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249 N. Miller Road

Early Trash Pickup for Trash & Treasures Yard Sales; Thursday, June 12th

Trash pick-up will run at a different time during the yard sales so that the drivers can easily pass down streets and pick-up trash before the roads become congested with traffic. If the driver is unable to go down a road due to traffic congestion, your trash will not be picked up until the following week. Some of our roads are narrow or dead ends which would make it difficult if not impossible for the driver to safely navigate the truck.

On **THURSDAY**, June 12th, please put your trash to the road **BEFORE** going to bed. Trash pick-up will run overnight into Friday morning.



Important Information from the Finance Department

Property Taxes

The deadline for paying 2024 property taxes for the summer and winter collection season was February 28, 2025. If you have not yet paid, your taxes can still be processed at the Saginaw County Treasurer's Office, located at 111 S. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602. To confirm the exact amount due, please give them a call at (989) 790-5225.



Utility Billing

If you have recently bought or sold a home, please contact our office promptly to complete a water/sewer transfer form and ensure your account is updated.

<u>For Landlords:</u> If you have a new tenant or no longer have one, you must complete a transfer form to ensure the correct person is billed. *Only property owners*, not renters are authorized to complete this form.

<u>For Sellers:</u> Please inform the Utility Billing Department of your property sale and provide a forwarding address to ensure your final bill is sent to the correct location.

<u>For New Owners:</u> You are ultimately responsible for all utility payments, including any outstanding balances on the account.

To prevent billing discrepancies, notify the Utility Billing Department as soon as you finalize a home purchase or sale and provide the exact date of the transaction. Timely submission of the form ensures accurate water meter readings and proper billing, as we cannot retroactively adjust meter reads. Both the seller and buyer/new owner are required to complete a transfer form.

A valid photo ID is required when submitting a transfer form. For assistance, contact the Utility Billing Department at (989) 781-0150, or visit our office at 249 N. Miller Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Aleigha (Allie) Crowl, Fiscal Services Director

Find Us on Facebook

Looking for us on Facebook? Please visit our page at https://www.facebook.com/ thomas.township/. This page contains information regarding Parks & Recreation programs & events, Department of Public Works updates & notifications, and any information pertaining to the Municipal Office, whether it be special instruction, office closings, or events. This is the official government page for the Township for these Departments. This is strictly an informational page only. For any questions about posted items, please contact the Municipal Office at (989) 781-0150, Parks & Recreation at (989) 781-0151, or the Department of Public Works at (989) 781-6438.

For information on public safety, please visit the Thomas Township Public Safety Facebook page. If you would like to know any of the upcoming activities or programs at the Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve, their Facebook page will keep you updated on these events.

Thomas Township Department of Public Works - Spring 2025

Our cold Michigan winter is ending, and the Spring bloom is right around the corner. 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. While they both sound very similar, the uses and maintenance of each system is unique. This article will describe the differences in sanitary and storm sewage systems, their operation and maintenance requirements, which entity is responsible if there is a problem, and what you can do to help ensure that these critical pieces of infrastructure do their jobs.

Storm Water Sewer System

This type of system collects rainwater and snow melt runoff from many types of areas ranging from farm fields to parking lots. Most commonly though are the drains for the roads. Storm sewers are comprised of enclosed pipes, swales, open ditches, and semi-open culverts and are operated and maintained by numerous agencies, depending upon what area is being drained. In many cases, dewatering sump pumps, field drains, irrigation runoff, and foundation drains are also directly discharged to these systems. Storm sewers discharge directly into 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, make sure that the drainage culverts under your driveways are clean, and that you maintain the proper grading of your property to encourage the water to shed properly. We all have to be mindful and 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 Saginaw County Road Commission at 989-752-6140. For additional storm water information, please visit the Saginaw Area Stormwater Association webpage at: www.saswa.org

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Outdoor Water Restrictions Start June 1st

Beginning June 1st the annual outdoor water restrictions will be taking effect. The outdoor water restriction will continue until August 31st, 2025. 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. Thomas Township greatly appreciates your cooperation as we conserve our water resources.



Grass Mowing Requirements

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 the Township as well as deterring any vermin from finding a habitat to live. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (989) 781-0150 for any questions or concerns.



Thomas Township Department of Public Works - Spring 2025 (Cont.)

Sanitary Sewer System

Sanitary sewers are designed to convey what we normally generate as waste through the use of toilets, housekeeping, and bathing activities. Each day, it is estimated that every individual uses approximately 110 gallons of water! These types of wastes pose specific dangers to the environment and to the public health if they are improperly handled or discharged without being adequately treated and cleaned up first. Thomas Township is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system. If you have a sanitary sewer backup, you can call the Thomas Township offices at 989-781-0150. After hours, please reach our DPW on-call operator at 989-529-0041.

