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June 27, 2015 at 8:00 am
Registration is taking place NOW!*



5K THOMAS TOWNSHIP TRAILBLAZER RUN/WALK



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TODAY

North River, North Miller and Gratiot Road Projects to Begin This Spring

Three large road projects are scheduled for completion this year, consisting of North River Road, North Miller Road and Gratiot Road.

North River Road

The North River Road project will repair a wash-out area along the Tittabawassee River bank just north of Frost Road. Last spring's rains caused the river bank to destabilize. Consequently, the Saginaw County Road Commission installed a temporary intersection control light that permits only one-way traffic flow. This was necessary as a temporary fix until they could acquire funding and prepare a design. Work is scheduled to begin around July 13, 2015 and be substantially completed by August 28, 2015. Final clean up will be done by November 7, 2015.

North Miller Road

North Miller Road is a continuation of the work began last year. This year the work will concentrate upon the section between Geddes and Gratiot Roads. You will likely see underground work occurring now outside of the paved roadway to install a new watermain, AT&T lines and consumers Energy gas lines.

The actual road replacement work will not start until the day after Swan Valley Schools let out for the summer break. This

section of road will be widened to three lanes, with curb and gutter. Some other changes you will see when all of the work is done are the addition of lighted speed signs at either end, a control light in front of the Fire Station to assist with getting emergency vehicles in and out, and retaining the four-way stop signs at Geddes Road. At one point there was thought given to an intersection control light at Geddes Road; however, the four way stop seems to work well, it fits the residential neighborhood better and is more cost-effective. Construction is supposed to be largely completed by the start of the school year in the fall. Questions about either the North River Road or North Miller Roads should be directed to the Saginaw County Road Commission at (989) 752-6140.

Gratiot Road

This year is also the year for the Gratiot Road work from Meijer Drive to just west of Leddy Road. The drawing on page 11 details the specific improvements planned for by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The work will primarily consist of closing the crossovers in the boulevard, installing Michigan left turns and installing a new bridge deck over Swan Creek.

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2015 Trash & Treasures Rummage Sale Registration



The 6th Annual Thomas Township Trash & Treasures Community Rummage Sale is set to go this year from Friday, June 26th through Sunday, June 28th. The garage and rummage sales will take place in conjunction with the Shields Summer Festival.

To have your sale listed FREE OF CHARGE on a map provided by Thomas Township you need to fill out this registration form. Registrations will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2015. In 2014, the map highlighted over 150 sales in the Township.

A donation truck will be provided again this year for any unsold items you may wish to drop off. The truck will be available to accept your donations on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th in the parking lot of the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.

To register your home, business or organizations' rummage sale for free, you may use the form below, on our website www.thomastwp.org, or by emailing your information to operator@thomastwp.org.

Name (Contact Person) _____

Address of the Sale: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return completed form to: by email: operator@thomastwp.org
 by fax: 989-781-0290
 drop off: Thomas Township
 Attention: Sarah Dorr
 249 North Miller Road
 Saginaw, MI 48609

Columbarium Now Available at Owen Cemetery

A new Columbarium structure has been added to the Township's Owen Cemetery. The Columbarium is an above ground structure, constructed of solid granite, and houses 48 individual, 12" x 12" x 12" niches that are designed to hold cremain urns. Grave and Niche sales are available to any Township Resident. Contact the Public Works Department for additional information at (989) 781-6438.

Rick Hopper
DPW Director



2015 Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Guide

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission Members and Staff

Scott Branch, Chairman, Angela Alworden,
Craig Blower, Craig Monahan,
Bryan Mrozinski, Carly Rusch,
Dean Rusch

Staff:
John Corriveau, Director
Stacy Hable, Secretary

Parks Office is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (989) 781-0151



DAY CAMPS

Thomas Township has nine new and exciting week-long camp sessions this summer for children ages 7-12. The Day Camp runs five days a week, (Mon-Fri) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This year each week will have its own new theme for campers to explore, while still offering some of the activities that they have come to love; swimming, train rides and crafts. This year's themes are:

June 15-19	Space is the Place
June 22-26	Animal Planet
July 6-10	Stars & Stripes
July 13-17	Outdoor Explorer
July 20-24	Roethke Olympics
July 27-July 31	Carnival Craziiness
August 3-7	Chef for a Week
August 17-21	Under the Sea

Fee: Resident \$110 Non Resident \$120

****Camp fees will be reduced by 25% for each child after the first child registered in the same week of camp.** This applies to Mini Camp as well.**

