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GOODBYES AND NEW FACES.



Diane Mosier Retirement - After 28 years of service, Township Clerk Diane Mosier has retired. During her tenure, she has been a dedicated public servant to all DeWitt Township residents, positively impacting their quality of life and their interaction with local government. Diane has personally overseen the transformation of the election processes and countless Township projects. We wish her a long and happy retirement!

Welcome Township Treasurer Sandy Stump - The Township is pleased to announce that Sandy Stump has been appointed as Township Treasurer. Sandy fills the term of long-serving Township Treasurer Phyllis Daggy upon her retirement. Sandy brings many years of non-profit accounting and operations management to her new position. Sandy has resided in the Township since 1987 and is honored and excited to be of service to the community.



Welcome Township Manager Andrew Dymczyk - The Township is pleased to announce that Andrew Dymczyk has been hired as the Township Manager. Andrew comes from Harrison Township (Macomb County) where he worked as Deputy Supervisor since 2012. Since his hire date, Andrew has been a member of the community actively working to continue the high level of service from the Manager's Office. Andrew is an avid golfer and holds a Master's of Public Administration degree from Oakland University.

Chief Brian Russell Retirement - Chief Brian Russell, after a dedicated 38.5 year career in law enforcement (including 14 years as our Police Chief) is retiring. During his tenure, Chief has always been a selfless guardian of our community. The high standards and level of service performed by our department can be attributed to Chief Russell's leadership, work ethic and commitment. We wish him the very best in his future endeavors.



Welcome Township Clerk Adam Cramton – The Township is pleased to announce Adam Cramton has been appointed as Township Clerk. With the retirement of Diane Mosier, Adam will fill her unexpired term. Adam has been a Township resident since 2009 and is looking forward to serving the community.

ELECTION NEWS – NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION

What's on the ballot in DeWitt Township? (Partisan Section) Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Attorney General; United States Senator; Representative in Congress 4th District; State Senator 24th District; Representative in State Legislature 93rd District; State Boards – Member of the State Boards of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University; Clinton County Commissioner; (Nonpartisan Section) Justice of Supreme Court; Judge of Court of Appeals 4th District; Judge of Clinton County Probate Court; Board of Trustees Member Lansing Community College; Local School Districts – Board Members; Proposals – Legalize Recreational Marijuana, District Boundaries, Michigan Constitution Amendment for Elections, Local School proposals.

What's different; what's new? We will again be using the new Hart Verity digital voting system. While many of you saw these machines in action during the August Primary, many voters will be seeing them for the first time during this General Election on Nov. 6th. The most visible differences are the visual screen that gives voters instruction when feeding their ballot into the tabulator and voters' ballots now have boxes to fill in rather than connecting the arrow as done previously. Additionally, the Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) is now called the Verity Touch and is much easier for any voter to use by either touching the screen or using an access device.

Going to the Polls to vote? We anticipate that the longest lines in the Precincts will be first thing in the morning, so plan accordingly. The polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. If you do not want to wait in line, then vote at another time such as mid-afternoon. For those that work, after work is generally the best time. If you do not know your polling location or precinct, call the Clerk's Office at 517-668-0270 and they will direct you to the proper location.

VOTE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018 FROM 7AM UNTIL 8PM at one of the following:
Precincts 1 & 2 – DeWitt Middle School – Accessible from Schavey or Herbison Roads
Precincts 3 & 4 – Herbison Road Fire Station – 1445 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt
Precincts 5, 6 & 7 – DeWitt Township Community Center – 16101 Brook Road, Lansing

It helps to be prepared before you vote in the polls. Sample ballots are available in the Clerk's Office, or the following sites are available for you to view and print a sample ballot. You will need to know your voting precinct and school district to select the proper ballot.

www.michigan.gov/sos - click on "Elections in Michigan," then "Information for Voters." Under the "Things to Remember" heading click "Click here...See your Sample Ballot..."

www.clinton-county.org – Hover over "Government," then under "County Clerk's Office" click on "Election & Voter Information."