Saginaw Area Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

A Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which can be called an annual water quality report or a drinking water quality report, provides information on your local drinking water quality. Every community water supplier must provide an annual report by July 1st of each year to its customers, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Consumer Confidence Report Rule.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule requires community water supplies to annually report to their 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.

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's website. Your notification will be on your water bill, and direct you via webpage to view the Saginaw Area Consumer Confidence Report. The report is currently hosted at: https://www.saginaw-mi.com/447/Water-Quality. Scroll down until you see "Water Quality Reports" and select any year you would like to review.

Trevor Schultz - DPW Director

Car Seat Safety

Keeping your child safe while riding in a vehicle is critically important. According to the Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning, vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for young children. When properly installed, car seats significantly reduce the rate of injuries and death for children involved in a vehicle crash. I sat down with road patrol officer, Bailey Gosen, and Child Passenger Safety Technician, to discuss this very important topic.

Question: What is the most important thing people should know about buying a car seat for their child?

Answer: It is important that parents buy a car seat that meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. All new car seats should fall under this standard. Buying a used car seat is never a good idea.

Question: Is a car seat still good if it has been in a crash?

Answer: If your car seat has been involved in a crash, you should replace it because the stability of the car seat itself and the internal mechanism may have been affected.

Question: Is it ok for parents to install their own car seat?

Answer: It is ok to install a car seat yourself if you follow the car seat's manufacturer instructions as related to your vehicle.

Question: What if people are worried about not installing it correctly?

Answer: As a Child Passenger Safety Technician, I can install or help you with the installation of your car seat. This is a free service that the Thomas Township Police Department offers. *If anyone would like assistance, just call our office at* (989) 781-1300 to set up an appointment.

Question: How did you become a Child Passenger Safety Technician?

Answer: Last year I attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program which certifies me in all things related to child car seat safety. I have continuing education and recertification requirements to keep my certification valid.

Question: What if someone needs assistance in purchasing a car seat for their child? Is there help for them?

Answer: The Thomas Township Police Department has car seats available here at the police department that have been provided to us by the Office of Highway Safety & Planning. For people that meet certain criteria, we can provide one car seat per child, free of charge. If anyone needs help securing a car seat, they can call our office at (989) 781-1300 and I would be happy to talk to them about this program.

Question: Is there anything else you would like to mention related to car seats and child safety?

Answer: Everyone should be aware that Michigan's car seat laws are being upgraded in April of this year (2025). The new law is increasing the age for rear-facing seating from age one to age two. It is also increasing the forward-facing car seat requirement from age four to age five. Of course, both regulations can be affected depending on the size of the child. Children will need to ride in a booster seat with the shoulder and lap belt until age eight (or when they reach 4'9"). Lastly, children under the age of thirteen must be in the rear seat of a vehicle unless there are no seats available in the rear because they are occupied by other children, or if there is no rear seat.

Question: Do you have any final advice related to car seats?

Answer: I would recommend that anyone that buys a car seat take the time to register it, so they can receive notification if there are any recalls or safety related notices.

Eric Cowles - Police Chief

Medical Emergencies - Non-Emergent?

I am often asked questions about medical responses here in our Township. Most recently, the question has surfaced about medical responses that are handled in a "non-emergent" fashion, which means no lights or sirens.

In our State, all of us who are medical responders operate under a Medical Control Authority. The medical control authority supports/enforces the State regulations as they relate to how we operate. Here in Saginaw County, we have the Saginaw-Tuscola Medical Control Authority. If you have ever seen a white Tahoe or Explorer marked PHYSICIAN, that is the doctor who oversees our medical field operations. This office establishes and enforces additional rules on us in the field. Our department, the rescue trucks, and our personnel's medical licenses must have his approval for us to operate. My point is, he and their office have significant authority as it relates to how medical calls are handled in our county.

One change we are seeing in ambulances responding to calls "non-emergent" as a call comes into 911 a rapid initial assessment takes place to determine the type of emergency. If it is a medical emergency, then the call is sent over to MedCom, which is the communication center at Mobile Medical Response (MMR). It is at this point that the medical dispatcher will ask you a number of questions. Sometimes I hear concerns of, "they asked me a ton of questions instead of getting the ambulance going". While you are answering their medical questions, another dispatcher is getting the ambulance started, meaning they are not wasting time. They ask these questions to get a better idea of the medical emergency, which also helps in determining the level of urgency and if your emergency requires an advanced or basic unit. Not all medical calls warrant an emergency response; sometimes, people just want a ride to the hospital or have very minor medical issues. Other calls are clearly at a life-saving level, which requires an emergent (lights and sirens response). Studies have actually shown that there is not a huge time savings between responding emergent and non-emergent.

