

July, 2012

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DEWITT TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

It's our Golden 50th Anniversary! In 1962, DeWitt Township founded its own fire department establishing a fire station in a building on Wieland Road. That building is operational to this day and is known as DeWitt Township Fire Station 1.

To celebrate the first 50 years of high quality service to the public, the DeWitt Township Firefighters Association is hosting a community-wide **Open House on Sunday, September 9th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm** at Fire Station 2 located at 1445 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt. The community is invited. Make sure to save this date on your calendar and then come and visit with the current and past Fire Department members who have provided fire and EMS service to our community.

We would also enjoy visiting with all past members of the Fire Department. If you are a past member, or know of a past member, please call our administrative office at 517-669-0071 so that an invitation can be extended.



Fire Station 1
Early 1980s

Fire Station 1
2012



2012 ROAD PROJECTS

Again this year, the Township worked closely with the Clinton County Road Commission to identify our list of road improvement projects to be completed this year. Following are the 2012 improvements:

Chip Sealing (currently underway) – the process of using an emulsion of water and liquid asphalt, which penetrates and seals small cracks in the existing pavement. The peastone that is used for cover material sticks to the emulsion and, after rolling & sweeping, provides a slightly roughened, skid-resistant surface to improve safety. Sealing these cracks on a regular basis prevents water from seeping into and softening the base of the road & over time causing potholes to form. Because the chips get out of the road and into areas such as storm drains, chip sealing does not work on roads within subdivisions.

Stoll Road – Turner to BR127
Howe Road – Wood Road east to gravel

Howe Road – BR127 to Wood

Resurfacing (tentatively scheduled to begin mid to late July)

Blackwood – Sanborn south 700 feet
Sanborn – Willow Grove to Blackwood
Twinbrook – Tucker to BR127
Blackwood – Winding Brook to dead end
Blackwood – South 700 feet to Winding Brook

Sanborn – Blackwood to Tucker
Tucker – Sanborn to Twinbrook
Brook Road – Boichot to Northcrest
Northcrest – BR127 to Boichot

Micro-surfacing (tentatively scheduled to begin in August)- is a polymer-modified asphalt and sand mixture designed to protect the pavement and provide a skid-resistant wearing surface. Used at the right time on the right pavement, it is extremely cost-effective. Micro-surfacing does not require cold-milling (grinding up the pavement) along the curb, and does not require manholes to be adjusted. Generally the curing time is relatively short and the streets are opened up the same day, as compared to a resurfacing job that can take two weeks. **Instead of a smooth surface you expect to see when a street is repaved, micro-surfacing leaves a number of bumps and ridges.**

Prairie View
Creek Side Subdivision
Eskes Street off of State

Country Meadows and Appletree Lane
Hawthorne Woods Subdivision

In addition, the Road Commission will complete brush mowing, brush spraying, and chloride applications on all gravel roads. If you have any questions on the 2012 road projects, please contact the Township at 517-668-0270 or the Road Commission at 989-224-3274.



MIRACLE LEAGUE OF MID-MICHIGAN - A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make this season truly unforgettable.

The season for the Miracle League is almost over, with 66 participants enjoying the game of baseball. If you want to be part of this awe-inspiring event, the Miracle League is looking for "buddies" and/or financial support for next season. Contact DARA at 517-482-5117.



Remember, you're not just washing your car.



Image Courtesy of Puget Sound Action Team, a cooperative venture between the Washington State Department of Ecology, King County and the cities of Bellevue, Seattle and Tacoma

How does caring for your car affect our waterways? Storm drains found in our streets and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and streams. If dirty water from washing our cars gets into the storm drain, it pollutes our local waterways. This “dirty” water contains pollutants such as grease, oil and dirt. Also, most soap contains phosphates and other chemicals that can harm fish and water quality. The phosphates from the soap can cause excess algae to grow. Algae blooms look bad, smell bad, and harm water quality. As algae decays, the process uses up oxygen in the water that fish need.