Voters in Precincts 1 & 2 received a new voter card changing their polling location from Herbison Woods to the DeWitt Junior High School (now called DeWitt Middle School). The courtyard entrance will be marked for voters to use for this election. Check your voter card for a Precinct # because some voters have been moved from Precinct 1 into Precinct 2.

Absentee Voting – as of September 13, 2018, DeWitt Township has 11,465 voters and only 1,460 of them are marked as "Permanent AV" which means an absentee ballot application is automatically mailed to you. With straight-ticket voting no longer allowed, and an expected turnout of over 80%, you may wish to vote absentee if you meet one of the following requirements: are 60 years of age or older, expect to be absent from the community, or are

physically unable to attend the polls. In DeWitt Township, absentee ballots are transported to the voting precincts to be tabulated with other ballots on Election Day. Please be assured that there is a very detailed balancing process that requires the Clerk's Office to account for, tabulate, and balance records for every ballot issued to every voter, including absentee voters. You can get an absentee ballot by either coming to the Clerk's Office or by calling us. If you are a student away at school, registering to vote in person at the Clerk's Office is required to vote an absentee ballot while away. If you registered to vote during a voter registration drive, or somewhere other than a Clerk's Office, please call us and we will make sure you are all set to receive an absentee ballot. Absentee voting is available now through 4:00 pm the day before the Election. You can contact the Clerk's Office at 517-668-0270.

TREASURER'S OFFICE REMINDERS

The start of the autumn season marks a busy time in Treasurer's office. Summer taxes were due September 14 and were recorded for nearly 5,700 residents and business owners. The Township Treasurer's office collects and distributes your property tax bill for the following entities:

- Bath Public Schools
- DeWitt Public Schools
- East Lansing Public Schools
- Lansing Public Schools
- St. Johns Public Schools
- Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA)
- Ingham Intermediate
- Lansing Community College
- Local government, library, and county transit services
- Other public safety and service entities

Fourth quarter utility billings covering October, November, and December 2018 sewer services were mailed September 15, and are due October 15.

Payments for taxes and sewer services can be mailed to the Treasurer's office at 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820. Payments are also accepted onsite, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Payments must be received in the Treasurer's office by close of business on the due date to be considered on-time. A drop box is available in front of the Township Hall for residents' convenience and after-hours use. Payments made into the drop box after hours on the due date are considered on-time.

Fall is a great time of the year for outdoor events! Park pavilion rentals are available in both Granger Meadows and Valley Farms parks in the Township. Park pavilions include electricity, nearby grills and bathroom facilities. Each of the Township's five pavilions can hold up to 100 people and also work well for smaller events. A 4-hour pavilion rentals costs \$60 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. Sports fields, basketball courts and the Community Center also offer space for your group's activities. Call 517-668-1411 for more information about hosting your fall event in one of DeWitt Township's beautiful park areas.

DARA RECREATION NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) is located at the DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906. Information regarding any event or program can be obtained by calling the DARA office at 517-482-5117. You may register for programs in person at the DARA office, the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt) or DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main Street, DeWitt).

