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TODAY

North Miller Road Construction Update

With the North Miller Road reconstruction project well underway since August 25th, we wanted to give you an update on the progress, along with a brief forecast of what can be expected moving forward. We also wanted to use this opportunity to answer some of the most frequently asked questions about the project. The Saginaw County Road Commission (SCRC) is responsible for the project. They have hired OHM Advisors for engineering oversight and Tri-City Ground-breakers as the general contractor.

Current Status.

The unfortunate part of any road project is the disruption and inconvenience it causes homeowners and drivers who use the road. On that note, we have good news. Despite the predominantly wet weather conditions the contractor has had to deal with, the work is slightly ahead of schedule. In fact, the goal is to still have everything completed in time

for Thanksgiving.

The overall project consists of replacing the water main/services, replacing the storm sewer/enclosing the ditch, removing the old road and constructing the new road with curb and gutter. There are obviously many more minor aspects to the project, but these are the primary work items. The water main and storm sewer are both installed. The new road base has been installed with curbing currently being installed. The curbing is supposed to continue to be constructed between Geddes and State over the next couple of weeks. Once that is done, the base coat of asphalt will be put down on the new road. Meanwhile, a separate work crew will be working on rough grading the yard areas on the back side of the new curb.

Two Phases.

Initially, the Saginaw County Road Commission (SCRC) planned to reconstruct the entire length of North Miller Road

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from Gratiot to State. However, due to the late start date resulting from the delay in receiving full funding, the decision was made to split it into a two year project. This year the road between State and Geddes will be completed. Next year's work will be between Geddes and Gratiot. You will see some water main installation yet this year south of Geddes to prepare for next year's construction. The goal is to start the full construction project once school is out for the summer and finish it by the time student's return in the fall. However, you may see Consumers Energy, AT&T or Charter out there working before that time to prepare their underground equipment for the upcoming 2015 project. The detour next year will be the same as this year.

Two Lane or Three Lane.

Initially, the project was drawn as a three lane road the entire length. However, in response to community input and to control costs, the road between Geddes and State is actually a two lane road. Meanwhile, a third lane for left turns will be built between Geddes and Gratiot. This is largely due to the numerous intersecting subdivision streets along this length of roadway.

Signal at Geddes Road.

Another frequent suggestion that many people have shared is the need to add a signal at the intersection of Geddes. The SCRC has agreed to look into this idea once both sections of the road are completed entirely, so that they can conduct a proper study to determine if a signal is warranted.

Trees.

At this point, we understand that all of the trees that are designated for removal have been removed for both phases of the project. A total of twenty (20) trees were cut down. Of that number, several were requested by the property owner to be removed. The others had to be removed either because they were directly in line with an improvement or they were so close to the road that Federal regulations required that they be taken out. Any trees removed hereafter will be necessitated by the construction or will be a homeowner's decision.

Why This Road?

All of us see the sorry state of many roads around our

community, so it's logical to wonder why is Miller Road being rebuilt. The answer is both simple and complicated. There are various pots of money for funding road improvements. Most of these pots of money are severely restricted by the Federal and State governments such that they are not available to fix the large majority of our roads. They are significantly limited to State highways, primary roads or depressed communities. Townships do not receive a single penny for roads, because they do not have any authority or responsibility for roads.

In any case, the SCRC acquired a competitive nationwide grant for North Miller Road in the amount of \$1.2 million, because it is classified as a primary road due to the volume of traffic using it and its location. In that sense, it was nice to see money coming back to Michigan; rather, than seeing it go elsewhere. The grant was then matched using Road Commission funds and State funds.

With this construction, the perpetually severe drainage problems are being addressed, the height of the road is being lowered, curbing is being added that will eliminate the continuous complaint about stones in yards and the road will be designed to handle the traffic already using it. Without this funding, the reality is that the road would have continued to deteriorate without any possibility of fixing it. The storm water issue would have also continued unless all of the homeowners were willing to pay for fixing it through a special assessment that would have been very expensive.

Questions?

If you have any specific questions regarding any aspect of the project, please feel free to contact the Saginaw County Road Commission at 989-752-6140.



The History of Thomas Township in Review

THE GROWTH OF TRANSPORTATION

The early settlers in Thomas Township traveled by horse and foot over established Indian trails. As the need to get crops, crafts and goods for trade from Thomas Township to other areas for sale, the settlers gradually widened the trails by cutting the underbrush, thus permitting passage with teams of horses and wagons.

