

**ADMINISTRATION**

Twp Hall - 668-0270  
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Manager  
Supervisor

Assessing - 669-6494

Building - 668-0278

DARA – 482-5117

Fire - 669-0071  
Administration

Planning/Zoning  
669-6576

Police - 669-6578  
Administration

Treasurer - 668-1411

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1-888-224-2450  
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Fire - 9-1-1  
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Police - 9-1-1  
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**TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Supervisor  
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## 2020 ROAD CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

The Clinton County Road Commission, the City of DeWitt, and DeWitt Charter Township will be holding a 2020 Road Construction Summit to inform residents of the various road improvement projects and anticipated schedules that will be occurring within the City of DeWitt and DeWitt Charter Township in 2020.

The public information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at the DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, at 6:30 pm.**

Specific questions can be directed to Dan Armentrout with the Clinton County Road Commission at 989-668-0044 or [armentroutd@ccrc-roads.com](mailto:armentroutd@ccrc-roads.com).

## REBUILDING TOGETHER

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

Rebuilding Together Tri-County is now accepting applications for National Rebuilding Day 2020. All eligible low-income elderly and low-income disabled homeowners are encouraged to apply.

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

- Own and reside in the home
- Property taxes 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 two years
- Unable physically and financially to complete the requested repairs
- Income at or below \$1,561 per month for a one-person household or \$2,113 per month for a two-person household



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

## 2020 ELECTION CALENDAR

### March 10, 2020

### Presidential Primary Election Day

January 24, 2020

Ballots available to transmit via email to uniformed services or overseas voters.

March 7, 2020

Clerk's Office will be open from 8am – 4pm for issuing absentee ballots.

### August 4, 2020

### State Primary Election

June 19, 2020

Ballots available to transmit via email to uniformed services or overseas voters.

August 1, 2020

Clerk's Office will be open from 8am – 4pm for issuing absentee ballots.

### November 3, 2020

### State General Election

September 18, 2020

Ballots available to transmit via email to uniformed services or overseas voters.

October 31, 2020

Clerk's Office will be open from 8am – 4pm for issuing absentee ballots.

### New Voter Registrations Deadlines

Persons may register to vote in person at any Secretary of State Branch Office, County Clerk Office, a designated voter registration agency, the voter's Township Clerk's office, or by mail no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to an election.

Persons may register to vote during the 14 days prior to an election, including on Election Day by 8pm, by applying in person at the Township Clerk's Office with proof of residency.

### New Absentee Voting Guidelines

- Friday prior to an election: Voters may request an absentee ballot via USPS by 5pm.
- Saturday prior to an election: Voters may request an absentee ballot in person at the Clerk's Office.
- Monday prior to an election: Voters may obtain an absentee ballot in person until 4pm and It must be voted in the Clerk's Office. No Ballots can leave the building on this day.
- Election Day: Voters must vote at the polls. Voters may obtain an absentee ballot until 4pm on Election Day for emergency reasons only. Contact Clerk's Office at 517-668-0270, to see what qualifies as an emergency reason.



### All registered voters can now vote by Absentee Ballot with no reason required!

Call the Clerk's Office to join the Permanent Absentee Application List. For each election, if you choose to return the application back to us, we will mail you a ballot.

**No Lines, No Hassle!**

For more voter registration information, and other helpful election procedures, please visit the Michigan Secretary of State website at: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

## DO YOUR CHILDREN KNOW HOW AND WHEN TO CALL FOR HELP?



On August 20, 2019 at 9:20 am, a 5-year-old girl had to call 911 to ask for help. Her dad was trying to take his medication when he collapsed to the floor. She recognized that her dad needed medical help from adults. She was also home with a younger brother and an infant sister.

She went to the bedroom and used her dad's cell phone to call 911. She calmly talked to the dispatcher and told him that her dad needed help. She told the dispatcher that he fell to the ground and was lying on the floor in the house.

The dispatcher asked her if she knew her address. She could not remember the address. She thought a few seconds and then went out the front door to the mailbox. She then told the dispatcher the numbers on the mailbox. The dispatcher was able to put the numbers into the computer system and came up with the street name. She did indicate that she lived on that street.

The dispatcher had her go back into the house with her brother to check on her dad. She did confirm that her dad still needed help and that he was breathing.

DeWitt Township Fire and an ambulance were dispatched to the house. She greeted them at the front door and showed them where her dad was lying on the floor. Medical treatment was then initiated. She also called her mother to tell her that she needed to come home from work. This was a true medical emergency in which adults had to intervene to assist her dad.