| Program Name | Actual Dates | Time of Program Operation | Registration Dates | Age or Grade | Cost (Res/Non-Res) |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Cardio Drumming | Mon & Wed ongoing | 6:15-7:15 pm | Drop-in | 18 yrs. & Up | \$3 per visit |
| Adult Open Volleyball | Sun & Wed | 7:00-9:00 pm | Drop-in | 18 yrs. & Up | \$2 per visit |
| Pickleball | Sun, Tues, Wed, & Fri | Sun: 3:00-5:00 pm Tues & Fri: 9:00-11:00am Wed: 4:00-6:00 pm | Drop-in | 18 yrs. & Up | \$2 per visit |
| Yoga | Mondays, 9/10-12/17 no class 11/5 & 12/10 | 7:15-8:15 pm | Drop-in | 18 yrs. & Up | \$10 per visit |
| Zumba Gold | Mondays, 9/24-10/29 Mondays, 11/5-12/17, no class 12/10 | 6:00-7:00 pm | Drop-in 7/20-11/2 OR Drop-in | 18 yrs. & Up | \$30/person for each 6 week session OR \$7 per visit |
| Zumba | Wed, 11/7-12/19 | 6:00-7:00 pm | 9/26-11/6 | 18 yrs. & Up | \$35/person for 7 week session OR \$7 per visit |
| Drop Your Kids Off | 10/12, 11/3, 12/14 | 6:00 -11:00 pm (10/12, 12/14) 6:00-11:30 pm (11/3) | Registration due one week before event | 4-12 yrs. | \$15/one child \$10/each additional |
| FunAppetit: PreK Cooking | Thursdays, 11/1-11/29, no class 11/22 | 9:15-10:00 am OR 6:30-7:15 pm | 9/27-10/18 | 2-5 yrs. | \$25/res \$40/non-res |
| Preschool Play | Thursdays, 10/4-12/13 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Drop-in | 2-5 yrs. | \$2 per child per visit |
| Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt | 10/16 | 6:45-7:45 pm | 9/4-10/9 or until full | 3-10 yrs. | \$5/res \$10/non-res |
| Haunted Halloween Tour | 10/19 | 7:00 pm-midnight | 9/7-10/12 | 6 th -8 th grade | \$45/person |
| Accessible Trick or Treat | 10/21 | 6:00-7:30 pm | 9/1-10/21 | 3-19 yrs. | FREE |
| Fall Volleyball Leagues | Tues, 11/13-12/18 | 5:30-8:30 pm (time varies within) | 10/2-10/23 | 3 rd -6 th grade | \$36/res \$51/non-res |
| Dinner with Santa | 12/10 | 6:00-7:00 pm | 11/5-11/26 | 0-14 yrs. | Child: \$6/res; \$10/non-res Adult: \$3/res; \$7/non-res |
| Holiday Fun Club | 12/21, 12/26, 12/27, 12/28, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 | 7:30 am-5:30 pm | 11/12-12/16 | 5-12 yrs. | All 7 days: \$140/res; \$155/non-res Single Days: \$24/res; \$39/non-res |

DARA Mission: DARA promotes community and quality of life through leisure services provided for the residents of the DeWitt Area. You can register for most DARA programs online by visiting their website at www.dewittrecreation.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce** is pleased to announce two terrific events for Saturday, December 1st in downtown DeWitt.

The **Festival of Trees** is a charity event where businesses donate decorated artificial trees for a silent auction. The trees will be available for viewing and bidding, Tuesday, November 27

through Saturday, December 1st at the Chamber's office located at 113 S. Bridge Street, DeWitt from 2- 7 pm each day. If you are in need of a new or different tree, this may be a great opportunity for you. Proceeds from the auction support local Christmas charities.

The ***Christmas Light Parade*** is hosted December 1st at 5:30 pm in downtown DeWitt. There is no fee to participate in the parade and everyone is welcome. There are only two requirements: (1) entries must be suitable for young children and (2) must include lights, the more the better.

If you would like to donate a tree or participate in the parade, contact the Chamber Office at 517-624-2953. For additional information about the DeWitt Chamber, its events or members, visit www.dewittareacc.org.

DeWitt District Library

Adulting 101 – Mondays @ 3 pm starting October 15 – Teens are invited to join us for a six-week series where they will learn life skills such as financial planning, interviewing and resume building, office etiquette, sewing skills, social etiquette, and car maintenance. Registration is available online.

Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses – Wednesday, October 17 @ 6:30 pm – Nearly two dozen lights in Michigan are rumored to be haunted. From the smell of cigar smoke at Seul Choix Point Light to the mysterious housekeeping at White River Light Station and the antics at Waugoshance Shoal, these stories are sure to entertain all ages. Presented by Dianna Stampfler of Promote Michigan. Registration is required.