The earliest roads in the Township were Tittabawassee Road, Graham Road, North River Road, Dice Road, Thomas Road and Gratiot Road. Gratiot Road grew from a major Indian artery known as the Rainbow Trail to the Indians because it crossed the entire State from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. As settlers developed their own land, they would build smaller roads along survey lines to the existing roads. They were responsible for maintaining their own roads.

But no matter how the roads were maintained, to get to the city, eight miles away, took the early residents a full day travel, and it was not an easy trip. Before the ferries became operational and the bridges built, rivers and streams needed to be forded (crossed over) by foot or by horse. Sand bars stretched across the Tittabawassee River in many parts making summer travel easier; however, the spring rains and snow melt made the river just about impassable. Due to the necessity of crossing the river, ferries began operating, although the date of the first ferry is not known, records indicate that ferries were operating as early as the 1830's and 1840's.

Bryant's Trip was the location of the first ferry boat operation on the Tittabawassee River in Thomas Township. Crossing the river by ferry was much easier than fording the river. A second ferry was operated on the River at the site of the present day Tittabawassee Road bridge, which is upstream from Bryant's Trip. This second ferry was large enough to carry a team of horses and wagon. These are the only two ferries to operate in Thomas Township, and both operated on a toll payment.

These two ferries operated until a bridge was built across the river in 1870. While the bridge was built on Gratiot Road, it was called State Road at the time. Historians believe it was called State Road due to the fact it was built and maintained by the State.

Subsequently, with the growing population in the northern part of the Township, a second bridge at the site of the Tittabawassee Road crossing was also built. With the passing of county road tax and then Act 59, over 215 miles of road were constructed in the County by 1915.

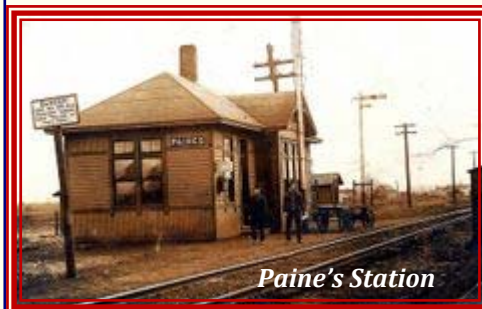
Railroads were also a major factor in Thomas Township's history. The Saginaw Valley and St Louis Railroad Company was organized in 1873 and it cut



Pere Marquette Railroad passenger car

through the southern part of the Township in an east to west direction. There were three depots in Thomas Township.

Only one of the depots was had an actual scheduled stop. The other two stations were "flag stations" which meant, if there was cargo or people that needed to be picked up a flag was hung up so the engineer knew to stop. A second Railroad



Paine's Station

was developed in 1867 and slices through the southeastern corner of our Township. This station was called Paine's Station and was actually located just

over our border in James Township. It was important to the residents of Thomas Township, due to the fact that 14 passenger trains went through the station daily. It was the most cost effective way to bring friends and relatives from different parts of the country to Thomas Township.

The major commodities shipped from Thomas Township were sugar beets, brick and coal all of which were taken to the train stations by teams of horses and wagons. The major incoming commodity by rail was fertilizer, utilized by farmers to obtain higher crop yields.

In the next edition of Thomas Township Today we will look at the early Business's of Thomastown and the business growth of the Township.

*Betsy Wietfeldt
Deputy Clerk*

SAVE THE DATE
THOMAS TOWNSHIP TRAILBLAZER
5K RUN/WALK



We cordially invite you to participate in the second annual "Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk". This event is to support the maintenance and future improvements to the Thomas Township Trail. It will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. and will follow the new Thomas Township Trail starting at Swan Valley High School, on O'Hern Road. Awards will be presented to the first and second place finisher in each division. Watch upcoming newsletters and our website for registration times.

Sponsorships are also available if you would like to sponsor the event. Your sponsorship will help to defray some of the costs. Additional proceeds will be used specifically on the trail.

Sponsors will be represented on the race t-shirt and all publications.

There are four (4) levels of sponsorship available to you:

Diamond Sponsorship: \$2,000 and up (receive 4 free race entries)

Major Sponsorship: \$1,000-\$1,999 (receive 2 free race entries)

Minor Sponsorship: \$500-\$999 (receive 1 free race entry)

General Sponsorship: \$100-\$499.

Booth space will be available at the race for sponsors. We would like all sponsorships to be received by May 1st, 2015. If you have any questions, please call the Thomas Township Office at (989) 781-0151 or email parksdirector@thomastwp.org. Sponsorship forms are available on our website.

