

City of Leslie

Electronic Newsletter

November 2010

Greetings!

Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

We will be using this newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening in Leslie. Your e-mail has been added to our database as an interested community member. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, please see the bottom of this newsletter for the unsubscribe link.

We are interested in your feedback. Over the coming weeks and months our format and content will evolve to provide the best product for you. We will keep you up-to-date on the latest important news and events in the City of Leslie.

Please let us know how we can improve this newsletter by e-mailing us at reedb@cityofleslie.org.

We hope you enjoy our efforts! Thank you!



Cemetery Planning Meeting Tonight

The City of Leslie along with Leslie Township will host the second of several planning meetings for the Woodlawn Cemetery on November 30, 2010. The Woodlawn Cemetery Board has engaged Michael Canterbury of the Land Design Collaborative (Mason, MI) to assist the board in future planning for the cemetery. The goal is to create a master plan for a currently undeveloped section of the cemetery.

This second meeting will present some potential designs and alternative concepts. The meeting is open to the public and participation is encouraged. The meeting will be held November 30, 2010 at GAR Hall, 107 E. Bellevue, in Leslie at 7pm.

Leslie Chamber of Commerce - Annual Lighted Christmas Parade

The Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will take place on December 11th. The parade begins at 7:00pm and proceeds down Bellevue to Main Street and then South on Main Street.

Join the City for many activities during this day including:

- Stuff the Bus toy drive at Felpausch 9am-4pm
- LAEF Chili Cook-Off at 139 S Main 5:30pm-9:30pm
- S'mores - Before and after parade next to the Chili Cookoff



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City Council

Mayor:
 Ron Schmit
Mayor Pro-Tem:
 Randy Fox

Council:
 Pam Beegle

- Floats & Parade Entries line up behind Felpausch 6pm
- Christmas Tree Lighting at Tuttle Park Gazebo 6:45pm
- Street Entertainment including DJ
- LHS Choir & Victorian Carolers 6:30pm-7:00pm
- Parade at 7pm

The 2010 Grand Marshal will be Leslie's own Wilfred "Whitey" Wardowski.

New: Leslie Community Emergency Response Team

Are you interested in helping your community? The Leslie Fire Department is organizing a Leslie Community Emergency Response Team. This response team can provide valuable help in emergency situations in addition to helping with large community events.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training involves 20 plus hours of free training that will better prepare individuals to deal with disasters and emergencies when local first responders may be overwhelmed. Training includes Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Psychology, CERT Organization, Terrorism, Light Search & Rescue, Medical I & II, Fire Safety, Review and Final Simulation. CERTs can then become part of the emergency response capability for their area as a team member. All segments are required for certification. Background checks required.

[For more information click here](#) or call Carrie Fancher at 517-589-8236.

American Legion - Legion Riders Chili Cookoff - December 4th

The Legion Riders of the Leslie American Legion will host their second annual chili cookoff on December 4, 2010 from 1pm to 5pm at the Post 491 (422 Woodworth, Leslie). Donations will be accepted at the door. If you would like any information on the event or to enter, please call the Legion at 517-589-9122.

Special School Board Meeting

There will be a special school board meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 7pm to be held in the Woodworth Elementary Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting will be a community forum to hear comments from the public on what they feel will be important for the School Board to consider when it hires a full-time Superintendent. For more information please call 517-589-8200.

Smores For The Pool

For the second straight year you will be able to make Smores and roast marshmallows before and after the lighted parade. The Smores station will be set up to raise money for the Leslie Community Pool. The Smores Station will be at 139 S. Main next to the Chili Cookoff.

Events to Benefit Leslie Outreach

In this holiday season remember the Leslie Outreach. The Outreach helps local families in need.

[Pancake Dinner](#)

The Leslie United Methodist Church (401 S. Main) will hold a pancake dinner to benefit the Leslie Outreach on December 2, 2010 from 5pm to 7pm. It is all you can eat. Donations will be accepted.

[Stuff the Bus](#)

Please donate new unwrapped gifts for distribution to local families. Gifts will be accepted at local drop off boxes through Monday December 13, 2010 or at the "Stuff the Bus" school bus that will be in the Felpausch parking lot on Saturday December 11th from 9am to 4pm. For more information please call the outreach at 517-589-5814.

D.K. Beyer
Pete Zamora
Shelly Motes
Jennifer Shuster

Leslie 175 Celebration

Did you know the Leslie area will celebrate its 175th birthday from its settlement in 2011? Make sure you reserve the weekend of September 23-25, 2011 for the festivities. Stay tuned for more details...

Crossing Guard Substitues Needed

Currently there are three crossing guards every school day that assist children crossing busy intersections. Next year, we will need new crossing guards to fill in for regulars. If you are interested, please contact Chief Bob Delamarter for more information at 589-9700.

