

November, 2012

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BetterBuildings for Michigan

DeWitt Charter Township has been presented with an exciting opportunity to provide residents with valuable home energy improvements through a competitive grant from the State of Michigan and U.S. Department of Energy. With the fall season already upon us, this grant is a great opportunity to make your home more energy efficient in the colder months ahead. The program is called BetterBuildings for Michigan, and the Township is one of a select few communities in the country fortunate enough to offer this opportunity to its residents.

The BetterBuildings for Michigan program will work closely with residents to bring energy assessments and improvements to homeowners within the Township. Through this program, homeowners can receive home energy assessments to learn about the safety, comfort, and energy efficiency of their homes. These assessments typically cost several hundred dollars; however, through this program, DeWitt Township residents who participate receive a complete assessment for only \$50. In addition, the program offers fantastic incentives for making additional home improvements, including competitive low-interest loans and matching utility rebates up to \$1,500.

You may have already seen BetterBuildings for Michigan outreach members in your neighborhood signing up homeowners. They will be in the community through the end of the year answering questions and helping residents prepare for the fall and winter heating season.

BetterBuildings for Michigan has already helped over 270 homeowners in DeWitt and Bath Townships achieve 10-40 percent energy savings in their homes, resulting in significant savings on utility bills. This program is only available in DeWitt for a limited time. To find out more or to sign up for your assessment, visit www.dewittbbfm.org or call Michigan Energy Options at 517-337-0422 ext 1314.

One Person Making a Difference

RoseMarie Moon



RoseMarie Moon and her family give the Township a helping hand by keeping the playground tunnels at Valley Turner Park looking colorful so the neighborhood kids have a place to play. She also donates her time and supplies to Sheridan Road School and the humane society. RoseMarie and her husband Chris have lived in the Township for 20 years. "I love to lift a person's spirit, and do little things to help the neighborhood," says RoseMarie. Thank you for making a difference.

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	Dates	Time	Registration	Age	Cost (Res/Non-Res)
Drop Your Kids Off	11/9, 12/14	6:00-11:00 pm	Deadline: one week prior	4-12	\$15/one child \$10 each addl. child
Wrestling Club	Mid Nov – End April	Tues & Thurs 6:30-8:00 pm	At parent mtg.	5-14	\$85 per wrestler
Dinner with Santa	12/3	5:15-6:15 pm (1) 6:30-7:30 pm (2)	11/2-11/26	All	\$6/child \$2/adult \$8/child \$3/adult
Little Hoopsters Basketball Camp	1/8/13-1/29/13	5:30-6:15 pm 6:30-7:15 pm	11/2-12/14	4-6	\$34/\$49
High School Basketball	Games 1/5-3/2 2013	8:00 am-1:00 pm times vary	11/2-12/7	Grades 9-12	\$60/\$75
Indoor Lacrosse Camp	1/5/13-1/26/13	9:00 am-12:00 pm based on age	11/2-12/21	Grades K-4	\$25/\$40
Floor Hockey League	2/16 – 3/23	9:00 am – 4:00 pm varies with grade	1/4 – 1/25	Grades K – 5	\$34/\$49
Spring Break Fun Club	4/2 – 4/5	7:30am – 5:30 pm	2/3 – 3/23	5-12 yr	TBD
Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun	7:00-9:00 pm	Drop in	18+	\$2

Programs may fill up before posted deadlines so please do not wait to register. Once classes and programs are full, there will be no more registrations taken. If you are signing up for a youth sports league, you may pick a practice night that does not work for your family, but no other requests will be granted.

You may pick up a newsletter at any of the following three locations: DeWitt City Hall, DeWitt Township Hall and the DARA Office. You can also find our monthly newsletter posted on our homepage. All newsletters are sent home through the DeWitt Public Schools as well.

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.) and DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main Street) as well. Call the DARA office at 517-482-5117 if you have any questions. 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!