How Can You Wash Your Car *and* Help Keep Our Environment Clean?

You can help keep our lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater clean by applying the following tips.

Wash it—on the grass. If allowed by your local community, wash your car on the lawn so the ground can filter the water naturally. The lawn will gladly soak up the soapy, dirty water preventing it from entering storm drains or roadside ditches. If you can't use the lawn, try to direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain. Pour your bucket of soapy water down the sink when you're done, NOT in the street. *Please check local ordinances before washing or parking your vehicle on the lawn!*

Minimize it. Reduce the amount of soap you use or wash your car with plain water. Use a hose nozzle with a trigger to save water when you don't need it. Avoid using engine and wheel cleaners or degreasers.

Use a car wash. Best of all; take your vehicle to a commercial car wash, especially if you plan to clean the engine or the bottom of your car. Most car washes reuse wash water several times before sending it to the sanitary sewer system for treatment.



In recent years, sources of pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like residential car washing, cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms, lawns and gardens, pet waste and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem. But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water too, and that adds up to a pollution solution!

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean waterways provide recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, and add beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water - and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater clean. For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit www.mywatersheds.org.

Can you help? We are in need of supplies for the Meadows Celebration – beads, yarn, and colored Sharpie markers - Drop off at the Township Hall by July 13th or call 668-1411.

2012 Election Dates
Primary Election on Tuesday, August 7th
General Election on Tuesday, November 6th

Offices to be elected in 2012: President/Vice President; U.S. Senator; U.S. Representative in Congress; State Representative; State Board of Education; University of Michigan Regents; Michigan State University Trustees; Wayne State Governors; Justice of the Supreme Court; Judge of the Court of Appeals; Judge of Probate; County Offices; Township Offices; Precinct Delegates (Republican & Democrat); and any possible Federal, State, County or Local Proposals

July 9 th	Last day to register and qualify to vote in the August Primary
August 4 th	Clerk's Office open, Saturday, 8 am until 2 pm (Election Business) & last day to mail absentee ballots
August 6 th	Absentee voting in the Clerk's Office until 4 pm
August 7 th	Election Day - Polls are open 7 am until 8 pm

October 9 th	Last day to register and qualify to vote in the November General
November 3 rd	Clerk's Office Open, Saturday, 8 am until 2 pm (Election Business) & last day to mail absentee ballots
November 5 th	Absentee voting in the Clerk's Office until 4 pm
November 6 th	Election Day - Polls are open 7 am until 8 pm

Absentee Ballots are available in the Clerk's Office approximately 45 days prior to the Election. Call and we will assist you in getting a ballot. If you plan to vote in the polls, you may want to request a Sample Ballot from the Clerk's Office. It is always good to be prepared when you go to the polls. Your voter identification card shows what precinct you are registered in and where that precinct is located. In the polls, you will be asked to provide pictured identification (driver's license will do) or to sign an affidavit of identity. As always, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at 517-668-0270 with your questions about upcoming elections or the voting process.

August Ballot Propositions in DeWitt Charter Township

CLINTON TRANSIT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Voters within Clinton County will be voting on a millage renewal for Clinton Transit (the Blue Bus) at the August Primary. Call 989-224-3161 if you have questions regarding this millage renewal.

CLINTON COUNTY MILLAGE PROPOSAL: Voters within Clinton County will be voting on a separate tax limitation proposal at the August Primary. A similar proposal has been approved four times since 1994. The proposal does not represent an increase; these same millage rates are currently levied. If the proposal fails, the County Tax Allocation Board will be required to meet annually, at County taxpayer's expense, to establish the millage division. Note: DeWitt Township's millage rate is not determined or affected by this proposal. For additional information go to www.clinton-county.org.