As you learn more about this process, please know that if you feel we are not giving your emergency the high-level response you feel you need, that might be because of how the call was dispatched to us. If we are sent to a call that is to be a non-emergency response, and we choose to respond emergent, we are then in violation of the Medical Control's policy. This could make us liable in the event of a vehicle crash. Regardless of how we may feel about the response, we have no choice but to follow the established County protocol. Please know that however we respond to your emergency, we will respond as promptly as we can and ensure you the level of professionalism you have grown to appreciate from our fire/rescue responders.

Yours for public education,

Mike Cousins – Fire Chief

Thomas Township Nature Center and Preserve - What's New?

Spring time is upon us and we are excited to share some wonderful updates. In the Nature Preserve, the fishing platform, picnic pavilion, and gravel trail expansion work was finished last fall. This work was part of a Michigan DNR Trust Fund grant. To experience the fishing platform, go through the walkway on the east side of the Nature Center to the preserve and head east. The fishing platform is on the corner by the Tittabawassee River where the trail turns to the north. It is elevated and has a great view of the river. The picnic pavilion is on the west side of the preserve and has picnic tables to sit, enjoy the view and have a healthy snack. Please practice "leave no trace" and bring out what you bring in so our animal inhabitants don't rely on trash as a food source. The gravel trail now extends on the east side for a half-mile to the observation deck, where a picnic table has been installed. On the west side, the gravel trail extends a third of a mile to the breach in the berm, which has a bridge that was built this winter! The bridge has observation space to check out the nature preserve and the Cavanaugh Lake area. The bridge will allow visitors to go further on the western side, but will be inaccessible during Great Blue Heron baby season to give them privacy and safety. The Great Blue Herons usually return mid-March. The bridge was funded by Natural Resources Damage Assessment funds. The north end of the preserve is still rustic and will be for the time being. We are working with US Fish and Wildlife to assess our options for safe use of that area due to erosion along the north bank.

Native plants and trees will be added to the native plants and seeds that were planted last year. Our plan is to plant ten acres of native sunflowers this year, as well! Interpretive and wayfinding signs will be added to enhance the experience. We are looking to develop some fun and educational amenities on the trail loop in the interior of the preserve closest to the Nature Center. A children's interactive trail and a serenity garden are a part of the plan. The nature preserve is open daily dawn to dusk.

In the Nature Center, we are open Tuesdays 3-7 pm, and Wednesdays - Fridays from 12-4 pm. We offer F.U.N. (Families United in Nature) from 5-7 pm on Tuesdays and Little Acorns Preschool Group from 1-2 pm on Thursdays. Both programs are based on a weekly theme and have multiple activities and a snack. Every Wednesday from 12-2 pm is reserved for adult visitors and we are open the first Saturday of the month from 10-2 pm for our Family Fun Days. On two Saturdays this year, it will be held on the second Wednesday, May 10th and July 12th. We will be adding some programs and open hours to our schedule. We are planning to add three Nature Discovery Camps this summer for 8 - 11 year olds. Each camp has a theme and a culminating project in the nature preserve. Check out our Facebook page or the Thomas Township website for the latest news. We are excited to continue growing and are thankful for the support of our community! For more information, contact the Nature Center at (989) 245-0801 or email naturecenter1@thomastwp.org.



Visitors enjoying a Saturday Family Fun Day



A serene view of the Nature Center during our Valentine's Day Luminary Hike



A drawing of the new bridge on the west side of the Nature Preserve

Thomas Township's Trash & Treasures Event

Trash & Treasures Yard Sales is a community-wide event for residents, businesses, churches, and organizations to hold their yard sales and sidewalk sales. The event is held in June each year. All sales are included on a FREE map compiled and distributed by Thomas Township. For more information please visit our website at www.thomastwp.org/departments-services/community-development/trash-treasures-event.

Trash & Treasures Yard Sales

June 12th - June 15th, 2025

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 16th Annual Trash & Treasures Yard Sales!

*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.

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 on the north side of the office building, or you may email the form to: 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 30, 2025! Please be considerate of your neighbors during the sale.

*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.