BEFORE & AFTER CAMP CARE

Before & After camp care for parents who need to drop off or pick up their children before the scheduled camp time is available. A counselor will stay with any children if they need to be dropped off early or stay late. Before & After Camp Care begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee per week per child for this service. All children **MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID IN ADVANCE FOR THIS SERVICE**

MINI CAMPS

Two one week (Mon-Fri) sessions for children ages 4-6 are being offered this year. The sessions run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This outdoor oriented day camp is fun and includes all the activities that Day Camp has to offer. All activities are geared to the age level of the children. There is a limit of 20 campers. Wednesdays are still cook-out days.

Sessions: June/July 6/29-7/3
 August 8/10-8/14

Fee: Residents \$80 Non Residents \$90

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

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. If you have not received a confirmation of payment, you are not registered. Some program sizes are limited.



SWIM LESSONS

Taught by certified water safety instructors according to the Red Cross Swim Program. Each session consists of eight lessons. (Monday-Thursday)

Fee: Resident	\$45.00
Non Resident	\$50.00

Level I: Water Exploration

Ages 4-6, an introduction to aquatic skills & water safety.

First Session	June 15-25
Second Session	July 6-16
Third Session	July 20-30
Fourth Session	Aug 3-13
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Level II: Primary Skills

Ages 5-9 who have passed Level I or a skill test.

Working on basic strokes & aquatic safety.

First Session	June 15-25
Second Session	July 6-16
Third Session	July 20-30
Fourth Session	Aug 3-13
10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Level III: Stroke Readiness

Ages 6-10 who have passed Level II or skill test. Continue to work on strokes, water safety & diving skills.

First Session	June 15-25
Second Session	July 6-16
Fourth Session	Aug 3-13
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Level IV: Stroke Development

Those who have passed Level III or skill test. Endurance & confidence in the various strokes.

Third Session	July 20-30
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

****For open swim times, if there are NO swimmers in the pool at 8:00 p.m. the pool will close early for the night.****

POOL SCHEDULE

The pool will be opening up for recreational swimming Monday-Sunday on June 12, 2015 and closes August 16, 2015. Swim Sessions are as follows:

Monday-Thursday	11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday-Sunday	Noon-3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fees for all sessions:

Individual	\$ 5.00
Individual All Day	\$10.00
Family per session	\$10.00

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 Township Office, 249 North Miller Road.

PAVILION RENTALS

Pavilion rentals for the 2015 season to residents started at 7a.m. on the first business day in January. Non-residents begin renting on the first business day in February. Cost to rent a pavilion for a day is \$50 for residents; \$80 for non residents; and \$100 for corporations. A copy of homeowner's insurance showing personal liability coverage is required of renters along with a completed pavilion rental agreement form.

RIDE THE ROETHKE TRAIN

The train runs Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and every Saturday and Sunday from June 13th through August 18th (when weather permits) from noon to 5 pm. If planning a family event or bringing out a group, it is always wise to call ahead to verify the availability of the train for your get together. For special group times call 781-0151.

MEN'S SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Tuesday Double Header League and Wednesday Double Header League registration deadline is Friday, April 24, 2015. Season starts May 19, 2015.

Fee:	Team	\$400.00
Players Fee:	Resident	\$25.00
	Non Resident	\$30.00

MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

June 26-28 27th Annual Shields Homecoming Men's Slowpitch Softball Tournament. All teams are guaranteed 4 games. Registration deadline is June 5, 2015. Entry Fee \$200

SAND VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

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

Coed fours Tuesday night

Two six week seasons will be played. First session begins June 2, 2015, second session begins July 21, 2015.

Entry Fee: \$80.00 Fours

SOCCER LEAGUES

Spring soccer leagues for boys and girls in grades Y5's-6th grade are registering now. Grades 4th-5th-6th are drafted teams. Team draft is April 25th at Roberts Park at noon. Deadline to register is April 10th. Games begin May 9, 2015 and end June 13, 2015. Games are played Saturday mornings. Registration for Fall session will begin in August of 2015. Fall soccer runs September 12, 2015 through October 17, 2015.

Fees:	Residents	\$40.00
	Non Residents	\$45.00

REGULAR ARCHERY CLASSES

Begin Thursday, April 9th and run every Thursday until May 14th:

Beginner	4:30 pm-5:30 pm
Beginner	5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Beginner	6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Advanced	7:30 pm-8:30 pm

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

compound bows or longbows available for your use.