*Thank you for your support,
 John Corriveau*

SHIELDS SUMMER FESTIVAL



Thomas Township Trash and Treasures Rummage Sales

The 5th Annual Trash and Treasures Rummage sales will be held in conjunction with the 2015 Shields Summer Festival. Sales will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Shields Summer Festival. Check out January 2015 newsletter for the registration forms. For information, you can visit our website www.thomastwp.org

Trash Pick up Shields Fest Week

Due to the congestion caused by the rummage sales during Shields Festival week, trash pick up begins overnight on Thursday June 25th, 2015. Put your trash out before you go to bed on Thursday night.

Winter Sidewalk Safety

Winter Sidewalk Safety



As another fall fades into winter, we all know that snow and ice are soon to follow. Now is a good time to talk about sidewalk safety. Thomas Township has a great number of walkers that use the sidewalks on a daily basis throughout the entire year. The numbers may appear to diminish as the tem-

peratures fall, but not as much as you think. On most days you can find citizens getting in a mile or two in the dead of winter. Before and after school you will see kids using them walking to and from the bus stop. Keeping that in mind, every winter as the first snow falls residents and businesses that have sidewalks in front of their property need to know what their responsibility is for keeping them clean.

After a snowfall, all residents and businesses alike

must see that the sidewalk is cleared within 24 hours of the storm. Because Michigan weather is so unpredictable and sometimes it 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.

More and more residents young and old are using sidewalks to get around and for exercise. Did you know that Thomas Township has over 10 miles of sidewalks connecting subdivisions, businesses, parks, libraries and schools?

If you use the sidewalks make sure the next time you see someone shoveling them that you 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 or you would like to see sidewalks installed in your area, call the Community Development Department at 989-781-0150.

*Connie Watt
Code Enforcement Officer*

From the Treasurer

Winter Tax Bills to Arrive by December 1, 2014

Property tax statements are scheduled to be mailed to you on or around December 1st. If a property tax statement has not been received by December 5th, please contact the Deputy Treasurer, Korina Tucker at (989) 781-0150 or by email at treasurer@thomastwp.org to request a copy.

All payments should be made by check or money order. Many banks and credit unions will issue a check for a withdrawal at no charge or for a small fee.

For your convenience, a drop box is available by the south side of the Township office building for making payments after hours. The drop box is checked 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 31, 2014, to be considered paid in 2014.

If your property taxes are paid by an escrow account, you will receive confirmation of payment in the form of a paid property tax receipt. If you do not receive a paid tax receipt, you may want to contact your bank and make arrangements for payment.

*Vern Weber
Township Treasurer*

*****REMINDER*****

When paying in person, bring the entire tax notice with you and our staff will mark the top portion paid for you.

DOG LICENSES FOR SALE

Dog licenses are available at the Township Office from December 1, 2014 through March 1, 2015.

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 licensees will not be issued without the required rabies vaccination information.

*Deidre Frollo
Director of Fiscal Services*

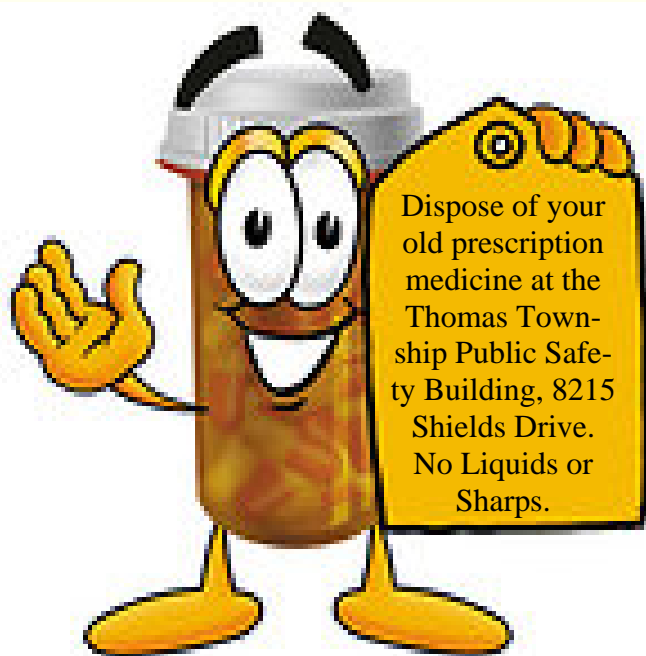
Police News



Corridor Enforcement

As you are probably aware, our police department along with Saginaw Township, Michigan State Police and the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department just completed a 30 day "Corridor Enforcement Action" on Gratiot Road. We believe the effort was a huge success and wish to thank our Law Enforcement partners as well as Ms. Kimberly Zimmer of MDOT and Lamar Advertising for their billboard donations. Over the next seven months the police department will continue its selective enforcement activities on Gratiot Road on varied dates and times to continue to move Gratiot Road toward zero deaths.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall season!