Medicare 101 with the AARP – Monday, October 29 @ 10:30 am – AARP will share the basics of the Medicare program, who is eligible, what is covered, how your choices can impact financial security, what resources are available and how to best optimize your benefits. Registration is required.

Battle of the Books – Registration available November 1 – 4th and 5th grade students form teams, with an adult coach, and read a selection of books chosen by the Library. In March, the teams come together for a "literary battle" to test their knowledge of the books. Book lists and registration forms will be available at the Library on November 1.

International Games Day – Saturday, November 17 at 10 am – We're celebrating the day with a life-sized Pac Man! Race through the giant maze, collecting as many dots as possible without running into those pesky ghosts to win some sweet prizes. Other board games will be available to play throughout the Library. No registration is necessary.

Santa visits the Library – Monday, December 3 – Mark your calendars – Details will be posted on the Library's website, www.dewittlibrary.org.

New at the Library – Library cardholders 18 years and older can now check out ukuleles from the Library! Our two ukulele packs are the newest addition to our Library of Things collection, which also includes mobile hotspots, a blood pressure cuff, GoPro camera, and more.

Contact the DeWitt District Library at 517-669-3156 or visit www.dewittlibrary.org for information about Library programs and services. The Library is located at 13101 Schavey Road next to the Schavey Road Shopping Center.

REBUILDING TOGETHER

Would you like your home to be considered to receive FREE REPAIRS?

Rebuilding Together Tri-County is now accepting applications for National Rebuilding Day 2019. All eligible low-income elderly and low-income disabled homeowners are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for this program, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Own and reside in the home
- Property taxes up to date
- Homeowner's insurance is current
- You are disabled or 60 years of age or older
- Plan to be in the home for at least two years
- Unable physically and financially to complete the requested repairs
- Income at or below \$1,518 per month for a one-person household or \$2,058 per month for a two-person household



If you or someone you know would like to be considered for this program, please call 517-455-5068 and leave a message requesting an application or you may call Nicole at the Township Hall at 517-668-0278. There is no cost to eligible homeowners who are selected. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please visit our website at www.rt-tricounty.org.

FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

In 2011, FEMA issued new (amended) flood plain maps to every township and county in Michigan and many property owners have since found their property and structures listed on FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). This means that a portion of the 100-year flood plain is located on a section or all of their property.

These properties have, according to FEMA, a 1% chance of flooding each year, and subsequently are being required by the lending institutions who hold a mortgage on the property, to purchase flood insurance which could cost between \$1,000 and \$4,000 annually.

If you are one of these homeowners, there may be a way to remove your property from the FIRM by way of a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). This process begins with a professional land surveyor conducting a vertical survey locating the registered Base Flood Elevation (BFE). If the lowest finish floor surface is 12" or more above the BFE, then your property will qualify for a LOMA.

The surveyor should then fill out an Elevation Certificate and send it in to FEMA. If this results in a LOMA, your property will be removed from the FIRM and from the mortgage holders mandate for you to pay flood insurance. There are other techniques to appeal to FEMA for reduced flood insurance fees. If you are interested in additional information, please contact Al Hoard, Chief Building Official, in the Building Department at 517-668-0278.

ONLINE PROPERTY RECORDS INFORMATION

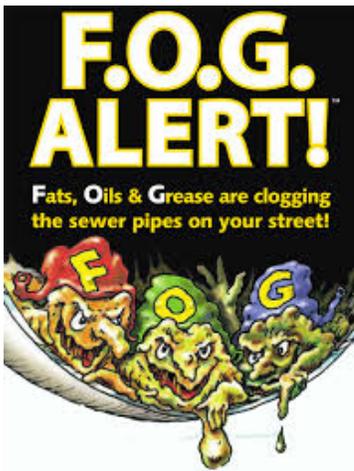
Online property information is available 24/7 by accessing information through our Township website. Begin at www.dewitttownship.org. Look on the right side of the page at "Quick Links." Click on BS&A Online-Property Information. You are taken to the DeWitt Township's general information page. Of interest may be the Municipal Performance Dashboard. This section reflects the Township's fiscal stability, economic strength, public safety, and quality of life. The information is current through 2017.