New Businesses Open in Thomas Township

Aftermath Auto Detailing LLC

Don't get caught riding around in a dirty automobile. Introducing a new auto detailing business to Thomas Township. Tom Donnenwerth, owner/operator of Aftermath Auto Detailing decided to open his own business because detailing has always been a hobby/ passion of his. As a young man he learned from his dad as he was always keeping his vehicles nice and clean. Tom started detailing as a side-gig and then went on to managing a detail shop. In August of last year, the opportunity to make a dream of his become a reality, Aftermath Auto Detailing was born. The name originated from the many roadblocks and hurdles he had to overcome to open the business. Tom chose Thomas Township as the location to open his business because growing up it wasn't too far away from where he was living. He loves the support the community gives to the local businesses and feels it's a place that

is continually expanding and he is proud to contribute to the growth.



Tom Donnenwerth

Aftermath Auto Detailing is located at 9790 Gratiot Rd, in the back corner of Thomas Plaza. Current hours are Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm. They offer a wide variety of detailing options, from simple car washes, interior/exterior cleaning, and detailing packages, paint correction, as well as ceramic and graphene coatings. For more information you can check them out on Facebook or call (989) 714-3284.

Vintage Vine Co.

A new unique little shop has opened up in Thomas Township. Vintage Vine Co. located at 8075 Gratiot Rd. Suite B. Offering vintage finds, upcycled furniture, candles, home décor, and handmade items. In addition to the merchandise, she also offers painting services. If you're looking for a furniture make over...she's restoring the boring.

Tracey Szuran is the owner and she resides in Thomas Township. Tracey's dream was to have her own shop. After losing her daughter to a rare disease in 2023 she realized life is too short and you should chase your dreams and do what makes you happy. The business name is a combination of vintage finds and vine pertaining to wine (which she loves) and restoring the boring which she has a passion for doing.





Tracey Szuran and her son.

Store hours are Wednesday and Thursdays from 4pm to 7pm and Friday and Saturdays from 10am to 5pm. You can also find Vintage Vine on Facebook and Instagram. Tracey can be reached at 989-395-0821 for more information. Stop in and see what she has to offer.

THOMAS TOWNSHIP TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT AT ROBERTS PARK SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH NOON TO 3:00 PM

KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO SEE, TOUCH,
AND EXPLORE TRUCKS OF ALL KINDS.
*CAR SEAT INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION! CALL
TO SCHEDULE A TIME: 989-781-1300

FEATURED TRUCKS:

FORD F250 TRUCK HAULING DPW ENCLOSED TRAILER

COMBO BUCKET/CRANE TRUCK

COMPACT LOADER

MINI EXCAVATOR

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR

DPW DUMP TRUCK

CASE COMPACT TRACTOR

FORD TRACTOR

KUBOTA UTV

AND MANY MORE!





FREE ICE CREAM FROM SWEET TREATS ICE CREAM TRUCK FOR ALL KIDS WHO SIGN UP FOR THOMAS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM.

PIZZA, CHIPS, POP, GATORADE, WATER, COFFEE, CANDY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

Parks & Recreation Commission Members

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Annie Hoffman

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John Corriveau, Director

Dylan Pattullo, Recreation Assistant

Lynda Thayer, Nature Center & Preserve 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.



Day Camp

Thomas Township has eight 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.

Each week will have its 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.

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 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.

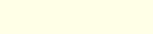
Registration Fees:

Resident 1st child: \$135 Resident 2nd child: \$105

Non-Resident 1st child: \$145 Non-Resident 2nd child: \$120

*There is a reduced fee for a 2nd child of the same family registered in the same week.

Before & After Care: \$30 per week per child



This years themes are:

June 16th - 20th Space is the Place

June 23rd - 27th Water Wonders

July 7th - 11th Animal Planet

July 14th - 18th Splashtacular

July 21nd - 25th Treasure Hunt

July 28th - Aug 1st Nature Unleashed

Aug. 4th - 8th The Amazing Race

Aug 11th - 15th Summer Send Off!

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 Programing, you MUST pay for the program you are registering for at the time you fill out the registration form or you will not be considered enrolled in that program. Registration is a two step process. Once you hit REGISTER NOW, you will register, agree to the terms and hit SEND. You will then be redirected to the payment options on the next screen. 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.

Swimming Lessons (Tentative)

Swimming lessons are taught by certified instructors. Each session consists of eight lessons. Classes are Monday through Thursday.

Fees: Resident: \$60 Non-Resident: \$70

Level 1: Water Exploration (Ages 4-6)

Introduction to aquatic skills & water safety.

First Session: July 7th - 17th

Second Session: July 21nd - July 31st

Third Session: Aug. 4th - 14th

Morning Sessions: 10:00 am - 10:45 am; 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Evening Session: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Level 2: Primary Skills (Ages 5-9)

Passed level 1 or a skill test. Working on a basic strokes and aquatic safety.