FIRE SAFETY REMINDERS

With cooler weather already here, following are some Heating Safety Tips:

WOOD BURNING HEATERS

- For wood burning fireplaces, make sure your flue is cleaned.
- Only burn dry, well-seasoned, hard wood.
- Always use a fireplace screen or closure to keep sparks from escaping.
- Never burn paper, garbage, or charcoal in a fireplace or wood stove.
- Make sure any decorations are well away from the fire.
- Only use woodstoves that are air-tight and have a controlled airflow.
- Check with your local building inspector to make sure your woodstove is placed at least 3 feet away from walls, floors, and ceilings.

PORTABLE HEATERS

- Never touch a heater while in use or leave one unattended especially near children and pets.
- Keep heaters away from curtains, pillows, blankets, throws, and high traffic areas.
- Turn off or unplug heaters when you leave the room, go to sleep, or when not in use.
- Never use heaters as your only source of heat.
- Never place your heater on a rug.
- Let your heater cool for at least 5 minutes before moving it.
- Leave repairs to a professional.
- Never leave camping heaters or lanterns on while sleeping.

ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS

- Look for safety devices including an alarm, tip-over switch, and an overheating cutoff device.
- Keep heaters away from water; never touch one when you are wet.
- Plug the heater directly into a wall outlet for this type of appliance.
- Never use a heater if the cord is frayed or damaged.
- Keep the heater off its cord.
- Pull the plug, not the cord, to unplug; use the handle.

When the time changes in November, remember to **“Change your Clocks, Change your Smoke Alarm Batteries.”**

- Clean and test your smoke alarms monthly. Use a vacuum, or compressed air in a can – the type used for cleaning electronics.
- Have a fire extinguisher available and know how to use it.
- Make sure your house address numbers are visible from the street/road.
- Know two ways out of each room in your home and plan and practice your fire escape plan.
- Have a fire safe winter and holiday season.

Upcoming Dates to Remember.....

November 6	General Election
November 12	Offices Closed – Veteran’s Day Observed
November 22 & 23	Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1	Winter Taxes Mailed
February 14	Winter Taxes Due

A FOWL HOBBY

Per section 42-237 of the Township's Codified Ordinances, residential property owners can keep up to four (4) customary household pets as long as they are confined to prevent their running at-large. Horses, ponies, ducks, geese, chickens, etc., are considered customary farm animals and are **not** permitted in a residential zoning district. Farm animals are allowed on agricultural zoned properties that are larger than two acres.

In recent years, many jurisdictions have made a change to these types of regulations to allow for raising traditional farm animals, specifically chickens, in urban/suburban environments. This movement has been caused by concerns over food safety (i.e. foodborne illness outbreaks), food prices, sustainability (i.e. eat local), and the desire for organically grown food. There are many books and websites that are devoted to educating people on how to raise chickens in their backyards.

The jurisdictions that have allowed backyard chickens have placed regulations to help limit the impact on surrounding neighbors. These regulations include items such as the number of chickens that can be kept, the distance from neighbors, limiting or denying roosters, and coop sizes or location. While there are many benefits of raising your own food, chickens are animals. Just like dogs or cats, at times they can produce noise, smells and other challenges of domesticated wildlife.

As stated above, the Township currently does **not** allow chickens in the residential zoning district. There have been a limited number of requests for the Township to consider making changes to this prohibition. At some point in the future, the Planning Commission may review this issue in more depth; however, before they do, they would like to receive input from the community on this issue. Whether you don't want to see chickens in your neighborhood, or, if you would like to raise chickens yourself, please consider filling out the following survey. A link to the survey is on the Township's website, www.dewitttownship.org.

- If you live in a residential zoning district, in general, would you be ok if your neighbor had chickens if there were regulations that provided limits?
- In your opinion, how many chickens (hens only) would be acceptable? 0, 1-2, 3-5, 6-8
- If chickens were allowed, should there be a minimum lot size required?
- Are there any other urban farming ideas that the Township should consider?
- What is your zip code?

DEADLINES AND DUE DATES - FAQ

Do you accept postmarks for tax and sewer payments? Yes, IF WE CAN READ THE DATE. So, for taxes, you may want to walk your mail into the post office and ask for it to be hand stamped. The automated machines will sometimes miss a piece of mail or has low ink and, thus, not have a readable date. If we cannot read it, it will be considered late.

