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Administration

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## TOWNSHIP GOES DIGITAL

Officer Bob was accused of swearing at a driver during a traffic stop. The driver made a formal complaint against the officer. After reviewing the incident from a recording made by the in-car camera, it was determined that the officer was not the one swearing, but rather the driver of the stopped motor vehicle.

With the assistance of a \$12,500 grant from the Township's insurance carrier, all of DeWitt Township's patrol vehicles will soon be equipped with new state-of-the-art digital in-car video cameras. These windshield mounted cameras provide reliable, high quality digital video images while the wireless microphones, worn by the officers, provide a clear recording of the conversation. The \$35,000 system includes six in-car cameras and recorders which download automatically to a centralized storage computer located in the police department. This wireless system provides automatic backup of images and software to locate and duplicate the images as necessary.

The use of in-car video cameras has become a necessity in police work today. The Township has been using in-car cameras since 2001. The earlier in-car analog cameras were larger and less durable than the new units. The video images provide footage of officers' actions and the actions of others interacting with police during traffic stops, pursuits, vehicular accidents, etc. They not only reduce liability, but provide evidence in criminal prosecution. The cameras record upon lights/siren activation or may be activated manually. The system also records the 30 seconds of activity prior to activation.



Officer Zack Szakacs manually activates the new digital camera installed in the Township's patrol vehicles.

## ELECTION DAY – MAY 2, 2006

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day in DeWitt Township for Bath schools, DeWitt schools, and East Lansing schools.

**VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARDS** showing new school election polling locations were mailed out last year. If you did not receive a new voter identification card please contact the Clerk's Office at 668-0270. In DeWitt Township, your School District Polling Location is the same as your Polling Location for governmental elections. Your new voter card shows whether you vote at Herbison Woods School, the Township's Herbison Road Fire Station, or the Township's Community Center. As always, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** are available by calling or visiting the Clerk's Office. If you are sixty years of age or older, expect to be absent from the community, or will be working in the polls on Election Day, you qualify to vote by Absentee Ballot.

The Township maintains a list of voters who have requested to automatically receive an Absentee Ballot Application prior to each election. If you are on this list, you should have already received an Absentee Ballot Application for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Election. If you believe you have requested to be on the list, but have not yet received an application, please call the Clerk's Office.

**IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE IN THE POLLS**, it is often useful to view the ballot before Election Day. Sample ballots are available from the Clerk's Office.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> ELECTION:**

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day to register and qualify to vote in the May 2 <sup>nd</sup> election
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Absentee Voter Ballots must be available for issuance to voters
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Absentee Ballots can be mailed out. Clerk's Office open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Absentee voting in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ELECTION DAY

**ALL ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE – [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org). For assistance call 668-0270.**

## VOTE MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Have you ever thought of becoming an Election Worker and working on Election Day? An application is available on our website @ [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org), or give the Clerk's Office a call at 668-0270 for more information.**

## **CLEAN SWEEP IS HERE!!!**

Get rid of that junk taking up space around your house and haul it down to the Granger Landfill on Saturday, May 6, 2006, for the annual Spring Clean Sweep Project. This is a free program to DeWitt Township residents that allows you to haul a load of junk to the landfill with DeWitt Township picking up the bill. **You must be a Township resident and must make an appointment to participate.** For more information or to make your required appointment, please call the Township Hall at 668-0270. Space is limited.



This photo shows Schavey Road north of Herbison Road looking north towards the Looking Glass River Bridge. Call the Township at 668-0270 if you have some knowledge as to when the photo was taken. We'd like to know too.

## **2006 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review process went smoothly again this year. A big THANK YOU to Board members Norm Farnum, Al Harrison and Concetta D'Agostino who gave their time and commitment to the residents of the Township.

The most frequently asked question at this year's Board of Review was, "Why did assessments increase, if the real estate market is down?" Assessment increases are market-driven. 2006 assessments were based on a two year study of sales from April 1, 2003, through March 31, 2005. There is a "lag time" of several months before current sales are used in a study. Sales that occurred between April 1, 2005, and March 31, 2006, will be used in the 2007 studies.

A second reason that assessments increase in a slower market is because the law mandates that assessments are to be at 50% of market value. A home may have been on the market for several months and the asking price reduced several times before the property was sold. However, if the reduced sale price is still more than two times the assessed value, the assessment will still increase. It is only when a home sell for less than twice the assessed value that a reduction in the assessment is indicated.