First Session: July 7th - 17th

Second Session: July 21nd - July 31st

Third Session: Aug. 4th - 14th

Morning Session: 10:00 am - 10:45 am; 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Evening Session: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Pool Schedule (Tentative)

The pool will be opening for recreational swimming Monday through Sunday starting June 16th, 2025 and will remain open until August 15th, 2025. *Closing date subject to change*

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



<u>Fees</u> <u>Season Passes:</u>

Resident: \$5 Resident: \$80

Non - Resident: \$10 Non - Resident: \$100

Family of 5: Family of 5: Resident: \$15 Resident: \$105

Non- Resident: \$25 Non- Resident: \$125

Season pool passes are available at the Thomas Township Parks 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 and have fun. 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 ft **leash at all times.** This is also a Township ordinance and will be strictly enforced. 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 currently looking for sports officials and instructors. An application can be found online at www.thomastwp.org/employmentopportunities or in the office at 249 N. Miller Rd.

For the Seniors:

Forever Young Seniors of Thomas Township

Seniors meet the first Wednesday of the month for lunch and to play bingo. Lunches are held at noon at the Thomas Township Nature Center, located at 6660 Gratiot Rd. There will be no lunches during the months of June, July, or August. 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 17th through August 16th (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 at 455 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. Movie selection and dates will be announced later this spring! Keep an eye on the Thomas Township website and Facebook page for those selections.



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 on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 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.

June 17th	Todd Michael	July 29th	CEYX
June 24th	Dave's Not Here	Aug 5th	The Rock Show
July 8th	The Letter	Aug 12th	Laurie & The Lefties
July 15th	Voortex Jazz & Blues	*Rainouts will	he rescheduled for
July 22rd	Ghost Town Marshalls	*Rainouts will be rescheduled for August 19th, 2025.	

Sand Volleyball Leagues

Ready, Set, Spike!

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Sand Volleyball Leagues will be held at Roethke Park and Roberts Park. Currently, leagues are held on Tuesday nights at Roethke Park, and Monday - Thursday nights at Roberts Park. Leagues are mainly coed except for two nights designated for men and women leagues. Games are played 4 v 4. For more information please check out the Parks and Recreation page on our website, or stop in our office at 249 N. Miller Road, or contact us by phone at (989) 781-0151.

Archery

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

Our next session for Archery class begins **April 17th - May 22nd**, every Thursday.

Class Times:

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

Advanced: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Fees: Resident: \$75 Non-Resident: \$80

Men's Softball Leagues



This year, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation will be offering a Tuesday and Wednesday night softball league. Each league will consist of no more than 8 teams with a minimum of 4 teams. The registration deadline is Friday April 25th, 2025. The season will begin on Tuesday, May 27th, and Wednesday, May 28th.

Registration Fee: Team: \$325

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

Men's Softball Tournament

On August 23rd, 2025 (Tentative Date), Thomas Township will be holding a Slow Pitch Softball Tournament! All teams are guaranteed 4 games. Registration deadline is July 31st. For more information, contact our Parks office at (989) 781-0151. **Team Fee: \$250**

Pavilion Rentals

Thomas Township pavilion rentals are available at Roberts Park and Roethke Park. Each park pavilion comes complete with picnic tables, grills, electricity, and restrooms. A perfect place for your family reunion, graduation party, or company picnic!

For reservations or additional information, please call our Parks office at (989) 781-0151 or check out our website at www.thomastwp.org.



Sand Volleyball League

Leagues for sand volleyball are now forming for play at Roethke Park, located at 400 Leddy Road.

League Times:

Roethke: Tuesday Night

Season Starts: June 10th

Team Fee: \$90

Roberts:

Mon. - Thurs. Nights

Season Starts: June 2nd

Team Fee: \$90



Pavilion Rentals

We are currently taking pavilion rental agreements for the 2025 season. The pavilions are available for rent from May through August. A copy of the homeowner's insurance showing personal liability coverage is required from renters and a \$200 deposit along with a completed rental agreement form.

Rental Fees:

Vary per park and pavilion. Please visit our website www.thomastwp.org for more info.



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Brush Drop Off

CAMERAS ARE INSTALLED TO MONITOR USE.

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 leaves, grass, or commercial brush will be accepted. The site will be open on the following dates starting Saturday at 8am and closing Monday at 9 am.

2025 Drop Off Dates:

April 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, & 26/27
May 3/4, 17/18, & 31/June 1
June 14/15 & 28/29
July 12/13 & 26/27
August 9/10 & 23/24
September 6/7 & 20/21
October 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, & 25/26

Yard Waste Pick-up will begin April 11, 2025

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