Cemetery Bricks

The Woodlawn Cemetery is offering the opportunity to purchase personalized bricks for a brick walkway that will begin construction in the fall of 2010. The money raised from brick sales will be used to benefit a mapping project at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The project is expected to be dedicated during the 175th celebration of the settlement of Leslie (the weekend of September 23rd-25th of 2011). Order forms are available at City Offices, Township Offices, and the cemetery. [A form is available on the City's website by clicking here.](#) For any questions regarding the project, please contact Patti Wade or Sherry Feazel at the Leslie Township Hall 589-8201.

Need Assistance Fixing The Appearance of Your Home?

If you are interested in fixing up your home but need financing or help, you may be eligible for low interest loans from the Michigan State Housing Development

Blossoms Etc. Hosts Christmas Kids Event

Blossoms Etc. (200 S. Main) will host a Kids Event on December 3rd from 5pm to 7pm and December 4th from 10am to 12pm. Kids can see Santa and his elves, write a letter to Santa, enter a coloring contest, enjoy treats, make their own flower arrangement (\$3) and enjoy kids priced Christmas Shopping. For more information please call Blossoms at 589-8370.

Chili Cookoff To Benefit LAEF - December 11, 2010

The second annual chili cookoff will take place December 11, 2010. This year the event will be hosted at 139 S. Main Street. The Cookoff will go from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. [Click here for more information](#), or call Pete Zamora at 517-896-3651.

Toys For Tots

The popular holiday program sponsored by the US Marines has a drop off in Leslie at Mid-Michigan Mechanical located at 155 S. Main St. in Leslie.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. For more information [visit here](#).

Leslie Library Happenings (Winter Programs)

The Leslie Library has several events in December. Please remember to support our Library by attending programs and events!

Children

PJ StoryTime (Ages 3 & up)

2nd Wednesday monthly

Dec. 8 - 7:00 pm

Wear your PJ's & bring your favorite stuffed animal to share special stories.

Christmas Crafts

Dec. 13 & Dec. 14

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Make it - take it Holiday Craft.

Family

Christmas Open House

Monday, Dec. 6

Rooftop Reindeer

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Meet live reindeer when they land on the library lawn.

Special Music

Veanna Bordeaux, harpist

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Leslie Library

Adults

In A Jar: think beyond the box

Tuesday, Nov. 30

6:00 p.m.

A new approach to gift giving.

Theme related ideas for that hard to buy for person.

Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, Dec. 8

1:00 pm

Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright

Gift Giving Book Talk

Sarah Redman, CADL Adult Selection Specialist

Wednesday, Dec. 8

1:15 pm

Great book ideas for everyone on your holiday list.

Hugs for Hospice

Mondays

Authority or the USDA Rural Development office. Both agencies specialize in low interest loans for rural Cities and Townships less than 10,000 population. For more information you may call Brian Reed at 517-589-8236 or visit each agency's website below:

[Michigan State Housing Development Authority](#)
[USDA Rural Development Office](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Leslie is always looking for volunteers. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, or have any volunteering ideas please contact Brian Reed (589-8236) or Martha Owen at (589-5115).

Newsletter Archive

Past issues of the Electronic Newsletter will be available on the City of Leslie website. You may visit <http://www.cityofleslie.org/news-archive.shtm> to view past issues.

Starting A Business in Michigan

If you were going to start a business where could you go for advice? The State of Michigan has created a one-stop guide to visit for new businesses or for those interested in starting a new business. The website has plenty of valuable resources to answer many of your questions. You can visit the one-stop center at <http://www.michigan.gov/business>.

City Now on Facebook

The City of Leslie is now on Facebook. [Sign up](#) to be a fan and receive updates on what is happening in the City.

Zoning Board of Appeals Position Open

Interested in serving on the

Dec. 13, 20, 27

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Knit, sew, or crochet projects for the Heartland/Hospice Group.

City's Zoning Board of Appeals? Send a letter of interest to City Offices at 106 E Bellevue St., POB 496, Leslie, MI 49251.

Tree Trimming

You may have noticed some tree trimming and removal recently. Each year the City works with a tree specialist who analyzes the trees throughout the City. The specialist will also look at trees reported by residents as potential problems. Generally they will give the City a list of recommendations of trees that should be trimmed or removed. The City must then make a determination of how many in each category to accomplish each year based on the resources budgeted and available for tree maintenance. Over the last three years, the City has worked on a tree maintenance plan to address the dangerous trees and limbs in City rights of ways. Our first priority is safety.

The City Department of Public Works will also do some minor trimming in the rights of ways each year to prepare for snow plowing in the winter. Consumers Power may also trim trees away from power lines at times.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - Public Meeting Tuesday December 7th

There will be a public meeting at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting Tuesday December 7, 2010. The meeting is open to the public. Kent Trierweiler from Infrastructure Alternatives will be in attendance to answer any questions related to the upgrade.