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	Dates	Time	Registration	Age/Grade	Cost (Res/Non-Res)
Summer Fun Club	6/11-8/24 spots may be available	7:30 am-5:30 pm	Began 4/6 call for availability	5-9 10-14	\$95/\$110
Youth Golf @ Hawk Hollow	7/10-8/8 Tues or Wed	6-7 pm or 7-8 pm	Began 6/1	8-15	\$50
Adult Soccer Leagues-Session	7/22-8/26 Sundays	4:00-8:00 pm	Began 6/1	18+	\$150/team \$5 res/\$20 non-res player fees
Fall - Adult Softball Men's Co-Ed	8/12-9/16 8/13-9/17	Sunday -Co-Ed Monday – Men's	Began 6/22	18+	\$200/team \$5 res/\$20 non-res player fees + umpires
Flag Football Leagues	9/8-10/13	1-5 pm Game times vary.	6/1-8/17	Grades K-5	\$33/\$48
Cheer Program (Flag Football Sideline Cheer)	9/8-10/13	1-5 pm Game times vary.	6/1-8/17	Grades K-5	\$33/\$48
Kickball	9/12-10/17 Wednesdays	Evenings- Game times vary.	7/30-8/24	18+	\$150/team \$5 res/\$20 non-res player fees
Tot Time	10/3-10/24 Wednesdays	9:30-10:15 am	8/27-9/28	2-5	\$25/\$40
Haunted Halloween Trip	10/27	6:00 pm-12:00 am	9/7-10/19	Grades 6-8	\$40 covers bussing and admissions
Fall Soccer Leagues	9/8-10/13	9:00 am-1:00 pm	6/1-8/17	4-6	\$33/\$48
Basketball University (2 sessions)	9/13-10/4 10/11-11/1	5:45/6:45/7:45	8/3-9/10	Grades 1-2/3-4 5-7	\$35
Preschool Sports Starter	10/20-12/1 skip 11/24	9:30 am-Noon	9/7-10/5	3-5	\$33/\$48
Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt	10/16	6:00-7:30 pm	9/7-10/15	3-5	\$6/\$8
Youth Basketball Leagues	10/20-12/8 skip 11/24	Times vary depending on teams	9/7-10/7	Grades 3-6	\$43/\$58
Youth Basketball Leagues	10/27-12/8 skip 11/24	Times vary depending on teams	9/2-10/7	Grades 1-2	\$33/\$48
Youth Volleyball	11/13-12/18	5:30-8:30 pm	10/5-10/26	Grades 3-6	\$33/\$48
Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun Begins 9/9	7-9 pm	Drop In	18+	\$2

You may register for most DARA programs online by visiting our website at www.dewittrecreation.org. DARA accepts Visa and Mastercard payments for online registrations. You may also print a registration form and mail it in by clicking on our newsletter link from our home page. You may drop off registration forms at the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Rd.) as well. You may also follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/dararecreation> to receive the most up to date information.

DARA Mission: DARA promotes community and quality of life through leisure services provided for the residents of the DeWitt Area. Thank you for your continued support!

DOGS – WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

General Information

Michigan law requires dogs four months of age and older to be licensed and vaccinated for rabies. In DeWitt Township, licensing is handled through the Clinton County Treasurer's Office in St. Johns. For more information, visit <http://www.clinton-county.org/Government/Treasurer/DogLicense.aspx> or call the Clinton County Treasurer's Office at 989-224-5280.

Regulations involving dogs are in place from the state to the local level and are handled by the Clinton County Animal Control and/or the DeWitt Township Police Department. Contact 911 if you have a dog complaint. Owners are required to have their dog under control at all times. In DeWitt Township, the Zoning Ordinance states that customary household pets may be kept on a non-commercial basis when properly housed, but shall not exceed four (4) in number for any one residence and should at all times be confined to prevent their running at large.

