November 2019

November 5th Special Election

A special election is being held in Lyon Township on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. There is one item on the ballot, which involves a special clerk’s office and voting for a special election. Due to this, precinct 7 will NOT be voting in this election. All other precincts will be open for voting. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

For all things related to voting in Lyon Township (sample ballots, precinct locations, etc), please visit http://www.lyontwp.org/vote. You may also call our Clerk’s Office at 248-437-2240.

Not sure if you are registered to vote? You can check at https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/.

Notice to Absentee Voters

If you are voting in this election by absentee ballot, please make sure to return your ballot (signed, dated, and sealed) to the Clerk’s Office by the closing of the polls on election day. Ballots can be mailed in (please remember postage!), but ballots received after the election cannot be counted.

As we approach election day, you may wish to return your ballot in person to make sure it is received in time to be counted. If you are unable to visit the Clerk’s Office during office hours, feel free to use the locked drop box on the circle drive in front of the building. Don’t forget to sign, date, and seal your ballot!

Special Clerk’s Office Hours:
Saturday, November 2nd

The Clerk’s Office is always open on the Saturday before an election. This year, the Clerk’s Office will be open on Saturday, November 2nd from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. This is the

Please note that only the Clerk’s Office will be open, no other Township departments.

Township Calendar

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All meetings are held at:
Lyon Township
58000 Grand River Avenue
New Hudson, MI 48165
Phone: 248-437-2240
http://www.lyontwp.org

http://www.facebook.com/lyontwp
http://www.twitter.com/lyontwp
Fire Marshal Holzheimer Graduates

Fire Marshal Brian Holzheimer of the Lyon Township Fire Department graduated in October from the prestigious Fire Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program at Eastern Michigan University. This program consisted of 350 hours of classroom instruction that required out of class study, preparation of papers, projects, and examinations.

The Fire Staff and Command Program is dynamic and on the forefront of technology. Command Officers were challenged by management situations, decisive decision-making, and being able to control, direct, and supervise personnel under their command. The Fire Staff and Command Program will enhance the performance of personnel in the command positions, and Fire Marshal Holzheimer’s research project that focused on balancing a part-time and career fire service is expected to benefit the department as more full-time firefighters are added.

Congratulations, Brian!

Lieutenant Venus Retires

Oakland County Sheriff Lieutenant Mark Venus retired last month, after a 31-year career in law enforcement. Lieutenant Venus has been with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office since 1998. He has been with the Lyon Township Substation since 2007.

Sergeant Leslie Whitfield will be taking over duties as the commander for the Lyon Township Substation.

Lyon Township would like to extend a sincere thank you and congratulations to Lieutenant Venus. We appreciate all you have done for us, and you will be very missed.

Good luck with whatever comes next!
Water Tower Update

The Lyon Township logo was applied to the new water tower on October 4, 2019 by DPI Graphics.

Construction is moving along with the levels of the tank now complete. Grading for the two driveways is beginning, and testing and filling the tank with water will start soon. The project is expected to be complete by the end of the year.
Sheriff Carport Ribbon Cutting

Lyon Township officials and consultants; along with Oakland County Sheriff Lieutenant Mark Venus, Sergeant Leslie Whitfield, and Sergeant Brian Burwell; celebrated a ribbon cutting for the new carport project on October 23, 2019.

The Planning Commission approved this project on April 8, 2019.

This carport was constructed for the use of the Oakland County Sheriff at the Lyon Township Substation. It has spaces for ten patrol cars and a storage garage for the gator vehicle that is used at festivals/special events and to patrol the Huron Valley Trail.

The carport will help protect vehicles from the elements, especially in the winter. This is a heavy-duty carport that has been built to last!
**Burn Permit Applications**

If you are burning brush or having a campfire in Lyon Township, you must apply for a burn permit. Burn permits are only valid for the year in which they are issued.

Burn permits are free and can be completed and submitted online through our website: [https://www.lyontwp.org/departments/public_safety/burn_permit_app.php](https://www.lyontwp.org/departments/public_safety/burn_permit_app.php). Please remember that you can only burn brush and seasoned wood. Leaves, construction material, and treated wood cannot be burned.

