

Thomas Township Farmers Market

NEW!

The Thomas Township Farmers Market began on August 1st, 2022. The market is ran and managed by the Thomas Township Farmers Market Association and operates every Monday between the 2nd week of May through the 2 week of October from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Each night has seen a different variety of vendors ranging from produce, bake goods, home grown goods, flowers, and crafts. Live music and food trucks are also present at the market each night. There is also a baby care tent so you can confidently enjoy the market with the whole family. Within the tent there is a diaper changing station, fan to cool off if the heat is too much for the little ones, and a rocking chair for feeding or soothing. The market is located at the large pavilion at Roberts Community Park and parking for the market is designated in the grass field at the front of the park. There is a fence outlining the market space at the pavilion separating vehicle traffic from pedestrian traffic. Within year one, the market saw 30+ vendors on multiple occasions bringing out 500-1000 guests each week. The market hopes to continue to grow and keep bringing local farmers, growers, and makers to our community to enjoy.

Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Scott Branch, Chair

Craig Amar, Secretary

Angela Alworden

Craig Blower

Dean Rusch

DJ Sova

Ann Hoffman

Parks & Recreation Staff Members

*John Corriveau,
Director*

*Tyler Sutherlund,
Asst. Director*

*Susan Prevost,
Secretary*

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



Volunteers Needed!

With running any event, we are in need of volunteers to help make the haunted train event a scary fun time for all who come. If you know anyone in need of volunteer hours or who may be interested in volunteering at the haunted train this year, 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. View upcoming events and programs, Township information, Parks & Recreation programs, job postings, and more.



Haunted Train

For almost 50 years, the Haunted Train at Roethke Park has been scaring riders every October. The train is a landmark for generations of families who have rode the train as kids, parents and grandparents. Last year was not how we wanted the tradition to continue and was a hard one to accept. The Haunted Train Ride will be back this year and we look forward to seeing you all there and welcome you back for some scary fun times.



Four years ago we bought a second train so we could get more riders through the park with less wait times. Our friends at **Garber Chevrolet** painted the engine and all three passenger cars for us. **Strobel Automotive** got the engine running and our train mechanic has been working hard to find parts to piece the new train back together. The second train is now complete and ready and will be sending riders around the tracks this year. We have redone the train loading area to allow for easier loading and unloading of the two trains and are looking forward to speeding up our lines. Each night there will be 3-4 food vendors stationed in the parking lot as well for your enjoyment.

2022 Dates: October 7th-8th & October 14th-15th

Winter Wonderland

The 2021 Thomas Township Winter Wonderland was a spectacular site to see. Local businesses, schools, and volunteers built sites in Roberts Park along the road so we could have a Christmas Light drive. Hay rides were given through the park for all to enjoy. Again this year, we are asking for the community to help decorate Roberts Park for our Winter Wonderland Event. Along with the lights this year, there will be food vendors, hay rides, a craft tent, bonfires n' smores, along with Santa and Buddy the Elf.



2022 Dates: December 8th, 9th and 10th

Roenicke Light Show

The popular Roenicke Christmas Light Show located on Una Drive moved to Roberts Park in 2020. The Roenicke Christmas Light Show will be setting up their display at Roberts Park again in 2022. Please park by the new pavilion at the soccer complex and enjoy the show accompanied with music. The event will feature 15,000+ lights on the display!

The Roenicke show ONLY, will be free to anyone who wishes to see it any day from December 11th through 31st. Donations are welcome and will be used to support the local community.



Pavilion Rentals

Starting January 2nd, 2023 at 8:00 am Thomas Township **Residents Only** can begin renting pavilions for the 2023 year. Pavilion rentals will open up to **Non-Residents** beginning in February. Make sure to get your reservation in as early as possible because the pavilions rent out fast!



Thomas Township Parks and Recreation has developed a truly unique program philosophy where we maintain the highest standards of coaching and sportsmanship, while kids play in a distinctive non-competitive environment. We strive to give you the best programs and parks possible.