Community News

TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

At the urging and request of many, many Township residents, Thomas Township began a Christmas lighting campaign many years ago. We are proud to continue and expand this project in small increments each year.

This year, as part of a community service project, a group of Swan Valley High School students spent a day with our Department of Public Works employees to install the Christmas lights around the Township Office campus. A special thank you to Kay Wejrowski, National Honor Society Advisor and Library Media Specialist, for organizing these students, getting them fed and transported to our site. Thanks to Craig Blower, High School Principal and Mat McRae, Superintendent for allowing this great group of kids to come out and give back to their community.

We hope, as the Christmas Holiday draws closer and the lights are lit, the following list of kids, along with their families, will take great pride in the work that they did, and make a conscious effort to continue to give back to their community.

Alison Denman

Kayla Fong

Zina Patel

Summer Zimmerman

Melody Campbell

Brooke Hart

Ariana Wade

Jaime Modolo

Brittney White

Sydney Fallis

Jenna Matz

Kevin Dwyer

Michelle McCormick

Randi DeShone

Nicole Demand

Katelyn Williams

Jordan Yackel

Chelsee Larsen

Samantha Barshaw

Alexandra Radina



*Rick Hopper
Director, Thomas
Township DPW*

REAL TIME TRAINING HELPS EVERYONE

At the end of each year, the training division of the Thomas Township Fire Department begins the planning process for our training requirements for the next year. We plan and plot out all mandatory training required by County, State and Federal guidelines. Then we examine the needs and talk to the Fire Fighters about what kind of training they would like to see and what they feel they need.

This year, the Fire Fighters requested additional training in Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI). The training team came up with a list of objectives they wanted covered, and began the logistical process of making this training happen.

While the team of trainers knew what they wanted to teach, the problem we often face is where to do this training. To make this as life like as possible, we need a location where we can spread-out, have a life like emergency scene, but not damage anyone's private property. Thankfully, the Swan Valley School District responded to our request for assistance and provided the perfect venue for a MCI. The emergency scene took place within the shop area of the high school, with a simulated explosion with fire and building collapse which caused a multiple injury scene.

The lead instructors from the fire department were; Ryan Ludwick and Jean Harken. Together they teamed up with high school principal Mr. Craig Blower, teachers Mrs. Kay Wejrowski and Mr. Pat Kennelly. The school not only provided the facility but twenty students who endured being moulaged in "make up" indicating their injuries. Many of them had protruding bones, lacerations, amputations and burns simulating their injuries. Two Mobile Medical Response (MMR) employees donated their time as well to help improve their skills as well as our skills. Special thanks to Mike McEmber and Matt Drake from MMR for their dedication to making this event suc-

cessful.

Having the ability to train in an environment conducive to this scenario with students willing to help in this role, will pay endless dividends to each of our responders as they fine tune their skills. Our personnel gained knowledge and experience far greater than reading about it or practicing on each other. Responding to this incident, putting out a fire, stabilizing a building triaging patients, and performing rapid treatment are just a few skills our crew will posses for years to come. It is cooperation like this that makes our community great and a perfect environment to raise a family.

This training took hours and hours of planning and everyone involved believe it was worth the extra efforts invested by these many selfless people.

I would personally like to thank the members of our department; a paid on call volunteer force who all work outside jobs but yet still find time to give back to their community, for giving of their time and dedication to the betterment of our fire department and the service they provide our community.

Michael Cousins



WUNDERLE RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

December 1988... John Wunderle made a commitment to the Thomas Township Fire Department that lasted 25 years! During those 25 years of service, John led the annual Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, multiple softball games and Christmas parties. These are only a few of the projects he served on. He also served in the capacity of Lieutenant, Captain and most recently Safety Officer. In his role as a safety officer, he was charged with ensuring the department's members safety on and off the fire ground. He led internal accident investigations as well as conducting station inspections.