Do you have a drop box? Yes. Payments due can be put in the drop box anytime up until the start of the next business day. So, if your tax is due on Friday, Sept. 14th, we will accept payments as on time when we empty the drop box at about 7:55 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 17th. If it is put in after we have emptied the drop box, it will be late.

You now accept credit cards. Can I make a payment over the phone? No. Credit cards must be in-person transactions so we can swipe the card and obtain signatures for both the DeWitt Township charge and the third party provider fee.

REBUILDING TOGETHER



Rebuilding Together is a national volunteer organization that helps to rehabilitate the homes of low-income elderly or disabled homeowners. For the past two years, the Township has teamed up with this organization in an effort to help those in need. It has been a huge success; and, we are looking forward to another great year in 2013!

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

- Own and reside in the home
- Property taxes are 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 three years
- Unable physically and financially to complete the requested repairs
- Income at or below \$1,361 per month for a one-person household or \$1,839 per month for a two-person household

If you or someone you know would like to be considered for this program, call the Township at 517-668-0278. There is no cost to eligible homeowners who are selected. Applications are available now and are due by **mid-January, 2013**. Rebuilding Day is April 27, 2013.

This organization operates solely on volunteers so we are always looking for volunteers, both individual and groups, to help on Rebuilding Day. We are also in need of licensed contractors (all trades) to help with repairs, replacements, permits, etc. If you are interested in donating your services, please call Nicole at 517-668-0278.

GETTING TO KNOW. Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk



Judy has been with DeWitt Township for 28 years, working 14 years in the Building/Planning Department and the last 14 years in the Clerk's Office as the Deputy Clerk. Judy has lived in DeWitt Township for more than 36 years, and is the proud mother of two children and seven grandchildren, all of whom continue to live in the area. Her smiling face is a welcome sight to those who visit our office with voting questions, cemetery lot purchases and interment arrangements, and general information questions. These, and many other duties and responsibilities, make her a valued member of our Township team.

Standard and Poor's Rating Services has affirmed its "AA" long term rating for DeWitt Charter Township's general obligation bonds.

DEWITT VALLEY, THE GATEWAY TO PROGRESS

Public Act 280 of 2005 empowers Michigan communities to establish a new type of authority called a "Corridor Improvement Authority." In late 2010, the Township established a Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) along BR-127 between Sheridan Road and Northcrest Road. CIAs are intended to provide communities with an economic development tool that can provide for the correction and prevention of deterioration in business districts, the promotion of economic growth in the CIA area, help stabilize neighborhoods surrounding the area, and the authorization of the creation and implementation of a development/tax increment financing plan.

The Township's CIA is focused on providing specific public improvements that will address safety and blight in the area, help develop and grow new and existing businesses, and ultimately create a unique sense of place. The CIA is working towards the approval of its development/tax increment financing plan in early 2013. In the meantime, it has also begun work on creating a brand or identity for the corridor.

After many meetings and much discussion, the CIA has decided to name the corridor the "DeWitt Valley," with the slogan of "the gateway to progress." This name utilizes the strong regional brand identity which is DeWitt, while building on the local historical name of Valley Farms. When people say "Frandon," "Eastwood," or "Old Town," they think of a specific commercial area; the CIA wants the DeWitt Valley to have the same recognition over time. Over the next several years, the CIA will work to build this brand through streetscape improvement, signage, redevelopment of properties, marketing, and other projects. However, in the meantime, please shop local and visit the businesses along the DeWitt Valley and help them grow and prosper.

