

City of Leslie

Electronic Newsletter

October 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!



Blossoms Sponsors Good Witch Fly In

Blossoms Etc. invites ladies to get dressed in your blooming best witches attire, grab your brooms and fly in to Downtown Leslie. There will be fun on Saturday, October 30th from 11:00am-1:00pm. The day will include:

- scavenger hunt with Downtown businesses
- blooming best witches costume contest
- best decorated broom
- lunch and fellowship at Crossroads Bar & Grill

[Click here for more information](#), or contact Dawn Meyer for information or to RSVP at 517-589-8370 or meyer.dawn@att.net.

Leslie Trick or Treat Hours and Fire Dept. Party



The Halloween Trick or Treat Hours have been extended this year from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Halloween is Sunday October 31, 2010.

A Fire Department Halloween party will follow at 7:30pm at Woodworth Elementary.

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City of Leslie
Ingham County
State of Michigan

City Council

Mayor:

Ron Schmit

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Randy Fox

Council:

Pam Beegle

D.K. Beyer

Election Update

**I
Voted**



The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Leslie City Hall 107 E Bellevue Street for Qualified Registered Voters of the City of Leslie.

The Clerk's office will be open Saturday October 30, 2010 from 8am to 2pm for absentee ballots requests.

For more information, please contact Denae Davenport at 517-589-8236.

Woodworth Parade and White Pine Trunk or Treat

Woodworth will have their annual Halloween trick or treat through the downtown on Friday October 29th at 1:30pm.

White Pine will also have its annual trunk or treat Friday October 29th from 1pm to 2:30pm.

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.

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.

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

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 Authority or the USDA Rural Development office. Both

pickup and snow removal. We will be enforcing this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Leaf Pickup

Please pile leaves along the edge of the road in long narrow piles. The chute on the leaf-vac has a very small range and long narrow piles help us to collect leaves through-out town more efficiently. If leaves continue to fall in November and the weather is still good we may continue with leaf pick-up. We apologize that the leave vacuum was down for several days. We will catch up with leaves this week. Please call city offices at 589-8236 or DPW 589-5115 to see if DPW is still picking up leaves in November.

Leslie Fall Festival

Thank you to all those who participated in the Leslie Fall Festival. Please join us next year for the 175th Celebration September 23-25th 2011.

Leslie Library Happenings (Fall Programs)

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

Pre-School StoryTime

Tuesdays

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23

11:00 am

Stories, songs and crafts for pre-schoolers.

PJ StoryTime (Ages 3 & up)

2nd Wednesday monthly

Nov. 10

7:00 pm

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

Pumpkin Decorating Day

Thursday, Oct. 28 & Friday, Oct. 29

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Decorate a pumpkin to take home.

Thanksgiving Crafts

Nov. 23 - Nov. 24

3:00 - 5:30 pm

Family

Family Night: Scary Stories Halloween Night

Tuesday, Oct. 26

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Scary stories, crafts and spooky snacks - a fun filled night!

Beaded Bookmarks

Monday, Nov. 29

3 - 7 pm (stop in any time)

Create your own beaded bookmarks for yourself or a gift. Registration requested.

Adults

Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 10

1:00 pm

Nov. 10: Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley

Remember When...

Wednesday, Nov. 17

10:00 am

"Our Heroes"

Hugs for Hospice

Mondays

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6:00 - 8:00 pm

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

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 City's Zoning Board of Appeals? Send a letter of

Free Genealogy Seminar

The Leslie Historical Society announces that beginning Tuesday, November 9, 2010, and for the following 2 Tuesday evenings, a seminar for people interested in tracing their family's history will be held at the Leslie Township Hall. This genealogical seminar will be held from 7 P.M. until 9P.M and is free.

interest to City Offices at 106
E Bellevue St., POB 496,
Leslie, MI 49251.

Tim Howery, a local historian and genealogist will conduct the seminar and historical perspective on primarily locating and gathering historical information regarding family histories. Information on how to research local resources and other geographical regions and areas will be covered. As a researcher and investigator with over 30 years of experience, Tim will assist local residents by discussing and demonstrating how to start tracing their heritage to the Leslie area. Primary and advanced procedures will be presented.

With the upcoming 175th anniversary of the settlement of the Leslie area, this is a great opportunity to begin researching your family and a great winter hobby. There is no charge to attend this seminar. Please pre-register at howery@voyager.net.

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.



Chili Cookoff

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. For more information, please call Pete Zamora at 517-896-3651.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- Blossoms Etc. Good Wich Fly In - October 31, 2010 11am-1pm
- Halloween October 31, 2010 - Trick or Treat hours 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- City Council Meeting - November 1, 2010 7pm GAR Hall City
- Council Meeting - December 7, 2010 7pm GAR Hall
- Leslie Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighted Parade, December 11, 2010 6pm

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[Robert Delamarter](#) - Police Chief

[Bruce Howe](#) - Fire Chief

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