## **CEMETERY FOUNDATIONS**

Foundations are required to be installed by Township staff under all markers (headstones) placed in our cemeteries. These installations are typically done twice each year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The deadline for ordering foundation placement for this spring's installation is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Arrangements for installation of a foundation are made by contacting the Clerk's Office.

## SPRINGTIME IN THE CEMETERIES

Hurd and Gunnisonville cemeteries are busy places in the spring since planting flowers and sprucing up is an annual tradition for many families. Following a few simple rules is important, and the following rules warrant mentioning:

- 1) driving off the established roadways is prohibited
- 2) all trash, dead flowers, etc., are to be disposed of in the containers provided
- 3) no artificial ground ornamentation is allowed between March 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>
- 4) planting of trees or shrubbery requires pre-approval by the Township
- 5) placement of any of the following is prohibited: woodchips or decorative stone; any type of edging; shepherd's hooks, fences, and benches; thorned plantings; glass, plastic or clay containers
- 6) flowers may be planted in urns or in the ground within 12 inches of a monument or marker, but never outside the boundaries of the owner's burial space
- 7) the Township reserves the right to remove and dispose of, without notice, any unsightly, deteriorated, neglected, or prohibited item. Anyone who plans to do planting in the cemetery should contact the Clerk's Office to request a complete copy of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations or go online to [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org).

## MAINTENANCE FACILITY OPENS

Where do you put all that stuff? The Township was dealing with that same question in our Maintenance Department. The addition of Granger Meadows Park and the growth of other Township facilities had left the Maintenance Department busting at the seams at their current location inside two bays of Fire Station #1 on Wieland Road. The solution was the construction of a new storage



building to handle the overflow so no equipment had to be stored outdoors.

The 24' x 48' storage building was completed in late December and the Maintenance Department moved in shortly thereafter. Staff will now be using the two bays of the Fire Station and the adjacent storage building to address their facility needs.

## TAX INFORMATION

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Real Property Taxes have been turned over to the Clinton County Treasurer. If you are delinquent and need to make payment, it must be made to the County Treasurer. The number to the County Treasurer's Office is (989) 224-5280. You can call and get the amount of your tax payoff and mail your payment, or you may make payment in person at the Clinton County Courthouse in St. Johns.

All Personal Property Taxes must be paid to the DeWitt Township Treasurer's Office, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820. It is against the law for Personal Property Taxes to go delinquent. If you have Personal Property Taxes due, please remit payment immediately. If you have any questions, call the Treasurer's Office at (517) 668-1411.

## I.C.E.

Police, Fire and EMS officials urge residents to program their cell phones with “ICE” emergency contact numbers. ICE is a worldwide outreach program, assisting emergency care providers in providing the most immediate care possible to accident and disaster victims.

ICE is short for “in case of emergency.” The idea is for you to create an entry in your cell phone that you call “ICE.” It can be “ICE - Mary” or “ICE - Jane.” That will tell the health care providers scrolling through your cell’s phone book to contact this person and that person’s name. ICE is a short, easy and universal way to find the information quickly.

EMS personnel or police would be able to swiftly find the number and use it to reach a relative or friend who could help identify and treat injured victims, by providing vital personal information, including details of any medical conditions. Important information, such as allergies, blood type, and relevant previous medical history, can be provided to the hospital, even before leaving the scene of an accident, which will expedite treatment.

Admittedly, ICE isn’t foolproof. A cell phone may be locked out or may be broken in the incident. Nonetheless, it is one more tool that EMS can try to access to provide the best care possible.

## NEWS BITES

**THANK YOU** to Koreen Smith, Jean Heathman, Al Harrison, Helen Parker, Chuck & Molly Ruble, Elizabeth Walsh, and Mae Luchetti for their help labeling and sorting the Newsletter. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**2006 ASSESSMENT ROLL** – shows 5,398 real property, 384 personal, and 222 exempt parcels. The Township’s State Equalized Value (SEV) grew from 468,231,400 in 2005 to 497,446,800. Our Taxable Value for 2006 is 430,438,928, which is an increase of 25,933,324.

**INTERNET ACCESS** – On-line property information can be accessed through the Township’s website, [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org). Click on “Assessing Department,” then “Property Records.” Follow the link that says “Go to Property Records.” You no longer have to enter a username or password. You are able to browse basic property record information, such as sale information, assessment and taxable value data, legal descriptions, and general tax information. Parcel information is now updated daily to reflect the most recent transfers and current sales.

Our **DROP BOX** is located around the corner to the right of the main entrance. You may drop payments off after hours. Please be sure to pay by check/money order. Do not deposit cash.