It is important to note that along with the CIA the Township has been implementing many other recommendations of the CIA. They include the following:

- Creation of a Commercial Rehabilitation District, which has helped three dilapidated properties to be redeveloped.
- Applied for and received a grant to build the Miracle League of Mid-Michigan which is a baseball field for children with mental or physical disabilities. In its first year of operation, this new regional asset has drawn in players and their families from all of the Tri-county region and beyond.
- Applied for and received a grant called the BetterBuildings for Michigan which provides for energy audits and improvements for residents. While the grant originally was only for the Southern Tier of the Township, it has now been expanded Township wide.
- Worked directly with the non-profit "Rebuilding Together Ingham County" to expand the program into the Township to provide low income elderly or disabled owners an opportunity to rehabilitate their homes with the use of Township volunteers.
- Working on adopting the International Property Maintenance Code to help ensure that residential and commercial properties are safe and maintained so they do not affect other properties.
- Working on creating a non-motorized transportation plan that will link our community, increase safety, and improve the overall quality of life.
- In cooperation with MDOT, developed a technical design committee that will create a plan for the right-of-way along BR-127. Items being evaluated are sidewalks, road diets, streetscaping, etc.
- Finishing up an Access Management Plan for the corridor that will improve safety and aesthetics.

EMERGENCY! YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM JUST FAILED. YOUR BASEMENT IS FLOODED.... AND YOU COULD HAVE PREVENTED IT!



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 I 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.



Who do I call?

Consult your local telephone directory or www.septicyellowpages.com. The Septic Yellow Pages provides listings by state for professional septic pumpers, installers, inspectors, and tank manufacturers and will answer simple questions about your septic system.

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.

THE LOOKING GLASS RIVER – THE HISTORY OF A TOWNSHIP AND REGIONAL TREASURE

Submitted by the Friends of the Looking Glass River

When CNN Money in 2005 named the DeWitt area as the 75th best place to live in the United States, it validated what DeWitt Township residents had known long before the media distinction. One of the many quality of life assets that contributed to the national notice, and which continues to become more valued and protected by area residents, is the Looking Glass River.

Formed during ice age recessions, in this region's early human history, indigenous peoples camped, fished and hunted along the fertile and bountiful Looking Glass River.

On Sunday, December 5, 1858, Chief Okemos died at a popular river crossing and camp site on the Township's eastern border near what is now the intersection of Chandler and Ballentine Roads. On that blustery day, his body was transported on a horse-drawn dray via foot trails along the Looking Glass River to DeWitt where the mourners camped with friends overnight, and the next day continued on to Wacousta. On Tuesday, two days after his death, Okemos' followers arrived with his body at *Shimnecon* ("apple orchard" in the native tongues) for burial at what had become his resident area in his later years, near where the Looking Glass River flows into the Grand River near Portland. A grave marker was placed there and early European settlers subsequently fenced in the grave site to prevent their grazing cattle from desecrating it. Okemos' kin were forever grateful for the respect shown their past leader, and so they continued to trade venison and fish with the settlers and to help them clear the land and build cabins. D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) eventually placed an engraved rock on the site bearing Okemos' name, which along with remnant namesake apple trees, remain today.



The Looking Glass' headwaters start humbly and clear in NW Livingston County, where the stream then meanders northward bending generally westward through Shiawassee, Clinton and Ionia Counties before contributing its bounty to the Grand River at Portland. Her watershed, the surrounding land that naturally or forcedly drains to the river, also includes small portions of Ingham and Eaton Counties. *The middle stretch* of the Looking Glass bends and snakes diagonally across the northern reaches of DeWitt Township. The Looking Glass River is one of nine tributaries of the Grand, Michigan's second longest river system.

The Looking Glass River is 64 *river miles* long and *falls* about 140 feet in elevation. So the river's source in Livingston County is equal in height to the top of a 14-story building in downtown Portland (if one were to exist). The watershed is impressive size-wise, encompassing 310 square miles, or 198,400 acres. . . a little more than one quarter the size of Rhode Island.

For more information on the Looking Glass River, contact the Friends of the Looking Glass at www.lookingglassriverfriends.org.



We want your feedback – The Township is requesting your input on two issues: the burning of leaves and allowing chickens in residentially zoned neighborhoods. Go to the Township's website, www.dewitttownship.org and click on the links to complete the surveys.

COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING RENTAL INFORMATION

Looking for a nice facility to hold your next family, business or community event? Think about the DeWitt Township Community Center. This central point for social and community events can be used for: birthday parties, family reunions, Christmas parties, cooking classes, business retreats, classrooms, bridal showers, basketball games/practice, meetings, arts and crafts, dinner parties, neighborhood watch meetings.