With the drop-down box, you can search for property information by Name, Address or Parcel Number. Each parcel has tabs for Property Information, Tax Information, and Utility Billing Information. In Property Information, assessed and taxable values, zoning, school district, general building information, and sale history is available. There are also foundation sketches and lot sketches for most parcels. There is also a tab "Map It" which shows where the property is generally located in the Township.

Under the Tax Information tab, tax information is available for the current and prior years. Under the Utility Billing tab, current and prior sewer billing information is available.

SCRAPE THE PLATE CAMPAIGN

Submitted by the Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA)



Bacon grease, chicken fat, and vegetable oil are just a few examples of F.O.G. It tends to clump together with other F.O.G. washed down drains or flushed in toilets, slowly congealing and reducing flow capacity in the sewer pipes. Much like too much fat in your diet can cause clogged arteries and lead to a heart attack in humans, the result of many households washing F.O.G. down their drains can also be disastrous causing backups in your home or your neighbor's home with extensive and unpleasant damage.



Fats don't dissolve in water. Washing F.O.G. down the drain with hot water may take it past your sewer connection, but as the water cools, the fats and grease harden in sewer pipes. Detergents dissolve fat enough to clean your dishes or laundry, but not enough to keep it from congealing in the sewer.

Put it in the trash. If a F.O.G. will solidify, let it. Placing it in your refrigerator or freezer can speed up the process. Simply spoon it into a container (preferably not anything recyclable) and put it in the trash once it is solid.

Scrape plates into the garbage using a rubber or silicon spatula.

Before washing pans or anything containing F.O.G., pour it into a container to solidify. Then wipe the pan with a paper towel before you wash it to absorb as much F.O.G. as possible and discard the paper towel in the trash.

Don't put liquid oil in the trash. Instead, place it in a sealed can and add kitty litter, coffee grounds or other absorbent material.

SCCMUA will be scheduling free tours of the processing plant on 10-17-18 at 6:00 p.m. Please call 517-669-8311 to reserve your spot. Space is limited to 15.

ON SITE SEPTIC: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



Sewage and soap suds are ruining the carpet and furniture in your basement. Foul smelling water is puddled in the yard. Don't let this happen to you. If you are not on a municipal sewer system, then you have an on-site septic system. A well-maintained septic system protects your investment in your home. If properly maintained, your septic system can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater.

Signs of Failure

- Pooling water or muddy soil around your septic system.
- Water backing up into your basement.
- Your toilet or sink backing up when you flush or do laundry.
- Strips of bright green grass over the drain field.



What can you do?

- Don't use excess water. Using too much water is the single biggest reason for system malfunction.
- Don't add additives, they only harm your system.
- Don't damage it. The septic system is buried just beneath the ground surface and can be damaged if you pave over it, drive over it or park on top of it.
- Don't direct excess rain water to the area where the septic system is buried. Water from the septic tank travels through the laterals to drain through the soil. If the soil is already wet, the water may back up in your system or pool on the ground. Make sure downspouts and yard drainage are

directed to other areas of your yard.

- Do install risers and inspection ports. Because the system is buried, it is difficult to inspect to check for problems leading to a malfunction. Small inspection ports are easy to install and can allow inspectors to easily check your system.
- Do get a yearly inspection. An annual inspection of the lateral lines will reveal possible problems.
- Do check septic tanks for damage every three years and pump out solid material when needed.

Save Money

If your septic system isn't maintained, you will need to replace it, costing you thousands of dollars. And if you sell your home, your septic system must be in good working order.

Protect the Environment

Proper maintenance of your septic system prevents the spread of infection and disease and protects water resources. Inadequately treated sewage from failed septic systems can cause groundwater contamination, posing a significant threat to drinking water. Improperly treated sewage that contaminates nearby surface waters also increases the chance of swimmers contracting a variety of infectious diseases.