The Township's Codified Ordinance, which includes, but is not limited to, the following definitions of a disorderly person as it pertains to dogs/animals:

- A person who owns any animal and permits the animal to run at large, except when engaged in hunting.
- A person who permits their dog to be within the confines of any public park, when such park posts and prohibits dogs.
- A person who owns a dog which destroys property, or trespasses in a damaging way on property; or attacks or bites a person.
- A person who owns any dog which shows vicious habits.
- A person who owns, keeps, houses, tethers, possesses or maintains, any animal in such a way or manner or in such a location whereby noises emanating from said animal shall cause a disturbance or otherwise disrupt the peace, quiet and tranquility of persons.
- A person who removes a collar or tag without permission.
- A person who intentionally kills, injures, or maims an animal; however, any person may kill any dog which he or she sees in the act of actually attacking or wounding any person, but in no event shall the provisions of these regulations exonerate a person from compliance with the criminal laws of the state, including the safe discharge of firearms.

The above definitions are not an inclusive list. The Township's Codified Ordinance is available online at <http://www.dewitttownship.org/DocumentsForms.aspx>. Search for "dogs." You can also view a copy of the Codified Ordinance at the Township Hall by contacting the Clerk's Office at 517-668-0270.

Dogs in Parks

LEASHED dogs are currently allowed within Padgett Park (driveway just east of SCCMUA on Herbison Road) and in the non-paved section of Granger Meadows Park (located on the south side of Granger Meadows Lane). They are not allowed in Granger Meadows Park (north side of Granger Meadows Lane) or Valley Farms Park. **Dogs must be under control at all times. Please remember, it is your responsibility to pick up after your pet.**

CONSUMERS ENERGY TO UPGRADE STREETLIGHTS

If your street or neighborhood has streetlights, you may notice a Consumers Energy utility truck with employees changing the lights. The Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 prohibits the manufacture or import of mercury vapor fixtures. As a result of this Act, mercury vapor streetlights are being phased out. Consumers Energy has begun replacing the Township's existing mercury vapor streetlights. They hope to have the fixtures replaced with high pressure sodium lights by the end of September. Most of the Consumers Energy streetlights in the Township are already high pressure sodium. The Township has 1,091 streetlights with only 170 being mercury vapor lights. There will be no change to existing streetlight poles--only to the light fixtures. Two areas that will be most affected with this change are Country Meadows Estates and Valley Estates Mobile Home Park. Other districts will see very few changes. Monty's Acres, White Oaks, Dondale, and Clinton Village Subdivisions will need to have only a few lights switched to high pressure sodium. There is no additional cost to DeWitt Township or our residents for this upgrade.

TOTAL HEALTH FITNESS CHALLENGE

Total Health Chiropractic and DeWitt Charter Township are again sponsoring a Total Health Fitness challenge at the DeWitt Township Community Center and Granger Meadows Park. The course is three miles long with challenging obstacles such as a 70 foot hill climb, farmer's walk, cargo net bear crawl and army crawl, log leap, water obstacles, monster tires, and climbing walls. The race will take place on Sunday, August 19, 2012. For complete details, visit www.totalhealthfitnesschallenge.com. In 2011, over 100 people participated in the event.

Proceeds of this event will go to the Miracle League of Mid-Michigan. The Miracle League is a non-profit organization committed to providing children and young adults with special needs the opportunity to play baseball in a safe, inclusive, and fun environment, regardless of their abilities.

JAPANESE GOODWILL MISSION PROGRAM

The 2012 Goodwill Mission program coming from Japan this year has arranged to send 44 Japanese visitors from Shiga Prefecture to arrive in Michigan and stay with Michigan sister-city host families from August 23rd – 29th.

This year Shiga Lieutenant Governor Arakawa will lead the delegation from Japan. The visitors will spend their first night at the Marriott Hotel and meet their Michigan host families at the Welcome Reception in Lansing on Thursday, August 23rd. Arrangements are being made for the Farewell Dinner on August 29th at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

There will be seven Goodwill Mission visitors from Koka City, the sister-city to DeWitt, DeWitt Township, Marshall and Traverse City. Thus, we hope to find families in DeWitt and DeWitt Township to host a few of these visitors.