If you have any questions about burn permits or burning in Lyon Township, please contact Fire Station #1 at 248-486-3775.

**Report Road Issues**

All public roads in Lyon Township are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). If you encounter any road problems, you can submit a report through this page on their website: [https://www.rcocweb.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-4/Contact-Us-Form-43](https://www.rcocweb.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-4/Contact-Us-Form-43).

*Please note: if there is an emergency situation, do not use the above form.* Please call the Department of Customer Services at 877-858-4804 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on weekdays. After hours and on weekends, please call 248-858-4895.

**Public Transportation**

Lyon Township offers a transportation service that is available to all residents at a low cost. The service is operated by our partners at People’s Express. Residents can arrange transportation for work, medical appointments, shopping, and more.

For information and to schedule a ride, please contact People’s Express at 877-214-6073 or visit their website: [https://peoplesexpressmi.com/](https://peoplesexpressmi.com/)

**2019 Winter Taxes**

Early reminder! Winter taxes will go out on December 1, 2019 and will then be due February 14, 2020. Information about taxes can be found at [https://www.lyontwp.org/departments/taxes/index.php](https://www.lyontwp.org/departments/taxes/index.php).

If you have any questions about taxes, please contact our Treasurer’s Office at 248-437-2240.

**Snow Removal Reminders**

Snow will be here before we know it! Please remember that property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks that adjoin your property. Snow must be removed within 48 hours of snowfall. Also remember to keep snow cleared from around your mailbox and fire hydrants located on your property and that any snow cleared cannot be deposited into the road.
Great Lake-to-Lake Trails Bike Tour

On September 17th, the Lyon Township DDA hosted cyclists from all over Michigan who participated in the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail Route #1 Inaugural Ride. Cyclists left South Haven on September 13th and traveled along the now completed trail. Their journey ended in Port Huron on September 18th.

Lyon Township was chosen as one of the rest stops along the way because the Huron Valley Trail is part of the Route #1 Trail. The DDA coordinated with Oakland County to place directional signs along the trail and to provide snacks and beverages to the cyclists.

To learn more about the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, visit https://michigantrails.org/about-us.
New Hudson Historical Walking Tour – Downtown Lyon

JR Tours hosted the inaugural historical walking tour in the hamlet of New Hudson in Lyon Township on Friday, September 20th. 14 people attended the 2-hour event that highlighted key historical areas and facts of this unincorporated community established in the early 1800s.

Local historian Jennifer Redfern-Seiler led the tour that started at the New Hudson United Methodist Church. The group traveled along the Huron Valley Trail where the old train depot once stood and where former telegraph lines still stand today. The tour then continued to the post office, Dolsen Elementary, and along Rice Street where stories of the school, the former cheese factory, and Burt's Buggy and Machine Shop were shared. There was a break at Tucker’s Kitchen and Grill, a restaurant named after Dr. Tucker, who practiced medicine in New Hudson in the 1800s. After the break, the tour continued along Grand River to view the 188-year-old New Hudson Inn. Jennifer used historical photographs to reference locations where certain buildings once stood, such as the Champion Building, Macabee Hall, and the Washburn gas station.

The tour also included a respectful visit to the New Hudson Cemetery where information on notable people buried there was shared, including stories of Ambrose Orvis, who served in the American Revolutionary War. At the end of the tour, participants were provided with a free copy of the book *Images of America: Lyon Township*, signed by authors John Bell and Diane Andreassi, donated by the Lyon Township DDA. Additional history brochures were also printed and provided by the DDA.

A special thank you to the Lowe’s Home Improvement Store in New Hudson for the donated safety vests for the tour.

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Currie Road Public Meeting

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) held a public meeting on October 22nd from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall regarding the Currie Road Paving Project. The meeting was well-attended and provided residents an opportunity to learn more and ask questions.