She knew to look for the address numbers on the mailbox from when the family goes on walks. They look at the mailbox numbers and play a game. These parents taught their child very well on how to recognize and respond to an emergency.

Do your children know:

- What is an emergency
- How to call 911 for help
- To stay calm
- To listen to the dispatcher
- Do they know your address
- Do they know your cell phone number or where to find it

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

DeWitt Township has seen various projects go through the review process in recent months. Below is a list of all recent items that have gone through the review process:

- July 2019:
  - The Township Board approved a Special Use Permit for a showroom addition and remodel for Capital Equipment & Supply, which is located at 12263 Old US 27.
  - The Planning Commission approved a Sidewalk Deferment for Capital Equipment & Supply, which is located at 12263 Old US 27.
  - The Township Board approved a Special Use Permit to allow for a mixed use development located on multiple parcels directly east of Clark Corners.

- The Township Board approved a Special Use Permit to allow for development of an independent senior housing facility located near Old US 27 and Clark Road.
  - August 2019:
    - The Township Board approved a Special Use Permit for a walk-in cooler addition for Speedway LLC, which is located at 14004 Old US 27.
    - The Township Board approved a Special Use Permit for a small adult foster care expansion from 6 beds to 12 beds for La Bella Vita LLC, which is located at 12511 Old US 27.
    - The Planning Commission approved a Sidewalk Deferment for La Bella Vita LLC, which is located at 12511 Old US 27.
    - The Township Board approved a Rezoning from A to M-2 for Redwood USA LLC, which is located immediately west of the existing Four Seasons Apartments. The site is approximately 16.94 acres.
    - The Township Board approved Ordinance Amendment 2019-2, which brings the Township's Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act as it relates to mining operations.
  - September 2019:
    - The Township Board approved a Special Use Permit for the storage of donated goods for Love In Deed, Inc., which is located at 11733 Old US 27.
    - The Planning Commission approved a Sidewalk Deferment for Love In Deed, Inc., which is located at 11733 Old US 27.
    - The Township Board approved a Special Use Permit for a 4,496 square foot addition that will provide 6 additional vehicle bays for S.V.R. Properties, which is located at 16040 Old US 27 (Redline Auto).
    - The Planning Commission approved a Sidewalk Deferment for S.V.R. Properties, which is located at 16040 Old US 27.

## **LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW**

Winter will be here before we know it and with winter comes snow. As some may be aware, the Township has an ordinance that includes provisions for snow removal. Since the Township does not have a completely interconnected sidewalk system, the Township Board adopted a snow removal map to identify key corridors and neighborhoods to address snow removal from sidewalks and shared use pathways within an established time period. Listed below are some general requirements for snow removal:

- Sidewalks and shared use pathways shall be cleared at least 36 inches in width from the outside edge of the sidewalk or path furthest from the street.
- Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks or shared use pathways within 24 hours after accumulation or drifting of snow, sleet, or freezing rain; and businesses shall be cleared by the beginning of business hours of the next day, whichever is shorter to ensure safe passage.
  - Exception provided when the wind chill is below zero degrees Fahrenheit.
- In the event of a significant snow or ice event, an additional 48 hours shall be allowed for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks or shared use pathways.
  - Significant snow/ice event means a period of snowfall of 6 inches or greater within a 24-hour period or ice formation of greater than ¼ of an inch.

The Township Board shall adopt an updated snow removal map each year. It is available for view on the Township's website and in the Planning Department. The map includes the following areas:

**Neighborhoods Included:**

Arbor Meadows, Creekside, Creeping Brook, Crowner Farms, Hawthorne Woods East, Village of Hawthorne, Heritage Glen, Heritage Meadows, Heritage Woods, Northway Hills, Oakland Hills, Ridge Rock, Saffron Hills, Sherbrook, Springbrook Hills, Springbrook Hills East, and Windy Ridge

**Road Sections Included:**

Old 27 (from Sheridan to Northcrest), State Road (from Old 27 to Brook Road), Brook Road (from State Road to Wieland Road), Wieland Road (from Brook Road to Old 27), Schavey Road (from Herbison to Clark Road), Old 27 (between Twinbrook and Webb Road and areas where there are direct and continuous sidewalk connections to Old 27)

Property owners that are found to be in violation of the ordinance for snow removal are subject to fines and/or penalties of a municipal civil infraction. For more information or to look at the snow plow maps, please visit [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org) or contact the Planning Department at 517-669-6576 for further assistance.