**WELCOME ABOARD** to our new employee: Steven Murphy - Police Department.

## DO 1 THING

Are you ready should a disaster strike? The goal of **Do 1 Thing** is to improve community disaster resiliency by getting individuals to take steps to prepare for disaster. It is intended to provide a consistent, community-wide message on preparedness, and to address the reasons that people have not prepared in the past.

By offering a range of preparedness options and incorporating themes of personal and social responsibility, the program is designed to move those who have intended to prepare to take action. Individuals are encouraged to take a step each month in a specific area of preparedness over the course of a year.

The program will stress common themes throughout the year. You are the only one who can ensure your own safety and the safety of your family in a disaster. Disasters change things: you may not have things that you take for granted every day (electricity, water, cell phones, grocery stores, rapid emergency response). If you know that your family is taken care of, you will be better able to help your neighborhood and your community. You can become better prepared in small steps. Every step you take in becoming prepared will help first responders, those you care about, and others in your community.

For information on how to be prepared for a disaster, just log onto [www.do1thing.us](http://www.do1thing.us)

### **INFORMATION IS THE KEY.....**

*Sometimes it's those little assumptions that confuse us. The things we don't really think about that may lead to misunderstandings or confusion. In future Newsletters we hope this section will be useful to our residents, clearing up those misunderstandings, eliminating confusion or just providing useful information.*

Let's clear up some confusion regarding issues related to WHO OWNS AND MAINTAINS THE ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP.

In DeWitt Township there are four different types of road systems that fall under the jurisdiction of different agencies or organizations. The state trunkline system (I-69, US 127, BR-27) is owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation and maintained through a maintenance contract by the Clinton County Road Commission. The primary (Airport Road, Herbison Road, State Road, etc.) and local (subdivision roads) road systems are owned and maintained solely by the Clinton County Road Commission. The last type of road system includes those roads that are privately owned and publicly accessible. These are a small number of subdivision roads (Arbor Meadows Drive, Hawthorne Woods Parkway) that are owned and maintained by the subdivision association in which they are located. DeWitt Charter Township does not own or maintain any road systems.

Let's talk about road maintenance and snow plowing. The Clinton County Road Commission maintains and plows all the publicly owned roads in the Township. The Road Commission has established a plowing priority list based upon the class of roadway. State trunklines are the highest priority, followed by County primary roads (Airport Road, DeWitt Road, Clark Road, etc.), then local roads and subdivisions. This system allows for service to the greatest number of travelers as quickly as possible. The Road Commission works closely with the Township Police and Fire Departments to provide access as quickly as possible during emergency situations. If you have questions regarding snow plowing, potholes, or other maintenance issues, you can contact the Road Commission at (989) 224-3274.

The maintenance operations of the Road Commission are funded almost entirely through the State of Michigan. Public Act 51 provides for the State to collect taxes on fuel and vehicle registrations and allocate those funds back to road agencies throughout the State. The Township contributes supplemental funding to the Road Commission for the reconstruction or resurfacing of local and subdivision roads based on our five year capital improvement program budget.

## BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

May 7-13<sup>th</sup> is “*Building Safety Week*,” although building safety is a 365 day a year issue and takes many forms, many of which we may not think about as much as we should.

The majority of building safety issues are related to a lack of maintenance and usually can be prevented or minimized if assessed regularly and repaired before they become more serious problems. Other building safety issues that are the result of severe weather cannot be prevented, however we can try to be prepared. This article is devoted to urging everyone to take a moment to assess and correct some building safety problems before they become more dangerous and cause serious injury. Following are some examples of building safety issues you can be prepared for or can prevent:

- 1) **Mold is a health safety issue** and it is best dealt with by prevention. Mold spores are in the air and when given a damp or wet environment begin to grow and digest whatever they are growing on. Don't ignore leaks or moisture problems; they should be repaired as soon as possible. Strive to control dampness or wetness. Check for places where moisture can enter your home both as a liquid or vapor, such as leaky pipes, leaky roofs, windows, doors and window wells. Also check to make sure dryer and exhaust fan vents are properly connected and not leaking moisture laden air into the interior, walls or attic of the home where mold can develop.
- 2) **Exposure to electrical shock is another building safety issue.** Broken switch and plug covers should be replaced. Plug outlets that are blackened as a result of shorts should be checked out to make sure they are safe. Wires sometimes burn through and are broken behind the wall. Electricity can arc across the gap with the potential to ignite materials in close proximity. Ground fault interrupter electrical circuit protection on circuits in garages, basements, kitchens, bathrooms, outside receptacles and on circuits for swimming pools or hot tubs should also be checked to make sure they are working and if not, be replaced.
- 3) **Deterioration of exterior decks, stairs, handrails and guardrails resulting from exposure to the elements is yet another building safety issue** which should be checked. Loose and/or rotted deck boards which are deteriorated and unsafe should be replaced. Handrails and guardrails should also be checked to make sure they still support and resist the loads intended.
- 4) **The lack of preparation for severe weather can also be viewed as another building safety issue** and at the very least flashlights and a battery operated radio should be in readiness in the event of the loss of power so you can stay informed about severe weather conditions that are in your area. A quantity of non-perishable foods, bottled water, warm blankets and clothing should also be maintained. It is also important to discuss the safest place of refuge in your home so there is no question where to go quickly in an emergency. That location should obviously avoid areas of possible exposure to flying broken glass or objects that might cause physical injury and already be stocked with the items that you need in an emergency.

The information contained in this article shouldn't be a revelation to anyone. Hopefully it will remind you that maintenance is a building safety issue and besides preventing damage or injury, is time and money well spent. Ignoring problems is not only unsafe, but usually costly.

## MORE ABOUT DTFD MEMBERS

Eager and capable are some of the qualities that fire departments love to have in their members. Those are just two of the qualities that make Barry Derke and Chris Grewe successful firefighters for DeWitt Township. What follows is a more detailed snapshot of both men.



Barry and his wife, Julie, are parents of near adult children, Joshua and Justin. The Derke family has resided in DeWitt Township for many years, and for the past four years Barry has been a member of this Fire Department. Barry's full-time job is with Northside Towing in DeWitt Township.

The Derke family has recently celebrated some very good news. Their son, Joshua, a soon to be Bath High School graduate, was accepted at the University of Michigan on a full scholarship for academic achievements! As you can imagine, the Derke household has undergone a decorating transition from green and white to blue and gold. Go Blue!

In addition to Barry's new love of U of M, he enjoys camping, farming, hanging out with friends and waiting for the Detroit Lions to win a Super Bowl (along with many others in Michigan!).

Chris and his wife, Kristine, are parents of toddler, Hannah, and baby, Garrett. Chris, while relatively new to the Fire Department, having been a member for 2 ½ years, has already made quite an impact. Chris was named Co-Firefighter of the Year for 2005. Chris' eagerness to dig in and learn the job and then apply that knowledge on Department calls has been a real bonus for the people that he serves and serves with. Chris enjoys volunteering for the community and can be found working on most of the volunteer requests that the Fire Department receives for community events.



Chris earned a degree from Baker College and has worked for the past 12 years for SBC. When he is not working for SBC or the Fire Department, Chris enjoys camping, playing ice hockey and softball, working with computers and jet skiing. Of course, Chris' hobbies are juggled around raising his young children with Kristine.

## CLEAN COMMUNITY COLLECTION EVENT

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management will again sponsor two Clean Community Collection Events this year. The first will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> in St. Johns; the second will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> in DeWitt Township. **You must be a Clinton County resident or business owner to make your required appointment.** Materials accepted include household and small business hazardous waste, farm and landscaping chemicals, electronic waste, bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, tires, reusable household items, furniture, and clothing. Fees will be charged for the disposal of some materials.

For more information, call the Clinton County Department of Waste Management at 989-224-5186 or go online to [www.Clinton-County.org/Waste/CurrentEvents.htm](http://www.Clinton-County.org/Waste/CurrentEvents.htm).

## **REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS CALLED NORTH EAST STREET?**

Did you know that some of the earliest subdivisions in the Township date back to the 1910s and 20s? These neighborhoods sprung up along the Township's southern border at Sheridan Road as the city of Lansing grew into a manufacturing center. In fact, until the 1960s and 70s, most of our new homes were being built in neighborhoods located in the southern third of the Township.

Back then, many of our businesses were located in the two mile stretch of Business-27 (it was called North East Street then) between Sheridan Road and Stoll Road. You could eat lunch at the Pigeon Inn, buy your groceries at either Eberhard's or the Shop Rite, pick up a new davenport at Bell Furniture, fill up at Reed's Service Station, or get a soda at Fenning's Drugs.

Even though this is the so-called "older" area of the Township, we have seen some new investment in recent years, such as the Crown Pointe Office Park; the Mak-Tech Commercial-Industrial Park; and improvements completed by Granger, including Granger Meadows Park. New houses are popping up in 50 and 60 year old neighborhoods and existing homes are getting "spruced-up" with new windows and siding.

