

City of Leslie

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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!



November 4th Election

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2008 registered voters of the City vote at City Hall, 107 E. Bellevue Street between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Remember this is a large, 2-sided ballot with national, state and local offices and proposals. You may download the ballot by [clicking here](#) or going to the [City of Leslie website](#).

Thank you for voting!

Parking at Woodworth Elementary

The parking signs at Woodworth Elementary have changed. There will be no stopping or parking along Pennsylvania St. between Baggerly and Race Streets between the hours of 5:00am and 8:30am. Only buses may use this area to drop off students. Drivers who do not obey the signs will be ticketed.

Drivers are encouraged to utilize the morning drop off that is at the end of the parking lot by the cafeteria, or park in a nearby area to walk your child into the school. You may need to arrive earlier due to the amount of traffic that uses the drop-off zone.

Understandably the new arrangement will take some time to get used to, however, with the ongoing concerns for the safety of students, the need for change was evident. Thank you for your cooperation as we put our children's safety first.

Leaf Pickup Extended

The City will continue to provide leaf pickup weather permitting. Leaf pickup will be on

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Mondays and Fridays. Residents must have leaves in a neat pile along the curb (in the street). The leaf vacuum can only stretch so far - leaves piled too far on the grass will not be taken. Please pile leaves the day before or early the day of the Leaf pickup. Once the weather turns, the leaf pickup will end.

New Newspaper in Leslie



Jennifer Schuster has launched an on-line Leslie newspaper. The Leslie Weekly Guardian will also be available in print format by subscription soon. You can access the weekly guardian at <http://www.theleslieweeklyguardian.com/>.

City Overnight Parking Rules

As winter approaches, residents are reminded that there is no parking on any City streets from 3am to 5am by City Ordinance. Your cooperation greatly helps City workers keep streets clear of snow.

Downtown and Bellevue Streetlights

The City has been working with Consumers to fix many of the downtown streetlights in order to fix the lights that are burnt out or flickering. Residents and businesses should notice improvement soon if not already.

Leslie Chamber Ribbon Cutting

The Leslie Chamber will sponsor a ribbon cutting at two local businesses in November:

- Curves - November 6, 2008 at 3:00pm
- Blossoms - November 28th at 11:00am

The Chamber held a very successful ribbon cutting for White Pine Academy on Friday October 31, 2008 to celebrate the new addition.

Please join us at these future ribbon cuttings and show your support for Leslie businesses.



Homecoming Parade

As always The Leslie Public Schools put on a tremendous Homecoming Parade Friday October 17, 2008. This year's theme was Disney Movies. The four High School classes had floats based on Aladdin, Snow White, Ratatouille and Pirates of the Caribbean. This was one of the longest parades in history. In addition to the usual High School floats, the marching band, and the Homecoming Court, the parade also included various youth football teams,

soccer, volleyball, cross country, teachers, bus drivers, the Leslie Fire Department and the HAWKMOBILE.

Flood Damage September 12-14th

The rains that fell on the weekend of September 12-14th were extreme and overwhelmed the capacity of both the City Storm and City Sewer system. More than 8 inches of rain fell on those three days. Nearly every other City in the area experienced flooding or damage due to the excessive rains. During these rare rain events, DPW crews work to keep storm drains and catchbasins from getting plugged with debris.

For our records, we would be interested in determining if you experienced water damage as a result of the rains through flooding or drainage backup. You may fax [this form](#) back to City Hall at 589-0156 or call 589-8236. This information will be shared with Ingham County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and you may be eligible for low interest loans to address flood damage.

Congratulations to the Leslie Football and Ladies Cross Country Teams on Impressive Victories!

Tornado Siren Malfunction

You may have been awoken this morning by a rather large alarm. The tornado siren had a glitch because of the time change and unfortunately went off around 6am on Monday. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Need Community Service Projects for Your Youth Group?

If you have a youth group that would like community service projects, please contact Martha Owen at 589-5115. Throughout the Fall there will be opportunities for projects.

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.shtml> to view past issues.

Campaign, Garage Sale, and Real Estate Signs

A reminder that these signs must be behind the sidewalk and out of the City Right of Way. Signs that are in the City Right of Way will be collected and thrown away.

Brush Pickup Rules

The Department of Public Works works very hard to pick up brush throughout the summer. The majority of residents follow the rules, however there are always a few who do not and it makes it difficult on the City Staff to provide consistent service to everyone. The current brush pickup rules are as follows:

- Brush will be picked up on Monday each week. If all cannot be picked up on Monday, the Staff will use Tuesday as an overlap day, however brush must be out on Monday.
- Branches should not be bigger than 4" in diameter.
- Piles should not be over 3 feet tall.
- Piles should be neatly stacked, cut ends towards the curb.
- Absolutely NO THORNS.
- No hedge trimmings. Small hedge and pine trimmings may go with leaves in April or October.
- No leaves or grass clippings except in April or October.
- There will be a 15 minute limit for each household.

If your pile was not picked up and the chipper passed by, then your pile did not meet the above requirements. We ask for your cooperation not only for the efficiency of brush pickup for the entire city, but also for the safety of our workers.

Currently staff is discussing brush pickup and will be refining and changing some rules for 2009. We will notify the community of any changes.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- City Council Meeting - November 3, 2008
- Election - November 4, 2008 - 7:00a.m. - 8:00p.m - Leslie City Hall
- Chamber Ribbon Cutting at Curves - November 6, 2008 at 3:00pm
- Chamber Ribbon Cutting at Blossoms - November 28th at 11:00am
- Christmas Parade - December 13, 2008

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