Archery Program

The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation program will continue to offer archery classes this winter. Thomas Township has three USA Archery and National Field Archery certified instructors on staff.

Registration is taking place now and will continue through December 2nd, for both the Beginning Archery and the Explorer Archery (formerly known as Advanced Archery) classes. There is a class for everyone's personal skill level. Beginning Archery is for everyone from age seven through adult! Classes for beginners work on safety, form, equipment, and the fundamentals to become a good archer. Explorer Archery is for archers who have passed our beginner class and can shoot 20 yards with accuracy. Students in the Explorer group will still be honing their skills through games designed to offer a fun yet challenging experience in archery. Classes for Explorer 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

and longbows available for your use. Classes will be held weekly beginning January 12th at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club, located at 1296 N. Gleaner Road. Classes will continue for six weeks.

Classes available for this winter season are as follows:

<u>Beginner:</u>	<u>Explorer:</u>
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	6:45 pm - 7:30 pm
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	

Registration Fees:

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



Fall and Winter Yoga

Mondays and Thursdays inside the Train Depot at Roethke Park, “Yoga By Kathryn” will be offering 60 min classes for all levels.



Beginner and parental friendly. For more information or to register for a class, you can go to www.yogabykathryn.com or email info@yogabykathryn.com. You can also find out more information by calling (404) 539-2147.



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 unable 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.

Boys & Girls Basketball Clinic

This six week program is held at Swan Valley High School and is for kids ages 4-8. Our recreational staff, which consists of high school athletes, will run the kids through skill drills that will help them take the next step in basketball. We also like to encourage the participants in the basketball clinic to attend the local high school games and cheer their instructors on as they play. The deadline to register is November 11th with the clinic beginning on January 7th.

Registration Fees:

Resident: \$50 Non-Resident: \$55



Basketball Clinic Coach with team

Boys & Girls Basketball

Boys Basketball



Boys Basketball

Boy's basketball leagues are forming for the 2nd-4th grades and 4th-7th grades. Children in 4th grade can either play up or down. The registration deadline is November 12th. There will be a draft held for the 4th-7th grade division at Swan Valley High School. All kids will be assigned a coach who will set up practices during the week.

Games are held on Saturdays at Swan Valley High School. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program! To volunteer please call (989) 781-0151 to coach a team.

Girls Basketball

Our girls basketball leagues are offered for 2nd-4th grades and 4th-7th grades. Children in 4th grade can play up or down. Registration for girls basketball opens in December and ends on January 7th. There will be a draft held for the 4th-7th grade division at Swan Valley High School. All kids will be assigned a coach who will set up practices during the week.

Games are held on Saturdays at Swan Valley High School. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program! If you'd like to volunteer please call (989) 781-0151 to coach a team!

Registration Fees:

Resident: \$50 Non-Resident: \$55



Girls Basketball

Community Calendar 2022

- October 7th & 8th
Haunted Train Ride at Roethke Park
- October 14th & 15th
Haunted Train Ride at Roethke Park
- October 31st
Trick or Treating from 5:30 to 7:30 throughout Thomas Township
- November 24th & 25th
Offices closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 26th
Delayed Trash Pick-Up day
- December 1st
Dog Licenses available at Township Office
- December 1st
Winter tax bills begin arriving in mailboxes
- December 8th - 10th
Winter Wonderland at Roberts Park
- December 23rd & 26th
Offices closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday
- December 30th
Offices closed in observance of the New Year Holiday
- January 2nd
RESIDENT ONLY Pavilion rentals begin at 8am



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2022 Brush Drop Off Dates

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 sunset on the following dates:

Drop Off Dates:

October 1 & 2 - 8 & 9 - 15 & 16 - 22 & 23 - 30 & 31

Yard Waste Pick-up will end Nov. 26th and begin again in April, 2023