## **DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION**

The Assessing Department often receives questions regarding the Disabled Veteran's Exemption for property taxes and eligibility requirements. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the disabled veteran must have received an honorable discharge from the armed services and must be a Michigan resident. Additionally, the veteran must meet one of the following criteria: (a) Has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate. (b) Has a certificate from the VA certifying that he or she is receiving or has received pecuniary assistance for specially adapted housing. (c) Has been rated by the VA as individually unemployable. Under the VA Compensation Program, for individual unemployability, a veteran may receive compensation at the 100% rate even though their service-connected disability is not rated 100%. In order to be eligible, a veteran must prove they are unable to maintain substantially gainful employment because of the service related disability. Since there are additional VA required ratings for this exemption, a veteran should contact their VA office for specific requirements.

Assistance for specifically adapted housing provides veterans with certain permanent disabilities financial assistance to construct an adapted house or modify an existing home to accommodate a disability. There are two grant programs available. Veterans who have received this assistance from these programs must provide a copy of the certificate indicating they are receiving or have received such assistance.

Veterans filing the application and affidavit for the exemption must provide to the Assessing Department a copy of the Summary of Benefits letter that is available annually from the Veterans Administration office. The paragraph titled "VA Benefits Information" will clearly indicate if an exemption can be granted because of a 100% permanently and totally disabled, unemployability, or if pecuniary assistance has been granted.

It should also be noted that the exemption is not an exemption for the benefit of the property. Instead, it is an exemption personal to the qualifying disabled veteran or un-remarried surviving spouse. If the veteran moves during the year, the assessed and taxable values will be put back on the tax roll. A new property owner will be responsible for the taxes prorated for the number of days they owned the property. Conversely, if a veteran moved into a home during the year that was on the tax roll, they will be exempt from taxes for the number of days they own the property. Please call the Assessing Department at (517)669-6494 if you have further questions.

# PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET: IT'S POLITE AND PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT!

When our little friends leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. This waste then pollutes our waterways. It's a health risk to pets and people, especially children. It is also a nuisance in our neighborhoods.

Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick. If it's washed into the storm drain and ends up in a river, lake, or stream, the bacteria ends up degrading water quality. People who come in contact with the water can get very sick. Unless people take care of it, the waste enters our water with no treatment.



## How Can Picking Up After Your Pet Help Keep Our Environment Clean?

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

- **Bring A Bag.** Carry a plastic bag when walking pets and be sure to pick up after them. Clean up pet waste in your yard frequently.
- **Clean It Up.** Pick up after your pets before watering your yard or cleaning patios and driveways. Never hose pet waste into the street or gutter.
- **Dispose of the Waste.** Bury small quantities in your yard where it can decompose slowly. Dig a hole one foot deep. Put three to four inches of waste at the bottom of the hole. Cover the waste with at least eight inches of soil. Bury the waste in several different locations in your yard but keep it away from vegetable gardens!

Why Scoop? 6 Unsettling facts about dog waste:

1. Dog waste is not fertilizer for your lawn. In fact, it is just the opposite and can be very toxic to your soil. Due to their high protein diet, dog waste is highly acidic and will actually burn your grass creating brown patches.
2. Just one gram of dog waste can contain as many as 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. Waste can seep into groundwater and spread salmonella and giardia. This poses a hazard to your pets, your family, and your landscape.
3. Your lawn mower doesn't help, in fact can make it worse. Mowers will actually chop up the waste into smaller pieces and spread it further throughout your yard where you, your children, and your pets continue to step in it and then bring it into your home.
4. Dog fecal matter is a major contributor to storm water pollution. One out of three households have at least one dog and all that dog poop left out can be blown into storm drains, lakes and streams. When in water, the liquefied waste consumes the oxygen and releases ammonia, which contaminates our resources as well as harms the fish that reside there.
5. The EPA classified dog waste as a dangerous pollutant in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil. The average dog discards approximately three quarters of a pound of waste per day, which adds up to 275 pounds per year. Your yard might be more polluted than you think.
6. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirms that hookworms, ringworms, tapeworm and Salmonella can be spread by contact with infected dog waste. It can take over one year for dog waste to decay, but even when it has visibly disappeared, the parasite eggs it contained can linger on for years in your soil, leaving your family and your pets vulnerable to serious infection.

What can you do?

Bag it, and Trash it, ALWAYS.