If you would be interested in hosting a Japanese visitor during this time, applications for host families will be available soon. Please contact Larry or Peggy Arbanas by calling 517-669-1239 or by sending an email to arbanasp@msu.edu.

REBUILDING TOGETHER



On Saturday, April 28th, 30 volunteers participated in a one-day blitz, which happens in communities across the country annually on the last Saturday in April as part of national Rebuilding Day, to provide some much-needed repairs for a local homeowner.

This year, Rebuilding Together selected 16 homes in the Greater Lansing area. Two were chosen in Clinton County with one being in DeWitt. Township employees saw this as a wonderful opportunity to give back to their community, so along with their families and other area community members, they worked together to replace a roof, repair a kitchen ceiling leak, install handrails and complete several smaller projects.

The repairs were made possible by many people throughout the community who donated time, money, food, and materials, including Chelsea Lumber Company.

For more information about this program, please contact the Building Department at 517-668-0278.

BETTERBUILDINGS GRANT HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS AVAILABLE

Your busy summer may be in full swing, but have you signed up for your Home Energy assessment as part of the BetterBuildings grant? If not, please call the Township at 517-668-0270 ASAP.

The now expanded program offers a deeply discounted home energy assessment and weatherization improvements through the grant's funding. The initial energy service is valued at \$600 of which the homeowner is asked to contribute \$50. Participants will have the opportunity to make even greater energy improvements through financial incentives such as doubling rebates (up to \$1,500) and a low interest Michigan Saves Home Energy loan for additional work. The enhanced program may provide significant benefit and savings if you need to replace your furnace, insulation, or other work on your home. All Township residents are eligible and space is available. However, the program ends July 31, 2012.

US-27 TOUR RETURNS TO DEWITT

The 2012 Michigan Old US-27 Motor Tour will start in Auburn, IN, on Tuesday, August 21st and travel up Old US-27 to Cheboygan and then south on US-23 to conclude the tour in Alpena, MI on Sunday, August 26th. The parade of classic cars will arrive in DeWitt, at the Mega Mall Antique Outlet on Wednesday, August 22nd, at 5 pm and will offer vehicle displays from 5-8 pm. The entourage will depart DeWitt from the Meijer's parking lot on Thursday morning at 8 am. The event, in its sixth year, is designed to bring attention to the historical heritage and the economic impact on the State made by US-27. Over 200 automobiles are expected to participate in this year's activities. Tour information and registration can be found at www.old27tour.com.

Can you help? We are in need of supplies for the Meadows Celebration – beads, yarn, and colored Sharpie markers - Drop off at the Township Hall by July 13th or call 668-1411.

Upcoming Dates to Remember.....

July 9	Last Day to Register to Vote for August Primary Election
July 20	Meadows Celebration – A Blast in the Moonlight
August 7	Primary Election
August 19	Total Health Fitness Challenge Adventure Race
October 9	Last Day to Register to Vote for General Election
November 6	General Election

CREATING ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITIES 2012 BUSINESS AWARDS

The 2nd annual "Where Development Begins" business award ceremony was held on May 10, 2012. This awards program was created as part of a regional grant that the communities of Bath, DeWitt and Watertown received called "Creating Entrepreneurial Communities." The grant is designed to expand and support entrepreneurial activities. The purpose of this program is to help Michigan communities and regions embrace entrepreneurship as a core strategy for prosperity and economic development. The awards ceremony was sponsored by Firstbank.



The *Entrepreneurial Spirit Award* is presented to a business that shows the spirit of entrepreneurialism. This year's winner is the Greater Lansing Potters' Guild in Bath Township. The Guild was started in 1969 and is a non-profit, member-run educational cooperative dedicated to the art of ceramics. This year's award recipient recognizes the value that the arts can bring as an economic development driver for our region.