Complete information on the project can be found on the RCOC’s website: https://www.rcocweb.org/529/Currie-Road-2020-2022

Small Business Saturday

Holiday shopping is just around the corner! Don’t forget our small business owners when shopping the weekend after Thanksgiving. To encourage this support, Oakland County is hosting a contest.

SHOPPERS: Shop at Oakland County small business on Saturday, November 30th, and you could win one of three prizes:

- 1st Place - $5,000.00
- 2nd Place - $2,000.00
- 3rd Place - $1,000.00

Complete information, official rules, and FAQ can be found at:

https://www.oakgov.com/advantageoakland/programs/smallbusinesssaturday/Pages/ShopSmall_Shoppers.aspx

BUSINESS OWNERS: All Oakland County small businesses that register are automatically entered to win $1,000.00, thanks to CEED Lending. For this contest, a small business is defined as an independently owned and operated legal brick and mortar business located in Oakland County. For more information and to register your business, please visit https://forms.oakgov.com/53.
Part-Time Snowplow Drivers Needed

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is seeking to hire up to 25 part-time snowplow drivers to augment its full-time staff for the winter this year.

“We have found the seasonal workers have been a very efficient and cost-effective way to provide the level of service during the winter that Oakland County residents deserve,” explained Managing Director Dennis Kolar. “This enables us to provide a higher level of service than we otherwise could.”

To be considered for one of the part-time positions, anyone interested must have a current and valid Michigan commercial driver’s license (CDL) with an “A” endorsement. The part-time employees may be scheduled to work up to three days per week and will be on call throughout the winter for day, night, and weekend work as needed.

Every attempt is made to establish consistent work schedules. Non-snow removal work will be done by the part-time employees, in addition to salting and plowing.

Paid training and introductory orientation will be provided. The position pays up to $20 per hour, and duties include snow-storm road plowing and salting as well as other non-snow related road maintenance activities (flagging, pothole patching, etc.).

Those selected for hire will be required to pass a pre-employment driving-skill assessment, background check, and a post-offer physical exam including a drug screening. Driving histories will be reviewed.

Anyone interested can apply online by visiting http://www.rcocweb.org and clicking on the “Careers” tab at the top of the homepage.

Free Health Clinic

Capernaum Health Clinic is a 501c3 non-profit organization that depends solely on donations from our local churches, charitable foundations, and the generosity of our community.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit us at: www.capernaumhealthclinic.org
WEDNESDAY
NOV 20 2019

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

OAKLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
5505 CORPORATE DR
TROY, MI 48098

To register for the community discussion on 11/20/19 visit: https://bit.ly/2OUosEg
Information: weinerts@oaklandchn.org

“Do it for Daniel”
Jeff Olson
featured speaker

A documentary about Daniel Olson, who suffered from anxiety and depression, taking his life in 2012. His father, Jeff Olson shares the film and speaks about the reality of depression and suicide.

“Do it for Daniel” Parent Presentations
7 - 9 pm in the following communities:

11/18/19 - Rochester
11/19/19 - Birmingham
11/20/19 - Waterford
11/21/19 - Novi

For parent presentation details & registration information visit:
www.oakgov.com/ya
**Lyon Township Public Library Events & Programs**

**Library Events**

- **Friends of the LTPL Book Sale** – Thursday, November 21st – Sunday, November 24th
  Fundraiser to benefit the library’s growing services, programs, and collections

**Adult Programs**

- **Qigong & You** – Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
  Qigong, a 5,000 year old system referred to as an “Ancient Chinese Secret of Health & Longevity,” uses simple movement, breathing technique, and mental focus to cultivate internal energy. The class focuses on the power of Qigong for health, self-healing, and longevity. It is an excellent way to manage stress and to find balance and inner harmony. Each class ends with a guided meditation. Classes are free and taught by David Tharp, a certified Qigong Teacher.

- **Apocalypse Gardening** – Saturday, November 2nd at 1:00 p.m.
  Whether you are a hardcore prepper or a casual gardener, learn about how fragile our food security really is and how to prepare for shortages. Join us as we make the case for Resilient gardening.