2015 HAUNTED TRAIN RIDE AT ROETHKE PARK

October 16th-17th and 23th-24th

2015 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRAIN!

Come ride the train and see lighted scenes created by local businesses and individuals who love Christmas lights! If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event please call the Park Office at 781-0151.

December 3-4-5 and December 10-11-12

PICNIC IN THE PARK-CONCERT SERIES AT ROETHKE PARK

Join us for a summer picnic and FREE concert series at Roethke Park. Enjoy great music and many more special events on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Rainouts will still be on Thursday of the same week.

June 16- Screaming Casanovas

June 23- Operation 13

July 7- Brush Street with Julie Mulady

July 14- The Beets

July 21- Butch Heath and Yesterday's Country Band

July 28- The Rock Show

August 4- Laurie Middlebrook Band

August 11- CEYX

August 18- The Bullseye Band

Creekside Grille will be providing our concessions this concert season.





5K THOMAS TOWNSHIP TRAILBLAZER RUN/WALK

June 27, 2015

Race Start: 8:00am

Pre-register by: June 1st

Awards for first and second place in each division (male & female).

Packets (T-shirt, bib, etc...) will be distributed race day beginning at 7:15 a.m.

Divisions as follows; (<10) (11-15) (16-19) (20-29) (30-39) (40-49) (50-59) (60-over).



Entry fees: \$25.00 for pre-registered runners *Add \$2.00 for XXL Shirt *\$30.00 for same day registration

Race Timing by: Michigan Running Foundation Inc.

Title Sponsor Dow Corning Health Industries Materials Site & Apple Mountain

Make checks payable to & mail form to:

Thomas Township Parks
 249 North Miller Road
 Saginaw, MI 48609

Phone: 989-781-0151
 Fax: 989-781-0290
 Email: park2@thomastwp.org

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Age on race day _____

Email _____

Please circle: Male / Female Runner / Walker

Shirt:

Youth—Small Medium Large

Adult—Small Medium Large Xlarge

Other: _____

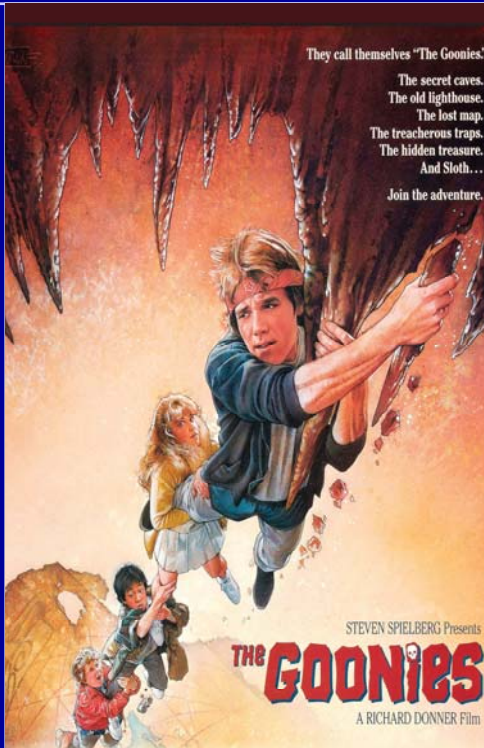
Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18 yrs of age _____ Date _____

EVENT DISCLAIMER: Please review the following waiver and disclaimer. **By adding your signature, you accept this waiver and disclaimer.**

Waiver and Release: By participating in this Event, I do so at my own risk. I assume all risk of injury, illness, damage or loss to me or my property that might result, including without limitation, any loss or theft of personal property. I consent to medical treatment in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during the Event. I agree on behalf of myself (and my personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, agents and assigns) to release and discharge the organizers of this event, its principals, its officers & directors, its employees, all sponsors and their representatives and employees from any and all claims or causes of action (known or unknown) arising out of their negligence. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this 'Waiver and Release' and fully understand that it is a release of liability. By my signature below, I am waiving any right that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against any and all Event sponsors for their negligence. I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name and likeness in any broadcast, telecast, video or print media reporting or advertising of the Event without compensation.

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK



They call themselves "The Goonies!"
The secret caves.
The old lighthouse.
The lost map.
The treacherous traps.
The hidden treasure.
And Sloth...
Join the adventure.