Capital Wire and Steel received the *Benefiting the Community Award*, an award that is given to a business that makes a large impact on a community. In addition to their locations in Lansing, Mason, and Cleveland, Ohio, they recently purchased the largest building in downtown DeWitt, renovated the building, and moved in their corporate headquarters. Their efforts have transformed a drab building into a wonderful asset on the banks of the Looking Glass River in the heart of downtown.



Felzke Farms, located in Watertown Township, was honored with the *Food System Award*. They have been supporting healthy food from the farm to your plate for over 100 years. Known for their strawberries, blueberries, asparagus, tomatoes, and many more delicious foods, Felzke is demonstrating the value of a strong local food system. The creation and operation of a strong local system is part of an effort to create a self-reliant food economy, one in which sustainable food production, processing, distribution and consumption is integrated to enhance the economic, environmental, and social health. This keeps money within the local economy, provides healthy delicious food choices, and is more environmentally friendly.



The *Community Excellence* award was presented to BS&A Software from Bath Township. Established in 1987, BS&A is now the unprecedented leader in municipality software within and outside the State of Michigan. Despite a challenging economic environment, they have achieved impressive growth and profitability. They have grown to over 85 employees and continue to look to expand. This award is given to a company that matches one or more of the award categories. Looking at BS&A, they are the perfect example of successful entrepreneurialism.

Granger is this year's winner of the *Contributing to the Community Award*. This award honors those businesses that go above and beyond by giving back to the people that live, work, and play in the area. Whether it is educating children on recycling or donating containers for community events, Granger has a philosophy of giving back whenever possible. In DeWitt Township, they donated the 75 acre Granger Meadows Park and is the lead sponsor of the Meadows Celebration held annually on the third Friday in July.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Harvest Social (30th Anniversary Celebration) September 22nd

This annual Fall Harvest Social promises to recharge the community for the coming year while celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy. This is an old fashioned family community get-together with exciting programming on our local wildlife that will give everyone a real hands-on appreciation for Michigan's natural environment. For more information, contact the **Bengel Wildlife Center, Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, 6380 Drumheller Road, P.O. Box 393, Bath, MI 48808; phone 517-641-7677.**

Clean Community Event – Clinton County Department of Waste Management Saturday, August 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in DeWitt Township

This valuable event assists all county residents to recycle or properly dispose of just about any household generated waste item. Items accepted include household hazardous waste, farm and landscaping chemicals, motor oil and antifreeze, unwanted and expired medications, electronic waste, bulky waste or junk items, scrap metal, appliances, tires, yard waste, clothing, textiles and reusable household items and building equipment for donation. There are fees for a few items, but most materials are collected for free. The event is also open to small businesses; however, additional fees do apply for hazardous and electronic waste items. Disposal fees are waived for volunteers! To make an appointment, or to volunteer, call 989-224-5186 or email conserve@clinton-county.org.

Medication Disposal Programs:

August 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., part of the Clean Community Event in DeWitt Township. The location will be given when you make an appointment to attend this event. For more information, please call the Dept. of Waste Management office at 989-224-5186.

October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Clinton Community Health Fair at RESA, 1013 S. US Highway 27 #A in St. Johns.

December 7th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Sparrow Clinton Hospital Pharmacy at 901 S. Oakland Street in St. Johns.

Protect your family, pets, the community and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications through one of the programs noted above. Do not put medications “down the drain” or in the trash. They can end up in surface waters and negatively impact local ecosystems. The preferred disposal option is through special events which ensure safe disposal through incineration. *Please keep your medications in their original containers but be sure to black out any personal information.*

The Sparrow Clinton Memorial Pharmacy can accept all non-controlled pills, tablets, and liquids year round, free of charge. Call them for additional information and hours at 989-224-8155. Controlled medications, such as narcotics and behavioral medications can be safely and securely dropped off at the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office lobby Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DeWitt District Library upcoming summer events. Contact the Library at 517-669-3156, or online at www.dewittlibrary.org for more information:

Youth Programs –

Tuesdays @ the Park – A different park each week for stories, songs & more. Bring a blanket and picnic lunch.