- **Brostrom Physical Therapy Seminar** – Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m.
  The LTPL is happy to host a Physical Therapist from Brostrom Physical Therapy to talk about common physical issues and the ways physical therapy can help.

- **PBS Country Music Documentary** – Saturday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m.
  In this documentary streaming, explore the remarkable stories of the people and places behind a true American art form.

- **Books & Brews Book Club** – Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m.
  Interested in a night of good conversation, great food, and beverages? Join us at The Kensington Grill for a lively discussion of *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Radden Keefe. All are welcome, even if you didn’t read the book.

- **Coffee Hour with State Representative Kathy Crawford** – Monday, November 18th at 11:00 a.m.
  Stop by the library for your morning coffee and meet State Representative Kathy Crawford.

- **My Little Michigan Kitchen** – LTPL Grows Author Visit – Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.
  Mandy McGovern, blogger and author of the recipe book *My Little Michigan Kitchen*, will share her story and her recipes. Plus, there will be food to sample!

**Kids, Teens, and Family Programs**

- **Toddler & Preschool Storytime** – Every Wednesday & Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
  Join Ms. Joceyln or Ms. Melissa for stories, songs, bubbles, and lots of fun! This program is designed to encourage a love of language, learning, and reading while practicing listening for children ages 1 to 6 and their families.

- **Lego My Library** – Tuesday, November 7th at 4:30 p.m.
  Stop by and build something fun at the library! We’ll have Legos, K’nex, and other materials to build with. Everyone can make their own creation or work together to create something awesome. All ages are welcome, we even have baby blocks! No registration required.

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DIY Birdfeeders – Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m.
Make your own Suet cakes to place outside for birds to enjoy all winter long.

Young Writers Club – Monday, November 11th at 5:30 p.m.
Calling all young aspiring authors! Join other young wordsmiths in our Young Writers Club! We’ll help you get started writing and keep you motivated with games, writing prompts, tips, tricks, and pizza. Write with your peers, have them review your work, meet other young writers, and have some pizza. Come for just one session or come every month! For 4th through 12th graders. No registration required.

The Buzzin’ Bees We Keep – LTPL Grows Youth Seminar – Saturday, November 16th at 1:00 p.m.
Children are fascinated by honeybees and always have lots of questions about them. They wonder what the inside of a beehive looks like, what they eat, and how they make honey and wax. Join us for an informative program for children where they can learn the answers to those questions and many more about honeybees and their life cycle. We will explore the inside of their home and learn about the workers, drones, and queens and how they communicate and work together.

Randy and Sandy Graichen are the owners of Heart of the Hive Apiary located in Superior Township. They sell their honey in the South Lyon and Dixboro Farmers Markets. Sandy is also the current president of the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association.

Family Storytime – Monday, November 25th at 6:00 p.m.
Family Storytime is a chance for caregivers to actively engage with children and build early literacy skills through stories, songs, movement activities, and play. This program is designed to encourage a love of language, learning, and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Geared for ages 3 to 6 but fun for the whole family! Please register.

Ornament Making for Abbey Park – Saturday, November 30th at 12:00 p.m.
Stop by and make some fun ornaments with us to help decorate a tree at Abbey Park this year. We will be creating all sorts of ornaments made out of old books, and then Ms. Jocelyn and Ms. Melissa will take all the ornaments over to Abbey Park to decorate the LTPL-sponsored holiday tree. All materials will be provided, and all ages are welcome.

Genealogy Programs

Genealogy Book Club – Thursday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m.
Join us as we discuss a genealogy-related book each month. This month’s book is My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante. Pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk and join us for our discussion. All are welcome!

Genealogy Roundtable – Friday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m.
All are welcome to share their ideas, show genealogy treasures, or tell us about a brick wall that they have encountered. We all have a lot of experiences to share with each other!

Here Comes the Judge – Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.
Genealogy presentation by Karen Klugman.

http://www.LTPL.org
November Office Closures

During the month of November, the Lyon Township Municipal Center is scheduled to be closed on the following days:

Veterans Day - Monday, November 11, 2019
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28, 2019
Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 29, 2019

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