The kitchen is 294 square feet with a commercial grade, six-burner gas stove, large refrigerator/freezer unit, and a stainless steel food prep and sink area.

Meeting and activity space – 4,324 square feet of useable space. The gym has a capacity of 150 people and the activity rooms have capacity for 80. Tables and chairs are available.

Outdoor space – soccer, football, and softball fields are also available for rent.

Cat.	Facility	Resident Fee (<2 Hours)	Resident Fee (> 2 Hours)	Nonresident Fee (<2 Hours)	Nonresident Fee (> 2 Hours)	Security Deposit
1	Gym	\$20	\$15	N/A		N/A
1	Gym/Kitchen	\$25	\$20	N/A		N/A
1	Activity Room	\$15	\$10	N/A		N/A
1	Activity Room /Kitchen	\$20	\$17.50	N/A		N/A
2	Gym	\$30	\$25	\$45	\$30	\$75
2	Gym/Kitchen	\$45	\$40	\$60	\$45	\$125
2	Activity Room	\$25	\$20	\$40	\$30	\$75
2	Activity Room /Kitchen	\$40	\$35	\$55	\$45	\$125
3	Gym	\$40	\$35	\$55	\$40	\$75
3	Gym/Kitchen	\$55	\$50	\$70	\$55	\$125
3	Activity Room	\$35	\$30	\$50	\$40	\$75
3	Activity Room /Kitchen	\$50	\$45	\$65	\$55	\$125

Category 1 = Government functions & community education functions

Category 2 = Civic Organization (Non-profit Organizations, Senior Citizen Groups, Scouts), meetings, classes & gatherings

Category 3 = Community business groups, informal groups, individuals, and other community organizations

For information about renting the Community Center, please contact the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority at 517-482-5117 or visit

<http://www.dewitttownship.org/OurDepartmentsServices/ParksampRecreation/TownshipCommunityCenter.aspx>

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Medication Disposal Programs

Friday, December 7th from 2-5 p.m. at the Sparrow Clinton Hospital Pharmacy located at 901 South 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; however, 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. Please call them at 989-224-8155 for additional information and hours. Controlled medications, such as narcotics and behavioral medications can be safely and securely dropped off at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office lobby Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The DeWitt District Library is offering the following programs:

Stampin' with Mary – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th @ 6:00 pm

Learn how easy it is to create your own homemade greeting cards using stamping techniques in this make-it & take-it class. Material fee of \$5 required.

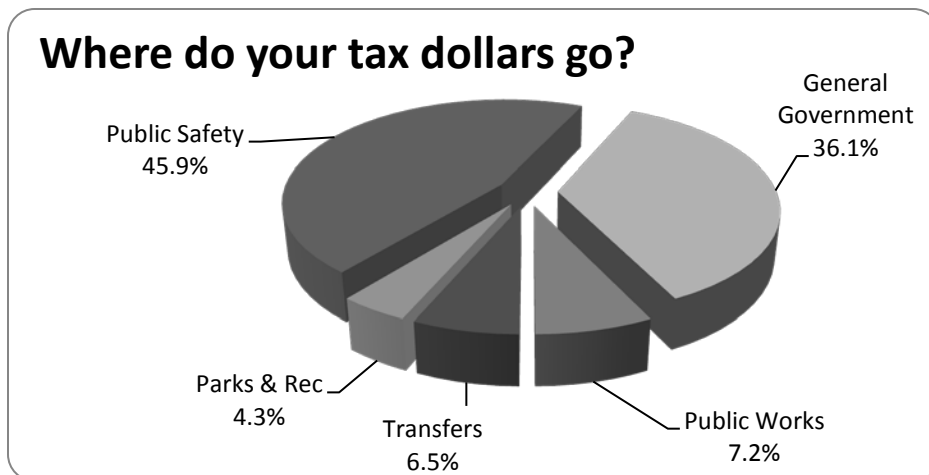
Wreath Making Program –WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Create a fresh evergreen wreath for the holidays. The Library will supply the greens and 12" wire wreath frames. Participants will need to bring wire cutters, gardening gloves, gardening pruners and any decorations they wish to add to their creation. Material fee of \$10 required (\$8 if participants supply their own wreath frame).