- July 3rd @ 1:00 p.m. – Looking Glass Valley, Wacousta – Theme: Nighty Night!
- July 10th @ 1:00 p.m. – Granger Meadows, DeWitt Twp. – Theme: Up All Night!
- July 17th @ 1:00 p.m. – Riverside Park, DeWitt – Theme: Feelin’ Batty
- July 24th @ 1:00 p.m. – McGuire Park, DeWitt – Theme: Counting Sheep
- July 31st @ 1:00 p.m. – Heritage Park, Wacousta – Theme: Moon & Stars

Wonderful Wednesdays – at the Library

- July 11th @ 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Family Library Scavenger Hunt
- July 18th @ 1:00 p.m. – Super Science Show
- July 25th @ 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Life Size Candy Land Game
- August 1st @ 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. – Animal Magic with Marc Rosenthal

Drop-In Craft Projects - at the Library

Fridays @ 1:00 p.m. – Each week will feature a different craft

Summer Reading Finale – at Riverside Park, DeWitt

August 3rd @ 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Teen Programs – at the Library

- July 5th @ 1:00 p.m. – Wii Gaming
- July 12th @ 1:00 p.m. – Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt
- July 19th @ 1:00 p.m. – Teen Duct Tape Crafts
- July 26th @ 1:00 p.m. – Teen Gaming
- August 2nd @ 1:00 p.m. – Teen Pizza Taste Off & Minute to Win It Games

Adult Programs – at the Library

July 17th @ 6:30 p.m. – In the Stars – Tina Propp, an astrology researcher will answer your questions about basic astrology. She will talk about the basic astrological building blocks of planets, signs and houses.

Did you know.

that DeWitt Township was settled in 1833 and then organized in 1836? This makes us one of the oldest organized communities in the Mid-Michigan area. What is now the City of DeWitt was organized in 1929.

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

TOWNSHIP RECEIVES DALMAC GRANT

The Township was recently awarded \$525 in grant monies from the DALMAC Fund. The DALMAC Fund was established to promote bicycling in Michigan. With this grant, the Township will be installing two wave style bike racks – one at the Township Hall and one at Valley Farms Park. This is one more step in improving our non-motorized transportation assets.

NEWS BITES

POLICE DEPARTMENT POSTS PHOTOS – the Police Department will soon be posting images of unknown suspects to a website designed to identify them through the cooperation of the public. www.idthisperson.com offers a reward when you help ID a suspect.

REMINDER - REDEEMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DEWITT'S FOOD BANK - you can drop off non-perishables any time of the year at the DeWitt Township Hall. A box is located in the Police Department's lobby. The lobby is always open.

UPDATING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS: The Assessing Office staff will continue to visit various residential neighborhoods to take new digital photographs of the exterior of homes to update property records. This project was started in 2011 with approximately 1,500 photos being taken. It is expected that another 1,500 pictures will be taken in 2012. There are approximately 4,900 residential parcels in the Township, so the project should be completed in 2013. Staff will always have pictured ID that identifies them as Township employees.

FOLLOW US - www.dewitttownship.org, www.facebook.com/dewitttownship, <http://twitter.com/DeWittTownship>, <http://flickr.com/DeWittTownship>. The Township posts information such as community events, up-to-date public safety information and planning notices.



COMMUNITY E-MAIL BLAST LIST – You can sign up to receive community e-mail blasts regarding community information. Register your e-mail address at www.dewitttownship.org.

INDOOR FACILITY RENTALS - (Community Center gym or activity room) are handled through the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority at 517-482-5117. **OUTDOOR FACILITY RENTALS** – If you would like to rent a park picnic pavilion, softball field, inline skating rink, or soccer field, call the Treasurer's Office at 517-668-1411.