As with all members, the spouses and families play an active role by supporting their husband and father. John's family provided much support through the years and Holly helped right alongside John on a few of his projects. We are grateful for John's 25 years of service and will express our gratitude in an open house style ceremony for him in October.

On behalf of the residents, the township board, manager, members of the fire department and myself, THANK YOU JOHN for your 25 years of service!

***Michael Cousins
Fire Chief***

Parks and Recreation Fall and Winter Happenings

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.



Christmas Train and Festival of Lights

The third annual Christmas Train will be held at Roethke Park on **December 4-5-6 and December 11-12-13**, 6pm-9pm. Come ride the Roethke Express through the Christmas woods, decorated by local businesses and families! We will have a bonfire, smores and Santa Claus there for pictures.

We would love for you to join us in decorating the park, if you would like to come and set up a light display for everyone to see please call us at 781-0151. We will be having a lighting contest!



PARKS AND RECREATION 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN

To be eligible for project grants from the State of Michigan, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Department must file a 5 year Plan with the State of Michigan.

The five year Rec Plan inventories every park improvement within Thomas Township that is existing, it showcases all improvements at each park and it details all the projected improvements to be made in each park on a long term basis.

One of the biggest needs for the five year plan is feedback from the residents of the Township about our parks and programs. John Corriveau, Parks Director has created a survey through a computer based survey company called Survey Monkey. Please take a few minutes to sit down and take this survey. If you would like a hard copy of the survey mailed to you, please call Stacy in the Parks and Recreation Office at (989) 781-0151. Please make your request for a written copy as soon as possible. You can access the online survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7T78GYX>

REMEMBER, ONLINE registration is available for Parks and Recreation Programing. 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, and make sure the form you are using is not out of date.



FALL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINICS

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. Also, we encourage the kids to attend the local high school games and cheer

on their instructors as they play! Program begins January 10, 2015. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys basketball leagues are forming for 2nd -3rd and 4th-6th grades. Sign up continues until November 21st. Draft date is December 6th at Swan Valley High School for 4th-6th graders. All kids will be assigned a coach who will set up practices during the week. All games are held on Saturdays at Swan Valley High School. Players Fees are \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Volunteer Coaches are needed for this program.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

A girls league is also offered for grades 2nd-4th and

4th-6th. Registration for this league ends on January 23rd 2015. The games begin on February 21st. Fees and practice times are the same as the boys league. Volunteer Coaches are always needed. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

THOMAS TOWNSHIP ARCHERY

Thomas Township is proud to have an Archery program that is taught by an instructor that has been certified by the USA Archery and the National Field Archery Association. We offer classes for beginners and advanced. Ages run from 6 years old and up. We have parents and kids taking the class together and really enjoying learning together. Winter Class begins January 15, 2015 and runs for 6 weeks on the following dates: January 15, 22, 30 and February 5, 12, 19.

Beginner 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Beginner 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Beginner 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Explore Archery 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.



ANNUAL TASTE OF THOMAS TOWNSHIP

Our annual Taste of Thomas was held once again at beautiful Roethke Park on August 18th. Despite a summer of rain and colder temperatures the night was one of the best all summer and everyone had a good time. Once again the community and local business owners came together to raise money for the parks with just under \$20,000 collected. We want to thank Sherri Hancock and her staff from Swan Valley Banquets for once again organizing and helping with all the food set up and making sure it all went off perfectly. We want to thank the following businesses for the wonderful food they brought, Eudici's Pizza, Kathleen's, Creekside, Culver's and Bintz's.

Lee's Tents once again set up a beautiful 40' x 60' tent and Kluck's Nursery brought a truck load of amazing plants to make the whole event look spectacular, including a landscaped walkway right up to the tent. Swan Valley Banquets made the inside of the tent look amazing with skirting for all the tables and allowed us to use their chafing dishes to keep everything warm.

A new activity this year was a 126 yard golf competition on Roethke's Pond. The park maintenance staff put together a 10' x 10' raft with a flag pole in the middle of the pond and we had a golf challenge to see who could hit the target and double their money. We had some very close shots; Thomas Township Trustee Mike Thayer surrounded the target with shots missing by what seemed inches! It was a lot of fun with lots of cheering and laughing by all.

The money raised goes into the park improvement fund for Roberts Park, or to specific projects earmarked by the people donating it. Without these generous donations our parks could not be as beautiful as they are! THANK YOU!