IDENTITY THEFT TIPS TO HELP REDUCE YOUR RISK

Identity Theft is a federal crime. It occurs when someone uses your personal information without your knowledge or permission for financial or other gain. It is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United

States and the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that identity theft victimized over 20 million people in 2017.

Typical identity theft involves a thief stealing your personal information to pose as you in some way. A newer and growing variety is called Synthetic Identity Theft. This is your personal information combined with fake data to create a brand new, bogus identity. While no one is safe from Identity Theft, here are some steps you can take to lower your risk:

- Watch your mail and if you're having issues, consider renting a PO Box at your local post office. MAIL outgoing mail in a postal box.
- SHRED (Preferably with a Cross Cut Shredder) unwanted documents with your name and other information-including unsolicited credit card or loan offers.
- Shield keyboards or keypads from prying eyes or cameras. Almost ALL phones have cameras on them now and you could be recorded without even knowing it.
- Minimize what you carry in your purse or wallet in case it is lost or stolen.
- Stay away from SCAMS and stay up on them - go to consumer.ftc.gov and click on "SCAM ALERTS."
- NEVER divulge personal information to anyone, know with whom you're dealing. Independently verify any information provided. Don't trust emails or local phone numbers. Cyber thieves are good at deception--they can hide a phone number or change it to make it look like they are local. They can act like a business that they ARE NOT on the internet. You know that saying, a person can be attractive, smart, brave, honest, assertive, or anything else they want to be when hiding behind the internet.
- Guard your cards--safely store them when not in use, don't carry what you don't need and memorize your PINs. Don't write them down or on the back of the cards (yes, some people do that). Assign one card for on-line purchases with a lower credit limit.
- Never let your phone out of your sight. Use security features and update it to get the greatest and latest security features.
- Choose hard to guess PINs and Passcodes.
- Be a savvy traveler-travel light when you can. Avoid taking your checkbook.
- Set up alerts on your phone or emails with your credit card companies to alert you to purchases.
- If you think you're being scammed or are a victim of identity theft, contact your local police department for a report.

KEEPING IT FLOWING

One of the critical infrastructures that the Township maintains for many of our residents is our Sanitary Sewer System. To help ensure that this critical health and safety asset is functioning properly, 10 years ago, the Township worked with engineers and the Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA) to do a comprehensive review of the Sewer System and develop a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Since this time, the Plan has been updated several times with the most recent version being adopted by the Township Board in July of 2017.

The Capital Improvement Plan has helped the Township proactively address critical areas of concern in our collection system, manholes, and pump stations. This helps ensure that the system is working correctly, users don't have issues such as sewage backing up in their homes, and we are most effectively using our limited financial resources to maintain the system. Without a good Plan, communities face increased costs because of unplanned emergency repairs and increased sanitary sewer overflows which damage property and the environment.

Project Updates

The 102 Interceptor Project was awarded this past May and began early July. This project will run a second (parallel) 24" PVC sewer line next to the existing 18" concrete interceptor. This distance is approximately 3,411 feet and will start just north of I-69, run north past Wellman Road and stop just south of the 501 pump station (Herbison Road). This project will be set up to be used primarily during high wet weather flow events adding capacity within the system. Work on the 102 Interceptor is expected to be completed by 2018 year end.

The 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project was awarded on July 20, 2018. This rehabilitation project is a part of the Collection Rehab Plan that was put together in 2017 as we looked to alter the master plan for maintaining our sewer system infrastructure for the next seven years in a more cost effective approach. The data was gathered using TV inspections of the sanitary sewers and was assessed on the basis equal to the Nasco PACP recommendations. We also considered the critical nature of system failures, in order to best prioritize the repairs needed. The 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project will clean and televise 4,700 feet, spot repair 23 areas of need, line 1,350 feet of sewer main and grout repair 15 service lateral connections. This rehabilitation program is expected to be completed by 2018 year end. Both projects will not cause any major road construction or delays.