Hire a local pet waste removal company to clean your yard on a routine basis.

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. 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](http://www.mywatersheds.org).

## TREASURER’S OFFICE REMINDERS

### CCRESA Tax Collection Reminder for Residents in DeWitt Schools

Clinton County Regional Education Service Agency (CCRESA) will levy its 3.8154 mills in the 2019 winter cycle. The millage has been previously collected on the summer roll. The shift from summer to winter reduced many residents’ summer tax bill. Taxes will increase proportionally in the winter for residents in the DeWitt Public School District. This is projected to be a change for 2019 only. An example of how this may impact your tax bill is shared below:

Example Taxable Value	CCRESA Millage Rate	Summer Bill	Winter Bill
\$50,000	3.8154	decreased \$190.77	increased \$190.77
\$100,000	3.8154	decreased \$381.54	increased \$381.54
\$150,000	3.8154	decreased \$572.31	increased \$572.31

For more information, residents may reach out to CCRESA directly at 989-224-6831.

### In Other Tax News

Winter property taxes will be levied and sent by December 1, and are due on February 14, 2020.

Annual special assessments (drains, streetlights, etc.) are included on the winter tax bill.

New this year, we are offering ACH Autopay for tax payments. ACH Autopay is a free service for residents and two dates are offered for payment withdrawal: December 20, 2019 or February 4, 2020. ACH Autopay Authorization Forms can be downloaded from the Township’s website at [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org), under Documents & Forms. Tax ACH Autopay enrollment is good for one tax season cycle only.

Tax payments are collected by DeWitt Charter Township through February 28, 2020. Thereafter, outstanding 2019 summer and winter tax balances are turned over to the Clinton County Treasurer in St. Johns for collection. Once taxes are turned over to the County, they must be paid to the County Treasurer’s Office, as statute prohibits collecting taxes in the Township office after February 28. We understand sometimes things happen, and therefore offer these suggestions to minimize the consequences and extra expense when taxes can’t be paid on time.

- Partial payments are accepted. Paying down the balance will reduce interest charges along the way.
- Pay taxes before sewer services. It’s tempting to settle the smaller bill first, but it is to the property owner’s advantage to settle the tax bill first, and avoid setting the foreclosure process in

motion. Outstanding sewer services ultimately become a lien on the property and are turned over to taxes at a later date.

- Plan now. Residents finding themselves in a housing crisis can call Capital Area Community Services at **989-224-6702**, or visit [www.cacs-inc.org/services/financial-literacy](http://www.cacs-inc.org/services/financial-literacy) for assistance and direction.

### **Need a copy of your tax bill?**

Tax bills and historical tax records can be viewed and downloaded via the Township's website. From the Quick Links menu, navigate to BS&A Online-Property Information. Tax records can be searched by name, address, or parcel number.

### **Leaving town?**

Snowbirds and residents temporarily relocating for the winter months can contact the Treasurer's Office to update billing addresses for sewer accounts. In addition, your friends in the Treasurer's Office offer these suggestions while away to keep on top of your bills.

- Enroll in paperless e-billing
- Enroll in ACH Sewer Autopay
- Pre-pay your account a quarter (or two!)
- Note billing dates and due dates on your calendar
- View and pay bills online at [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org)

### **Available payment options**

- By mail, to 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820-7900
- On site, in the Treasurer's Office
- ACH Autopay from designated bank account
- Credit card online, at [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org) (3% convenience fee applies)
- Credit card by phone, call 833-230-2604 (3% convenience fee applies)
- E-checks online, at [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org) (\$3 flat fee for amounts up to \$10K)
- E-checks accepted by phone, call 833-230-2604 (\$3 flat fee for amounts up to \$10K)

### **Timing Is Everything**

When remitting payment, please remember that the Township does not honor postmarks as paid on-time. Payment must be received in the Township office, or online, by the date due.

The Township is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm. For after hours, a drop box is located along the driveway. Please do not leave cash.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SPECIAL RECYCLING & WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS**

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management sponsors several collection events each year. For more information or to learn about other disposal and recycling options that may be available, call 989-224-5186, send an email to [recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org) or visit online at [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org) and look for the link to the Department of Waste Management.



The Clinton County Department of Waste Management is excited to introduce a new search tool. It is called the **Waste Wizard** and can be found at this link <https://www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard>. It is a live, searchable version of the Garbage Guide and lists recycling and disposal options for many items. Please take the time to check it out and spread the word.

### MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

Protect your family, pets, the community and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications through one of the programs noted below. 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.*

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 2pm to 5pm at the Sparrow Clinton Hospital Pharmacy at 901 South Oakland Street in St. Johns. *Be sure to black out personal information but leave the drug name visible!* Please do NOT bring needles, Epi pens, inhalers, aerosols or patches - These items can only be handled at the annual spring Clean Community Event and the Free For Fall Event.

### YEAR ROUND MEDICATION DROP SITES

*Help protect Michigan's water supply and avoid medications falling into the wrong hands – do not flush or pour your expired or unused medications down the drain!* Bring your expired, unused liquid, tablet or capsule controlled drugs to the following locations:

Bath Charter Township Police Department (517) 641-6271

Clinton County Sheriff (989) 224-5200

DeWitt Charter Township (517) 668-0270

City of St Johns Police Department (989) 224-6721

For a complete listing of all area locations participating in this program, please check the website [www.capitalcountiescommit.org](http://www.capitalcountiescommit.org).

Please note – these sites can only handle pills, tablets and secure liquids:

NO inhalers, patches or injectables (sharps)

NO empty containers

NO leaking liquids (tighten lids and place into a ziplock baggie)

NO illegal drugs

NO aerosol cans

NO thermometers



ACCEPTABLE: tablets, liquids or capsules must be brought in their original bottle (please black out personal information) and placed into the secure collection bin.

**SAVE THE DATE! Spring Clean Community Event Saturday, April 25, 2020 St Johns – Appointment required to attend; Clinton County residents only.** [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org).

## DEWITT DISTRICT LIBRARY (DDL) NEW SERVICES AND EVENTS

New in Digital Resources: Kanopy and Ancestry

The Library has added two new resources to our digital library: Kanopy and Ancestry Library Edition. Kanopy is a streaming service offering thousands of films including critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and award-winning foreign films. Ancestry Library Edition, the world's most popular genealogy resource, offers billions of records including census data, images, vital records, and more. Ancestry is available for in-library use only. Stop in or visit our website to learn more!

## Upcoming Events

### **Battle of the Books – Registration opens November 1**

4th and 5th grade students team up with an adult coach to read a selection of books chosen by the Library, then come together in March for a “literary battle” to test their knowledge of the books. Registration forms will be available at the Library starting November 1.

### **Santa Visits the Library - Monday, December 2 @ 6 pm**

We will start with crafts and a story followed by a visit from a very special individual. Registration required.

### **Finals Cafe – Wednesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 16 @ 11:15 am**

Teens looking for a quiet space to study are welcome in our Annex space after school on January 15 and 16. We will also offer alternate activities for anyone needing a mental break. Snacks and pizza will be provided.

### **Preschool Fair – Wednesday, February 19 @ 5:30 pm**

Meet with representatives of area preschools and learn how to enroll your child in an upcoming program or plan for the future. A list of participating schools will be available on our website. Drop in anytime between 5:30 – 7 pm.

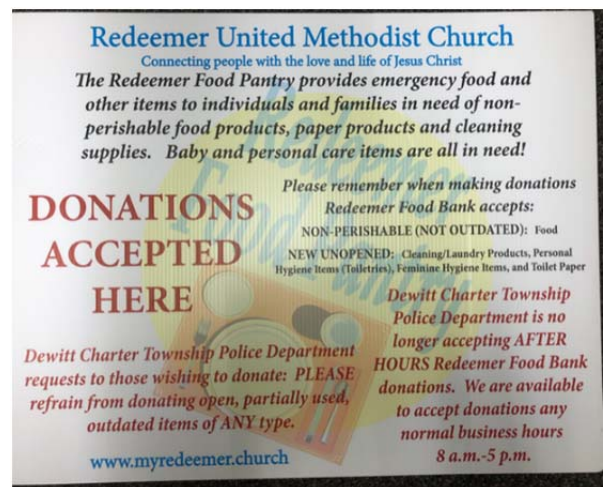
Contact the DeWitt District Library at 517-669-3156 or visit [www.dewittlibrary.org](http://www.dewittlibrary.org) for information about library programs and services. The Library is located at 13101 Schavey Rd. next to the Schavey Road Shopping Center.

## **FOOD PANTRY DROP OFF LOCATION**

The DeWitt Township Police Department provides a drop off location for residents wanting to drop off items for the Redeemer United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Accepted items are:

- unopened non-perishable food items
- paper products
- unopened cleaning supplies
- baby items
- personal care items

Please do not donate opened food and cleaning items due to contamination and spillage. The DeWitt Township Police Department business hours are 8 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday. Items can be dropped off during those hours.