The City must meet new discharge levels for its 2011-2012 permit issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE). The original discharge permit limits set for the Leslie wastewater treatment facility were determined based on dilution credits for a direct discharge to the Grand River.

While Leslie has provided exceptional treatment and has consistently operated below the original permit limits, the MDNRE found these limits to be inaccurate based upon the actual point of discharge. The discharge is piped directly to Huntoon Creek located on the western property line of the plant site. Treated effluent flows south in Huntoon Creek 2.7 miles downstream where it enters the Grand River to the south.

As a much smaller waterway, Huntoon Creek is unable to assimilate pollutants to environmentally safe concentrations, especially during the low flow periods, which usually occur during the summer months. Therefore, the pollutant loading, and ultimately the allowable concentrations discharged from the plant were reduced, especially during these low flow periods of the year.

The project will include secondary effluent tertiary filtration which will allow us to meet the appropriate discharge levels. The project will also include other items that will enhance the efficiency and safety of the plant including replacing the chlorination/dechlorination chemical feed with ultraviolet disinfection, addressing some of the infiltration and inflow problems throughout the system, rerouting of a main sanitary line, power surge protection for the plant, and replacement of some of the old pumps and equipment. The project is expected to cost approximately \$1.4 million. The City is currently applying for funding with the USDA Rural Development for low interest financing for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Reed at 517-589-8236.

Overnight Parking

Residents are reminded that there is no overnight parking allowed anywhere inside the City. Streets need to be clear in order to allow for maintenance and services such as leaf pickup and snow removal. We will be enforcing this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ingham Conservation News and Leslie Collaboration

The Ingham Conservation District (ICD) has been involved in the Upper Grand River Implementation Project (UGRIP) since 2005. The goal of the UGRIP is to improve the health of the Upper Grand River Watershed through a variety of means including education and outreach, river monitoring and cleanups and implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) throughout the watershed. The Upper Grand River Watershed is made up of 37 sub-basins, one of which is the Huntoon Creek Sub-basin. This sub-basin includes the City of Leslie and has been cited as the sub-basin with the most issues of concern due to erosion and excess sediment entering the waterway, nitrate and nitrite pollution, loss of wetlands and lack of sufficient buffer zones along its waterways. Via funding from the UGRIP the ICD has been able to focus on outreach and

improvements within the Huntoon Creek Sub-basin. Some recent examples include:

- A 2008 stream inventory that helped determine areas in the most need of BMPs,
- In 2009 Leslie was a key partner in a cleanup of Huntoon Creek. Also in 2009, watershed awareness signs were installed. The creek is part of the Adopt-A-Stream volunteer monitoring program which evaluates the health of the waterway by determining what kind of benthic invertebrates or "bugs" are living in the creek bed.
- In 2010 a free showing of the PBS film "Dirt! The Movie" was held in Leslie.

The ICD is supporting a grant request by the Jackson County Conservation District that would continue to provide UGRIP funding through 2014. If approved, this funding would allow us to continue working in and around Leslie, including an exciting project using "green" infrastructure, porous pavement and a rain garden, to reduce runoff pollution to the Huntoon Creek. Anyone interested in learning more about the UGRIP can visit www.uppergrandriver.org. To learn more about ICD's involvement in the UGRIP please visit www.inghamconservation.com.

Leslie Well Head Protection Plan Approved - A Plan to Protect Your Drinking Water

Michigan's Wellhead Protection Program(WHPP) is a set of guidelines that help communities protect their drinking water by identifying the area that contributes groundwater to public water supply system wells, identifying sources of contamination within that area, and developing methods to cooperatively manage the area and minimize the threat to the public water supply system.

The City of Leslie with help from Peerless Midwest has been working for the last two years on preparing a WHPP with grant funding from the MDNRE. We recently received the notification that our Wellhead Protection Plan submitted to the MDNRE has been approved.

Now that our WHPP has been approved we will begin to educate the community on ways to protect our drinking water supply. Look for more information in the future. Thank you to all those who served on the Well Head Protection Committee.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

For information on any of these events, please call 517-589-8236.

- School Board Special Meeting, December 1, 2010, 7pm, Woodworth Elementary
- Pancake Dinner, December 2, 5pm-7pm, Leslie United Methodist Church
- Blossoms Kids Event, Dec 3rd 5pm to 7pm and Dec 4th 10am-12pm
- American Legion Chili Cookoff - December 4, 2010, 1pm-5pm
- Council Meeting - December 7, 2010 7pm GAR Hall
- Stuff the Bus, Saturday December 11, 9am-4pm, Felpausch parking lot
- Leslie Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighted Parade, December 11, 2010 6pm
- Chili Cookoff to benefit LAEF, December 11th, 5:30pm - 9:30pm, 139 S. Main

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