STEVEN SPIELBERG Presents
THE GOONIES
A RICHARD DONNER Film

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Presents:
Movies in the Park, June 25, 2015 at Dusk
Roberts Park Soccer Fields
Miller Road Entrance
Admission is FREE



Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Presents:
Movies in the Park, July 23, 2015
Roberts Park Soccer Fields
Miller Road Entrance
Admission is FREE

ADMIT ONE



Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Presents:
Movies in Park
August 20, 2015 at Dusk
Roberts Park Soccer Fields
South Miller Road - Admission is FREE

NEW FIRE TRUCK ARRIVES

Our new replacement fire truck has arrived, to replace our current 1992 model. This replacement truck is funded through the Township Apparatus Millage and has been budgeted for some time. A typical fire engine is considered at its peak and should be replaced after 20 years of service by national standards and as per the Insurance Services Office (ISO) which is the agency that sets the "standards" for fire department services, which directly affects everyone's insurance rates. This new truck is assigned to Fire Station number One located on N. Miller Road. As a pumper fire truck, its primary purpose is to supply water pressure to the hose streams and carry fire fighters to and from an emergency. It also carries an enormous amount of fire-fighting equipment. This truck will carry 1,000 gallons of water and has a pump capable of pumping 1,500 gallons per minute (gpm). Additionally, it has a foam pump and will carry both class A and B type of foam.

Like our last truck, our own personnel designed this truck to fit our needs for today and the next twenty years. They invested many hours going through the bid documents, measuring equipment and trying to ensure that we get the biggest bang for the buck. This team of designers did a fabulous job. I am very pleased at their talents and dedication towards this and many of our

other projects. This trucks design team was lead by Joe Giacoletti, our Assistant Chief, and his team members were Captains Brandon Rossi and David Sommers, Lieutenant Jason Grandy and fire fighters Jim Grove and Gary Salo. GREAT JOB MEN!

We sincerely appreciate the support our residents provide us through the Apparatus Millage. This millage allows us to maintain and replace our fire equipment within a safe time limit and to save up enough money to purchase the equipment. This particular fire truck is a showcase for the company we purchased it from. The company felt this truck was able to demonstrate all that can be done on a basic fire truck to make it affordable to a small community.

*Michael Cousins,
Fire Chief*



SHIELDS SUMMER FESTIVAL JUNE 25-28

Shields Lion's Club Parade

One of the highlights of the Shields Summer Festival is the Shields Lions Club Parade held on June 27, 2014 at 11:00 am. This year's theme is "The 70's". For PARADE INFORMATION ONLY contact Wayne Engel at (989) 642-8162. This year marks the 28th year that the Lions have been coordinating this great community event.

PRE-PARADE BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Eagles Club, 7078 Gratiot Road is offering an all you can eat breakfast buffet before the Lions Club Parade on Saturday, June 28th. The buffet, which is open to the public, will run from 7:00am-10:00am. The cost is \$7.00 per person. The menu will consist of scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, biscuits and biscuits and gravy.

TRASH PICKUP REMINDER

Because of the amount of traffic in the area during the Community Trash & Treasure Sales, trash collection will begin at 1:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015.



Please be sure and put your trash out to the curb **BEFORE** you go to bed on Thursday night.

BUSINESS SPECIALS

During Shields Summer Festival many of our area businesses have specials and free items to give away. Thomas Township publishes all known specials on the back of the Trash and Treasure map. Make sure you watch for this publication in mid June. We will also publish this information on our website at www.thomastwp.org.

Thomas Township Planning Commission Honors Longtime Member



The February 18, 2015 meeting of the Thomas Township Planning Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building.

It was at this meeting that the Planning Commission proudly presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to recently resigned Chairperson, Mr. John Bintz. Mrs. Ruth McDonald spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission members. She thanked Mr. Bintz for his years of service, leadership and guidance adding that he will be greatly missed. Upon accepting the certificate, Mr. Bintz stated, "It has been very gratifying to have served on the Planning Commission for 54 Years." He noted that he has

seen a lot of good change in a wonderful township. John was one of the original members of the Thomas Township Planning Commission and served for a number of years as Chairperson. He was also the developer of Bintz ski hill that is now called Apple Mountain.

Mr. Bintz was also recently honored by the Thomas Township Board members who presented him with a plaque for his service and dedication to Thomas Township.

*Connie Watt
Code Enforcement Officer
and Planning Assistant*



Fire Department News

A few years ago, the fire fighters of Thomas Township created the Thomas Township Fire Fighters' Association, a non-profit 501c3 organization. The main focus of this association is to promote safety and educational programs for the public, purchase products for the firefighters, and provide a scholarship program for our residents.