## DARA RECREATION NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Program Name	Actual Dates	Time of Program Operation	Registration Dates	Age or Grade	Cost (Res/Non-Res)	
Cardio Drumming	Mondays & Wednesdays ongoing	6:15-7:15 pm	Drop-in	18 yrs. & Up	\$3 per visit	
Adult Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Drop-in	18 yrs. & Up	\$2 per visit	
Pickleball	Tues, Wed, & Fri. beginning Sept. 9	Tues & Fri: 9:30-11:00 am Wed: 4:00-6:00 pm	Drop-in	18 yrs. & Up	\$2 per visit	
Zumba Gold Nov-Dec Evenings	Mon, 11/18-12/16 No Class 12/9	6:00-7:00 pm	10/10-11/14 OR Drop-in	18 yrs. & Up	\$20/person OR \$7 per drop-in	Sign up for both Zumba Gold and Toning for only \$35
Zumba Gold Toning Nov-Dec Evenings	Thur, 11/21-12/19 No Class 11/28	6:00-7:00 pm	10/10-11/14 OR Drop-in	18 yrs. & Up	\$20/person OR \$7 per drop-in	
Zumba Gold Oct-Nov Mornings	Fri 10/25-11/22	8:30-9:30 am	9/9-10-18 OR Drop-in	18 yrs. & Up	\$25/person OR \$7 per drop-in	Sign up for both Zumba Gold and Toning for only \$45
Zumba Gold Toning Oct-Nov Mornings	Wed 10/23-11/27	8:30-9:30 am	9/9-10-15 OR Drop-in	18 yrs. & Up	\$30/person OR \$7 per drop-in	
Zumba Gold Dec Mornings	Fri 12/6-12/20	8:30-9:30 am	9/9-11/29	18 yrs. & Up	\$15/person OR \$7 per drop-in	Sign up for both Zumba Gold and Toning for only \$25
Zumba Gold Toning Dec Mornings	12/4/12/18	8:30-9:30 am	9/9-11/27	18 yrs. & Up	\$15/person OR \$7 per drop-in	
Drop Your Kids Off	11/9 (sat.), 12/13 (fri.), 1/17 (fri.)	6:00 -11:00 pm (12/13, 1/17) 6:00-11:30 pm (11/9)	Registration due one week before event	4-12 yrs.	\$15/one child \$10/each additional	
FunAppetit: PreK Cooking	Thursdays, 11/5-11/26	9:15-10:00 am OR 6:30-7:15 pm	9/24-10/29	2-5 yrs.	\$25/res \$40/non-res	
Preschool Play	Thursdays, 10/3 - 12/12	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Drop-in	2-5 yrs.	\$2 per child per visit	
Fall Volleyball Leagues	Tues, 11/12-12/17	5:30-8:30 pm (time varies within)	10/1-10/29	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$36/res \$51/non-res	
Dinner with Santa	Monday 12/9	6:00-7:00 p.m.	11/4-12/2	All ages	\$6/child res \$10/child non-res \$3/adult res \$7/adult non-res	
Cupcakes and Canvas Painting Class-Prancer & Here Comes Santa	Saturdays 11/23	1:30-3:00 p.m. Session 1 3:30-5:00 p.m. Session 2	10/23-11/15	4-7 Session 1 8-12 Session 2	\$20/child	
Holiday Fun Club	12/23, 12/26, 12/27, 12/30 1/2, 1/3	7:30 am-5:30 pm	11/11-12/16	5-12 yrs.	All 6 days: \$125/res; \$140/non-res Single Days: \$24/res; \$39/non-res	

You may register for most DARA programs online by visiting our website at [www.dewittrecreation.org](http://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 DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Rd.) 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!

**TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER**

**NEWS BITES**

**HAVE A WORN, FADED OR TORN U.S. FLAG AND NOT SURE HOW TO DISPOSE OF IT?** Consider giving the flag to a qualified organization. Groups like the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Funeral Homes and some Girls Scout and Boy Scout Troops will take your old flags and properly dispose of them.

**BURNING PERMITS** - You can now obtain a burning permit on-line. Go to [www.dewitttownship.org](http://www.dewitttownship.org) and find the "Quick Links" section on the right hand side. Just follow the directions. Alternatively, visit the Clerk's Office or either fire station to obtain a permit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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