We are excited by this new investment and we want to see it continue. Over the next several months, the Township will be conducting a study called the South Central Area Plan. The purpose of the study is to identify the "positives" and the "negatives" in the southern area of the Township. Our goal is to develop a plan to build on the positives and reduce the negatives so that new investment in this part of our community will grow.

We will need your thoughts and ideas. Once we have finished the process of finding a consultant to assist with the study, we will be scheduling public meetings to receive public input. Keep an eye on future issues of the Newsletter and check the Township's website, [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org), for important meeting dates and other opportunities to participate. If you have any questions or would like additional information, you can call the Planning Department at 669-6576.

## **BOARD APPROVES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS**

The Township Board of Trustees recently approved Watershed Management Plans (WMP) for both the Looking Glass River and the Grand River. What is a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that drains to a common point, usually a river or stream. All lands drain somewhere when it rains, so all of us live and work in watersheds. DeWitt Township drains into two different watersheds, the Looking Glass River and the Grand River. A watershed management plan is a plan to protect and improve the quality of these waterways.

DeWitt Township has been working with 19 other municipal agencies in the greater Lansing region since 1999 to develop a comprehensive plan to protect, monitor and improve the quality of the Looking Glass, Grand and Red Cedar Rivers. This work has led to the formation of the Greater Lansing Regional Committee on Stormwater Management and the completion of WMP for the three rivers. The Township submitted our WMP to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality at the end of March. The Township will be working over the next six months to begin implementing the WMP and developing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Initiative to improve the waterways. For more information on our local watersheds, go to [www.mywatersheds.org](http://www.mywatersheds.org).

## DARA RECREATION NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) is located at the DeWitt Township Community Center (DTCC), 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906. Information regarding any event or program can be obtained by calling the DARA office at 482-5117. **You may register for programs in person at the DARA office (16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI), DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main Street, DeWitt, MI) or the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI). Registration forms are also available on the Township's website, [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org).**

**Big Truck Day** - Enjoy a fun event with your family! This great family event is planned for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at the City of DeWitt Public Works Building (Main St. next to McGuire Park). Bring your kids and learn all about local "big trucks" and their functions. We will also be raffling a girl's bicycle and a boy's bicycle just in time for the spring weather. Raffle tickets are only \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. There will also be a sidewalk chalk coloring area and free hot dogs for the family.

**Adult Softball Leagues** - Our spring/summer adult softball leagues will be offered for both Coed and Men's teams. Coed league teams will play 12 games on Wednesday evenings beginning on May 10<sup>th</sup> and will end with a league tournament in mid-July. Men's league teams will play 12 games beginning on May 11<sup>th</sup> and will end with a league tournament in mid-July. All games will be played at the DeWitt Sports Park, Granger Meadows Park and Valley Farms Park. The team fee of \$260 includes all game balls, team score book, line up cards and awards for both the league champion and runner up and the tournament champion and runner up. Both leagues follow ASA rules and will use ASA certified umpires. Registration for adult softball leagues begins on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Register your team early as space is limited and the leagues do fill up quickly.

**Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run** - This local level of a national competition tests your skills in pitching, hitting and running. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 7-14 (age as of July 17, 2006). This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the DeWitt Sports Park. Pre-registration is not required and this event is free to all participants. The winner of each event and overall winner in each age group will advance to sectional competitions and possibly to a state competition at Comerica Park. A copy of your child's birth certificate will be required if they advance.

**Adult Tennis Leagues** - Looking for a local tennis match? Join the DARA Summer Tennis League and play against other local players with comparable skills. Class A and Class B leagues for men and women and an open coed doubles league will run from June 12<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>. DARA supplies the weekly schedule and you can set up the day and time with your opponent so the league will always fit into your fitness schedule. The cost is \$12 for DeWitt City/Township residents and \$15 for all others. Participants will be guaranteed 8 scheduled matches. Awards will be given to the league champion and runner up. Registration is limited and runs from May 12<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup> so don't be late and register today!

**Drop Your Kids Off** - Nights-Drop your kids, ages 4-12, off at the DTCC for a night of fun and games. Upcoming drop your kids off nights will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-11:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance. Kids will play gym games, complete arts and crafts projects, watch movies and have pizza and pop for dinner. The cost is \$15 for one child or \$25 for two children. Your kids will be supervised at all times and will not be allowed to leave the building.