This association sponsors or donates to many programs which directly benefit our community such as after prom parties, purchasing smoke detectors through a grant program and the bi-annual Change Your Clock-Change Your Battery Pizza promotion at Little Caesars and, Eudici's Pizza Shops along with various school and church events. All of these programs are funded by the Fire Fighters themselves, along with any other donations they receive. Another longtime project, which is funded through the Fire Fighters' Association is the funding of three high school scholarships for residents of Thomas Township. (see our web site at www.thomastwp.org for more details on this).

I believe it is critical for you to know, that these Fire Fighters donate one hour of their pay per pay period to fund these programs as well as the three scholarships they give out to our young residents every year. These Fire Fighters are committed to our community and those they serve.

If you would like to make a donation to the Fire Fighters' Association or have questions for the Association you may contact our office at (989) 781-4141. We will direct you to one of the Association's Board members, or you can contact any of our fire fighters and they can assist you.

The current Thomas Township Fire Fighter Association Board Members are as follows: David Sommers, President; Thomas Arn, Vice President; Gary Fuller, Treasurer; Scott Rousseau, Secretary; and Trustees Erin Ludwick, Pete Stevens, and Mike Fabish.

*Thank you,
Michael Cousins – Fire Chief*

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Police Department News

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It's here! Warmer weather, sunshine and all that we associate with the nice weather. With it comes motorcycles, bicycles, walkers and runners, all things that can potentially create hazards for the motoring public. Keep your speeds down, your guard up and drive defensively. Did you know that there are more serious traffic crashes in the nice weather months than in the inclement weather periods? There are, which makes it even more important to practice those defensive driving skills!

Another thing increasing is the number and the amount of different types of scams being perpetrated. Never pay or give personal information to someone who calls you on the phone. Even if threatened with arrest or if you think you may be liable for a bill, hang up and call the published telephone number for that entity and inquire with a service representative. Also, never make advance payments to a door to door salesperson, most of these are scams as well.

Enjoy the weather and have a safe and prosperous spring with your family and friends.

*Steve Kocsis
Chief of Police*

Thomas Township Trail Head Building

The Thomas Township Trailhead building has continued construction through the winter months. Everyone is working hard to get it done in time for the summer season. Thanks to the generosity of Ruth McDonald and her family in memory of her late husband, Tom McDonald and a significant grant from the Saginaw community Foundation, the building is being constructed with only minimal Township participation. The new building will house bathrooms, a water fountain, a doggie watering station, air compressor and a nice pavilion for resting or eating.



DPW NEWS



Beginning in late April, the DPW staff will begin its yearly maintenance work on both the water and sewer systems. For our water system, we will be completing preventive maintenance on all of our fire hydrants. This work will include flushing the water mains and testing the operation of each individual fire hydrant. We do this work to make sure that our hydrants will operate properly in emergencies and to remove air, old water or mineral buildups that may have become trapped within the water mains. Overall, these activities will ensure that the water we deliver to your home or business is of the highest quality available. During the overall maintenance work, we will also be lubricating, painting and color coding fire hydrants, while also making sure that the hydrants are unobscured and unobstructed. The work will be completed in phases ending in October. You can help us too. If you have a hydrant located in your yard, please make sure that plants and shrubs are at least 6 feet away from the centerline of the hydrant. This clear area is necessary so that the hydrant can be quickly located, hooked to and operated in an emergency, when every second counts. Thank you for your help.



Work on our sanitary sewers will begin in mid to late April as we clean major portions of the sewer pipelines of grease and other built up materials. Cleaning will consist of high pressure cleaning and is necessary to ensure that the sewers continue to flow unobstructed. This work is also expected to be completed by October.

Construction News....

This year, we plan on completing some sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation work in various areas of the sewer system. We will be completing the system wide conversion of the alarming and operations telemetry system, standardizing the moni-

toring of all of our critical pumping stations and water system operations together into one platform. And we will be updating the pump and well level controls for one of our more critical sewage pumping stations.