When you flush your toilets, you don't want to think about whether the waste will flow away or not. We are working diligently to control costs while making sure that the system is maintained at the highest level reasonable. Along with the CIP for the collection system, we also have a similar plan for the SCCMUA plant where flows are processed, cleaned and returned to the river. (Please note that the dollars used to operate and maintain the sewer system only come from rate payers, not the Township's General Fund.)

OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX



The fluids that leak or drip from your automobile eventually end up in our rivers, lakes, and streams. Did you know that even though your home may be miles away from a lake or a river, the chemicals that spill on your driveway or parking lot find their way to our local waterways? The mid-Michigan area is home to three separate watersheds: the Grand River, the Red Cedar River, and the Looking Glass River Watersheds. The rainwater, soiled water from washing your car, and any toxic chemicals which are allowed to enter drainage ditches and storm sewers end up flowing into these watersheds. Keeping hazardous chemicals from entering the

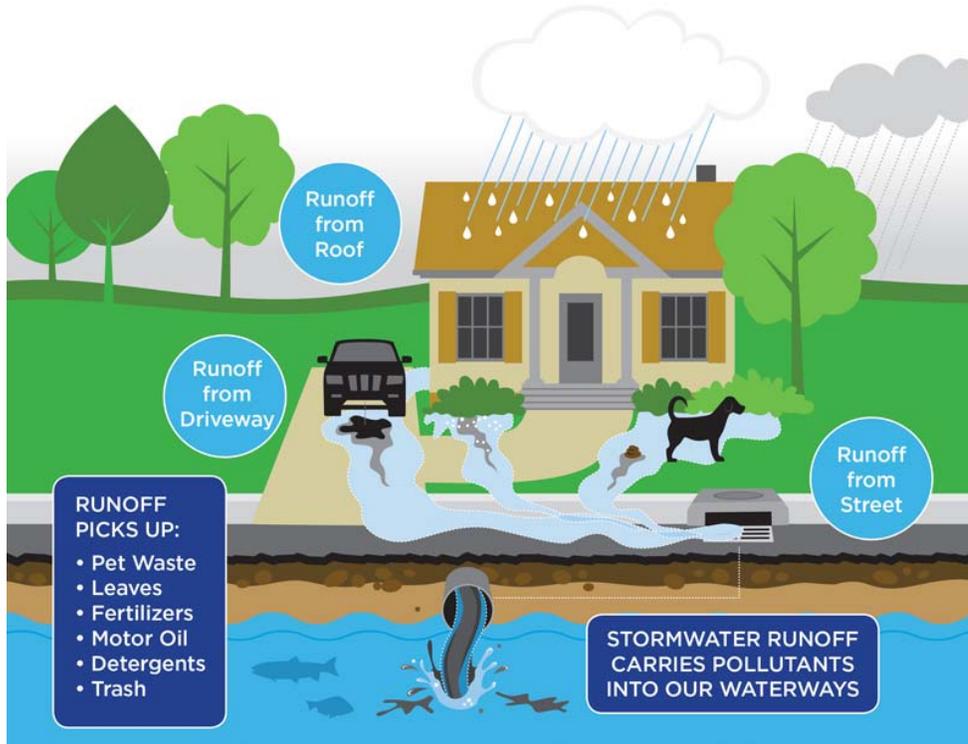
watershed is an important task for everyone to keep in mind.

Here are suggestions how the proper maintenance of your automobile plays a key role in keeping our surface water clean:

- Repair any leaks and drips from your automobile. This includes: motor oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze/coolant, power steering fluid, brake fluid, gasoline and other lubricants. Remember, these chemicals are also dangerous to your pets.
- If you choose to change your own oil, do not dump the used oil in the yard, on your driveway, or in a storm drain. Find a local firm that will recycle the used oil.
- Do not use used motor oil to control dust on gravel drives.