**Drop Your Kids Off** - All Day-Schools out and your kids need something to do? Drop your kids, ages 4-12, off at the DTCC for an entire day full of programmed activities and games. All Day DYKO will be offered on April 28<sup>th</sup> when the DeWitt Schools are closed to students. Kids can be dropped off anytime after 7:30 a.m. and must be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided. The cost is \$25 for one child and \$40 for two children. Pre-registration by one week in advance is required.

**Adult Golf at Hawk Hollow** - DARA and Hawk Hollow have teamed up to offer an adult golf program for those 18 years and older. Instruction is geared toward those with beginner/intermediate golf skills. Wednesday night and Thursday night sessions beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> are available. The program will run for 5 weeks from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$60 per participant and rental clubs are available. Kirk Sherman, Hawk Hollow's golf professional, and members of his staff will be instructing the class.

**Youth T-ball and Pee Wee Baseball** - This summer's youth baseball program will follow the same format as 2005 to allow families more time together during the summer months. T-ball will be offered to those ages 4-5 and Pee Wee will be offered to 5-7 year olds (5 year olds must have previously played 1 year of t-ball in our t-ball league). T-ball games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays with no weekly practices and Pee Wee games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays with no weekly practices. Game locations will be split between the DeWitt Sports Park, Granger Meadows Park and Valley Farms Park. Practices begin on May 30<sup>th</sup> with games beginning the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Games will run for 4 weeks ending on July 13<sup>th</sup> (no games week of July 3<sup>rd</sup>). Registration will be accepted April 21<sup>st</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup> with late registrations accepted after May 12<sup>th</sup> with a \$10 late fee. The cost is \$38 for all DeWitt City/Township residents and \$43 for all others. Every participant receives a team t-shirt, hat and participation medal. Game equipment, with the exception of a glove, will be provided.

**Youth Golf at Hawk Hollow** - DARA and Hawk Hollow have teamed up to offer a youth golf program for those 8-15 years of age. Instruction is geared toward those with beginner/intermediate golf skills. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening sessions beginning on July 18/19/20 are available. The program will run for 5 weeks from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with a 12-15 year old only class on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per participant and registration begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Register early to guarantee your spot since class size is limited. Rental clubs are available if needed. Kirk Sherman, Hawk Hollow's golf professional and members of his staff will be instructing the class.

**Summer Day Camps** - DARA is excited to announce the addition of summer day camps to our summer programs. There will be 5 weeks of summer day camps for kids ages 5-12, each with a different camp theme. Day camps will be held the weeks of: June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17 and July 24. The camps will run from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, with drop off times beginning at 7:30 a.m. and pick up times ending at 5:30 p.m. Your child will participate in themed events and bring home arts and craft projects associated with the weekly theme. There will be a Friday field trip each week. The cost will be \$85 per child for residents, \$90 per child for non-residents, for the entire week. Each child must bring a lunch; however, morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. Pre-registration, at least one week prior to the start date of the camp, is required. Registration is limited to the first 25 participants registered per week, so register early. Registration begins May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall In-Line Hockey Leagues** - Lace up your skates and join us at the Granger Meadows Park In-Line Hockey rink for the DARA fall hockey leagues that will take place August 7-October 6. Leagues will be divided into age divisions of 6 and under, 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 18 and under, 18 and up, and 30 and up. Each league will consist of 8 regular season games and a minimum of 1 tournament game. The cost will be \$45 per player for U6 and U8 leagues, \$50 per player for U10-U18 leagues and \$60 per player for 18+ and 30+ leagues (non-residents add \$5 to fee). All players must provide their own helmet with face mask, elbow pads, hockey style gloves, shin guards and in-line skates. Registration will run from 6/9-7/14 with a late fee of \$10 applied after 7/14. All age divisions will play Monday-Thursday evening games.

**Discounted Amusement Park Tickets** - DARA will be offering discounted tickets to Cedar Point and MI Adventure from May 8<sup>th</sup> - September 5<sup>th</sup>. Save money on your ticket cost while supporting the DARA Scholarship Program which helps youth participate in programs during tough financial times. Tickets will be available at the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Rd.) and DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main St.), Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. No credit or debit cards will be accepted for payment. Please call the DARA office for additional information or for a list of prices.

**Community Center and Park Pavilion Reservations** - The DARA office will be accepting reservations for the DTCC, Valley Farms Park and Granger Meadows Park pavilions. If you would like to make a reservation, please call the DARA office at 482-5117 to check on available dates and to request the necessary paperwork.

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