We will be completing the installation of the new Miller Road Water Mains from Geddes to Gratiot Road as part of the overall Miller Road reconstruction project. The water main work will be completed in mid-spring, prior to the road reconstruction work. All of the work will take place within the road right-of-way. Please be mind full of the workers and equipment in the area and always remember to "Give Em a Brake"

Honoring all who have 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 and the price only represents the actual costs to purchase and engrave the brick. Simply visit the Township Offices located at 249 N Miller Road, or download a form at www.thomstwp.org

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

*Rick Hopper
DPW Director*

In Other News

If you have a hydrant located in your yard, please make sure that plants and shrubs are at least 6 feet away from the centerline of the hydrant. This clear area is necessary so that the hydrant can be quickly located, hooked to and operated in emergency conditions. Thank you for your help.

Outdoor Water Restrictions

Annual Outdoor Water Use Restrictions will resume June 1 and continue until August 31. Even addresses may use outdoor water on even dates, and odd number addresses on odd dates. Thomas Township greatly appreciates your cooperation as we conserve our water resources.

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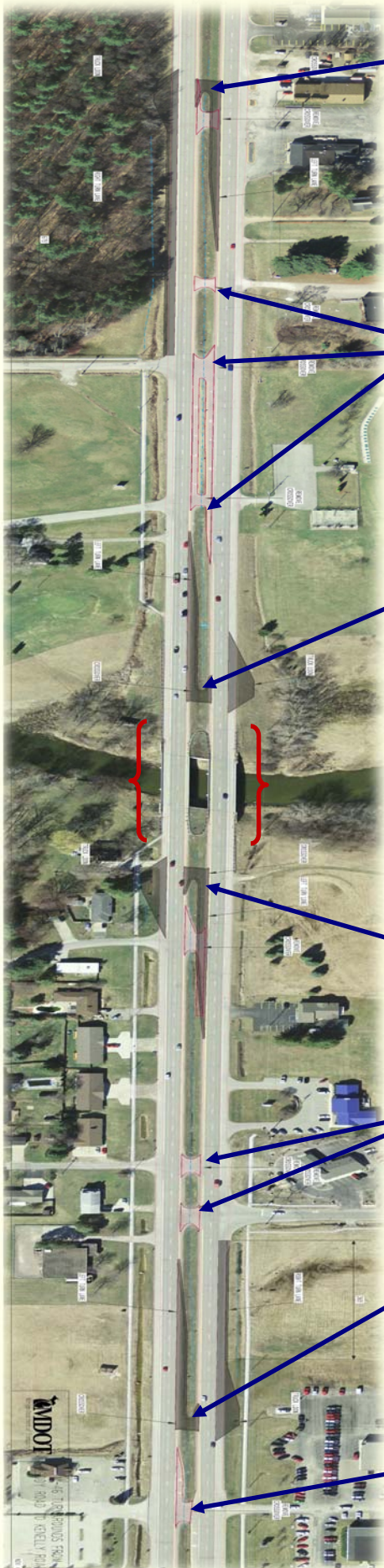
Funding for the project is from a Safety Grant and Critical Bridge funding. This work has been planned for a few years now largely due to the number of accidents on Gratiot Road. Between 2008-2013 there were 43 accidents, which included 4 fatalities and 3 severe injuries.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late April of 2015 and should be completed by the end of July. The Contractor on these projects is Anlaan Corporation. Any questions about the Road project should be directed to Jack Hofweber at (989) 671-1555

*Russ Tylor
Township Manager*

TRASH FACTS

- ...# It costs each home \$124.30 a year for trash, recycling and yard waste collection.
- ...# That equates out to \$2.39 each week.
- ...# With the three collection services, the average cost for each pick up is \$.80.
- ...# Your trash rate has not changed since 2002. During that same time the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has gone up a total of 33.97%.
- ...# Thomas Township is a member of the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) along with 34 other communities. This has been a critical factor in keeping our rates down.



Close the crossover and add a deceleration lane and Michigan left turn to head eastbound.

Close the crossovers

Deceleration lane and Michigan left turn to head westbound.

Bridge work, deck replacement.

Close crossover and add a deceleration lane and Michigan left turn to head eastbound .

Close the crossovers.

Add a deceleration lane and Michigan left turn to head westbound.

Close the crossover.

THOMAS TOWNSHIP
249 NORTH MILLER ROAD
SAGINAW, MI 48609-4896



2015 BRUSH DROP OFF SITE DATES

Brush may be taken **by the homeowner** to the Township brush drop off site located at the northwest corner of Gleaner and Frost Roads. No stumps, leaves, grass or commercial brush will be accepted. The site will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates: April 4, 11 & 18, May 2 & 16, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22, September 12 & 26, October 3, 10, 17 & 24.

Yard Waste pick-up will begin again April 3, 2015