Emcee, Terry L. Rock and David Rengering, Site Manager of Hemlock Semiconductor on behalf of the Dow Corning Foundation

Besides our food donors, we would like to also thank our monetary donors, for making this event a huge success:

Ann & Robert Murphy
 Christopher Thompson & Mary Zimmerman
 Craig & Nicole Blower
 Dave & Randi Kutch
 David Adams
 Ed & Nancy Brosofski
 Frank & Christine Gulczynski
 Gerald & Sally Kluck
 Jack & Elizabeth Visuri
 Jack Rehmann
 James Curran
 John Olson Spicer Group
 Kathryn & Gary Wejrowski
 Ken Horn
 Kenneth & Veronica Horn
 Kiwanis Club
 Kluck Nursery Tom Kluck
 Leddy Electric
 Lisa Galonska
 Michael & Carla Zietz
 Michael & Linda Thayer
 MidValley Insurance
 Mike & Christine Cousins
 Radewahn Real Estate
 Russ & Sue Taylor
 Sandra Hirschman
 Shields Lions Club
 Shields Mens Club
 Steven & Deborah Witt
 Steven Van Lines Inc
 Standard Electric
 Thomas & Kathleen McIntyre
 Thomas Twp Fire Department
 HSC on behalf of the Dow Corning Foundation



Emcee, Terry L. Rock and Park Commissioner Craig Monahan

Well, another summer has come and gone! As we move into the fall, your Public Works will be busy flushing and winterizing all the fire hydrants located throughout the Township. This is a normal maintenance function that is extremely important to ensure the fire hydrant in your area works properly if needed in an emergency. As those flushing activities begin, you may see cloudy water from your home's water taps. This is a normal occurrence, and is typical of flushing activities. If your water appears discolored or is 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-ways and along curbing. In some cases, fire hoses or other piping is used to diffuse or to direct water away from potentially pooling areas and yards.

Annual sewer inspection and cleaning will begin the week of September 20th and will continue for approximately 3 to 4 weeks. We will be jetting the sanitary sewers in the area and videotaping that piping for review and study. The areas that will be affected is strictly the commercial area along Gratiot Road.

September 26th brought the Swan Valley High School Homecoming celebration home, highlighted with a parade along Miller Road beginning at Shields Drive and Meijer Drive, continuing to Miller Road, then continuing south to O'Hern to the High School. Public Works worked closely with the Thomas Township Fire and Police Departments on traffic control along the parade route, and there will always be temporary closures at all entrances from Shields Drive, Meijer Drive, Plainfield, Timberwood, Miller Court and North Miller Road to allow for the safe passage of the parade participants.

The Brush site is now closed for 2014. It will reopen for residents beginning April 4, 2015. The hours of operations will continue to be 8 AM to 12 Noon for 2015. The site is open for any Township Resident. No leaves or grass accepted.

The Township Campus has been decorated with Christmas Lights again this year. Look for the Christmas displays to be lit on November 21st. It will be spectacular! Please see the companion article to this on page 6.

You will notice the Christmas decorations on the street lights along Gratiot have changed this year. We are using wreaths with L.E.D light stings to see if they will work better with the GFI outlets that do not see to say on during wet weather conditions.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Replacement of the new water main on North Miller Road is done. This water main had to be replaced to accommodate the wider road reconstruction project. The new water main between Geddes and Gratiot will probably start in December.

Installation of the River Road to Laurie Lane water main has been completed and is in service. This project increased the water main through the Catholic Diocese's properties from River Road and allowed us to tie two distinct areas together, providing alternative connections to the water system.

Installation of the Coldbrook water main has been completed. This project allowed us to provide the subdivision off Miller Road an alternative water connection, ensuring reliability and enhance water supply.

Rehabilitation of the sewer pumping station located on East Gloucester was completed. The project included new pumps, pipes, valves, and pump controls, and ensured that this important pump station is ready for another 20-25 years of service. As we continue through the season with construction projects, please be mindful of those activities as you travel through and always remember, "Give Em A Brake".

Thomas Township Veteran's Display



Brick Paver orders are turned in for engraving 4 times per year, coinciding with the major Veteran's Holidays to help keep the costs down.

ORDER BY February 15, INSTALLED by Memorial Day.
ORDER BY May 1, INSTALLED by 4th of July.
ORDER BY August 15, INSTALLED by Veteran's Day.
ORDER BY November 15, INSTALLED by Memorial Day or as weather permits.

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



THE BRUSH SITE DATES FOR 2015

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 continues through your last pickup of November, 2014