- Wash your car on the grass to filter out impurities or take it to a commercial car wash where the water is reclaimed (check local ordinances first).
- Basic automobile maintenance such as tune-ups, proper tire inflation, and efficient driving practices saves on fuel, as well as water and air pollution.
- Abandoned automobiles should be taken to a scrap yard or donated to a local charity. Old cars sitting out in a field will leak oil and fuel.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Below are a number of new businesses and developments that are in progress for 2018:

| Address | Use | Stage |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| • 3505 W. Clark Road | Quarry Apts. Phase II (190 units) | Open/Construction |
| • Crowner Farms Phase II | Single Family Residential | Construction |
| • Crowner Farms Phase III | Single Family Residential | Utility Construction |
| • 12900 S. U.S. 27 | Alexander Shattuck Insurance Agency | Open |
| • 1161 E. Clark Road | United Methodist Church, Offices | Open |
| • 13175 Schavey Road | Neverland Board Game Bar | Open |
| • Shadybrook | Mixed Use Planned Unit Development | Construction |
| • Clark Road | Road/Sidewalk/Pathway Improvements | Construction |
| • Herbison Road | Road/Sidewalk/Pathway Improvements | Construction |

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

NEWS BITES

HURD AND GUNNISONVILLE CEMETERIES – Grave blankets and other types of winter decorations/ornamentation can be placed in the cemetery beginning November 15th and must be removed by March 15th. Cemetery rules and regulations can be found on the Township's website, www.dewitttownship.org.

BURNING PERMITS - You can now obtain a burning permit on-line. Go to www.dewitttownship.org and find the "Quick Links" section on the right hand side. Just follow the directions. You can also visit the Clerk's Office or either fire station to obtain a permit in person.

COMMITTEE & COMMISSION APPLICATIONS – Have you ever thought of serving the community in a more "official" way? Often, your friends and neighbors have been instrumental in shaping our community into what it is today. Committee and Commission applications are available as a fillable form on the Township's website, under Documents & Forms, Clerk. Applications are kept on file for use as vacancies occur.

SEWER BACKUP – WHO TO CALL - The Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA) operates and maintains the sanitary sewer system of DeWitt Charter Township. If you have a sewer backup, immediately notify SCCMUA at 517-669-8311 or call 911 Emergency Dispatch after hours. SCCMUA will respond for itself and the Township. If a problem within the sewer system is found, SCCMUA will be the agency responsible for determining cause, coordinating claims, and keeping customers informed.

MERCURY HEALTH THERMOMETER EXCHANGE – The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management accepts old mercury health thermometers year round at their office located at 1307 E. Townsend Road, Suite 102 in St. Johns (MMDHD Building). Residents are encouraged to transport their old mercury thermometers in a plastic Ziploc baggie. The DWM will exchange your old mercury health thermometer for a new digital thermometer. You can also drop off your mercury thermometers at the Township Hall Clerk's Office and exchange it for a digital one. **Limit one digital thermometer per person.**

PUBLICATIONS - DeWitt Charter Township publishes legal notices in the DeWitt-Bath Review. Occasionally, when a weekly publication is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the law, the Lansing State Journal is utilized for a publication. Legal notices, such as a Notice of Public Hearing, can also be found on the Township's website, www.dewitttownship.org.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY - In an effort to increase transparency and accountability, the Township has created a number of systems and documents that are designed to visually review the status of our government. It is intended to help the user quickly evaluate key indicators. Over time, it helps citizens, business owners, staff, and elected officials measure and monitor the overall health and direction of our local government. These documents can be found on the Township's website at www.dewitttownship.org/OurDepartmentsServices/ManagersOffice/TownshipFinances.

PROTECT OUR WATERSHED - There are many ways to ensure that the Looking Glass and Grand River watersheds are free of pollutants. One of the easiest is to use phosphorus free fertilizer. For more tips and information, visit <http://www.mywatersheds.org>.

TOWNSHIP E-NEWS – You can sign up to receive the Township's E-News which provides monthly Township and community news. Register your e-mail address at www.dewitttownship.org.