Youth Holiday Event – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Holiday fun with stories, activities, and a visit from Santa!

Registration is required and can be completed online at www.dewittlibrary.org (select the Calendar & Registration option) or by phoning the Library at 517-669-3156.



NEWS BITES

DOGS IN PARKS - Per Chapter 30-22, section (v) of the Township's Codified Ordinances - Dogs and other household pets cannot be brought onto park property, unless posted. The only areas posted to allow dogs are Padgett Park and in the non-paved section of Granger Meadows Park (located on the south side of Granger Meadows Lane). Dogs must be on a leash of not more than six feet, be under control, and all feces immediately removed.

SNOW PLOWING – Soon snow will be on the ground. In DeWitt Township, roads are plowed by the Clinton County Road Commission. The Road Commission has established a priority list for winter maintenance and you can view that list using the following link: <http://www.ccrcc-roads.com/Portals/5/PDF/PriorityWntrMaint.pdf>.

STUDYING FOR AN UPCOMING ACT OR SAT? College-bound students preparing for the ACT or SAT test can find helpful resources at the DeWitt District Library. Study guides are available in our collection for circulation and the LearningExpress database is available online through the Library's website. The LearningExpress database features interactive, instantly scored practice tests including the ACT & SAT.

The LearningExpress database is offered through the Michigan eLibrary, or MeL. MeL is an anywhere, anytime library for Michigan residents offering online resources selected and evaluated by librarians as an electronic information tool. Access LearningExpress through the DeWitt Library's website @ www.dewittlibrary.org (choose the Books and Research option and then select databases).

POLICE DEPARTMENT POSTS PHOTOS – the Police Department now posts 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.

RESTROOMS AT TOWNSHIP PARKS – are scheduled to close November 15th, weather permitting. The only restroom that stays open all year is located at Granger Meadows Park, near the sledding hill.

REMINDER – DEWITT'S REDEEMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 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.

DO 1 THING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - (choose one thing to do this month) visit www.do1thing.com.
●connect with an isolated individual in your neighborhood or start a neighborhood organization ●promote emergency preparedness in your community ●become a volunteer within your community (Red Cross, Neighborhood Watch, etc.).

FOLLOW US - www.dewitttownship.org, www.facebook.com/dewitttownship, <http://twitter.com/DeWittTownship>, <http://flickr.com/DeWittTownship>. Find agendas, minutes, community events, job openings, event photos, election information, planning notices and much more.



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, kitchen 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.



Thank you to Michigan State head baseball coach Jake Boss and the entire Spartan baseball team for their participation in making this year's Miracle League Baseball season a huge success. The team participated in opening ceremonies, were "Buddies" to the players, and participated in a scrimmage to wrap up the season.



TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

See how DeWitt Township’s and Clinton County’s millage rates compare to surrounding communities:

Jurisdiction	Total
Watertown Township	4.5277
Delta Township	5.9183
DeWitt Township	5.9736
Bath Township	6.7254
Meridian Township	6.9213
Delhi Township	7.8094
Lansing Township	8.5065

Jurisdiction	Total
City of St. Johns	10.1837
City of DeWitt	13.0000
City of Mason	13.2500
City of Grand Ledge	14.2471
City of Williamston	15.5092
City of Lansing	15.7000
City of East Lansing	20.5626

Jurisdiction	Operating	Extra Voted	Transportation	Total
Clinton	5.8000	0.0000	0.2000	6.0000
Eaton	5.2149	2.3719	0.2500	7.8368
Ingham	6.3512	3.1951	1.5600	11.1063

The above millages do not include the Clinton, Eaton, or Ingham Intermediate School Districts.
The above millages do not include local school districts, or Lansing Community College.
Extra Voted includes various millages such as Public Safety, Police, Fire, Recreation, EMS, Act 359.



DALMAC GRANT – BIKE RACKS INSTALLED

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 has installed 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.