

City of Leslie

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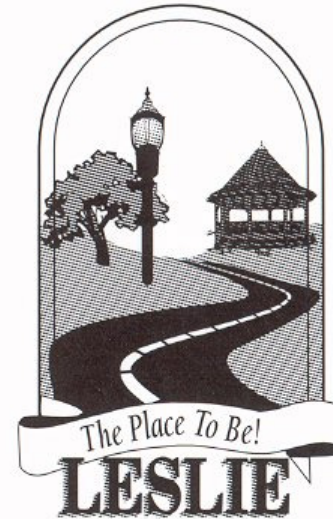
Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

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 Sexton Hired

The Woodlawn Cemetery Board finalized its hiring of a new Cemetery Sexton on Thursday April 23rd, by hiring Ron Bogart of Leslie. Ron will manage and maintain the cemetery. Ron brings a wealth of experience and abilities to the position.

The Cemetery has been without a Sexton since Arthur Raymond passed away last summer. Ken Modert who has been a part-time employee of the cemetery for several years filled in throughout the past year and did an excellent job to keep the cemetery in order. Ken will continue working at the cemetery under Bogart. Steve Ryan also worked as a temporary employee to help keep the cemetery maintained.

The Woodlawn Cemetery Board consists of one member of the Leslie City Council, the Leslie Township Supervisor, and another member that rotates from either the City or Township. Currently this position is filled by a Township resident.

Online Payments for Water/Sewer Bills, Taxes, and Special Assessment Payments

Residents can now pay their Taxes, water and sewer, and special assessment payments online through Official Payments (a company that serves municipalities throughout Michigan). In order to pay a bill, a customer must go to the [City Website](#) and click on [City Property Info](#) on the left. You may also access your bill through [Official Payments website](#). Look up your property by address, name, or parcel number to pay your bill by credit card or e-check. The City of Leslie does not charge or receive any fees for this service. Official Payments charges a convenience fee for this service.

Watch for additional promotional materials on our website and through this newsletter in the weeks to come. If you have any questions please call City Offices at 589-8236.

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City Recycling Center Changes - No more colored glass jars or #3-#7 plastics

Northwest Refuse Inc. has informed the City that they can no longer accept colored glass jars or #3-#7 plastics. Due to circumstances beyond their control, Northwest Refuse no longer has a market for these materials and cannot accept them.

For Glass and Plastics, the Recycling Center will continue to accept:

- Clear glass jars only
- #1 and #2 plastics only

All other items will remain the same.

Residents are reminded that the City of Leslie enjoys one of the most comprehensive recycling sites in Ingham County. The use of the recycling center has continued to grow as more residents learn about it. We ask that you please use the recycling center responsibly. Much of the abuse has unfortunately been from people who do not live in the City, who travel here just to leave their recyclables. There are a few rules to follow to ensure that the recycling center continues to be an asset for the community and not a disgrace.

- Never leave anything on the ground.
- Break down all cardboard boxes which will allow much more cardboard to fit within the bin.
- Always put your recyclables in the appropriate bin.
- Report those you see leaving materials on the ground or misusing the recycling center.
- Have patience - if the bins are full, come back another day with your recyclables.

City Leaf Service And Brush Pickup

The City will no longer pick up leaves this Spring. Due to the weather there are some leaves remaining that will be picked up, however no new leaves will be taken until the Fall.

Brush Pickup

Brush Pickup will be weekly through the month of May. After May, Brush will be picked up the first week of every month. Residents must have their brush piles out by the first Monday of each month beginning in June.

Burning Brush

Residents are allowed to burn brush in the City limits, however residents should consult the City outdoor burning ordinance to ensure that they comply with local code.

Dropping off Brush or leaves

At anytime throughout the year, residents may drop off leaves or brush at the City's DPW site. Please contact the DPW for questions at 589-5115.

If you have any questions, please call Martha Owen at 589-5115 or City Offices at 589-8236.

Woodworth PTO Carnival Tonight

The Woodworth PTO is holding its annual Carnival tonight (May 1, 2009) from 5:30 to 8:00pm at Woodworth Elementary School. There will be several new activities outside the school this year including a dunk tank, a bubble house, a hoop shoot, pony rides, and a bounce house. This year Pennsylvania Street will be closed and blocked off from Baggerly Street to the Library from 4pm to 8pm.

Boy Scout Cemetery Community Service

This year the Boy Scout Troop 779 would like to do a community service project to honor our local veterans. On Monday May 18th, the boys will be repairing Veterans flag holders, placing flags and planting flowers. In order to spruce things up for the Annual Memorial Day service at Woodlawn Cemetery they thought it would be nice to plant flowers around the flag pole, at the cemetery entrance and at some veteran's graves. Not all of our deceased veterans still have loved ones around to honor them with flowers. If anyone would like to contribute flats of annuals for this project the Boy Scouts would greatly appreciate it. Flats of flowers can be dropped off Sunday May 17th or Monday May 18th

Randy Fox
Shelly Motes
John Stewart

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 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.shtml> 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>.

at the old caretakers building. If you have any questions feel free to contact Martha Owen at (517)812-1061 or owenm@cityofleslie.org.

MSHDA Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Funding

At its May 5th Council Meeting, the City will hold a public hearing on its application for funding for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Rental Rehabilitation program. The program would give the City funds to assist downtown building owners in creating apartments and living space on the 2nd and 3rd levels of their buildings. If you have any questions, please call Brian Reed at 517-589-8236.

Planning Commission Opening

The City has an opening on its planning commission. The planning commission meets approximately once per month in the evening. If you are interested in serving on the planning commission please contact city offices.

Gus Macker and Softball Tournament

The Gus Macker basketball tournament is coming to Downtown Leslie on July 24, 25, and 26th. Main Street and parts of Carney and Commercial will be closed off for the tournament. In addition, the Sixth Annual Softball Tournament and Street Dance will take place Saturday July 18th. For information or registration materials for either of these events, please contact Pete Zamora at (h) 517-589-0324 or (c) 517-896-3651.

Stimulus Funding for the City

Most have heard by now of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which provides money for projects intended to stimulate the economy (The Stimulus bill). The City of Leslie has submitted several infrastructure projects for consideration including the Mill Street Bridge, North and South Main Street, and for necessary repairs and renovations to our water treatment and iron removal plant and wastewater treatment plant. These projects are critical needs for the City and are vastly expensive. In order to accomplish these projects, the City will need assistance through various funding streams from the Federal or State government.

At this point, it is unclear how the streams of money will be distributed. There is much less money than initially thought for infrastructure projects. The City will continue to explore every option possible to seek funding for these major projects.

Recycling Information

Where do I recycle computers, cooking oil, paint???

Thanks to Northwest Refuse, Inc., the City of Leslie has a wonderful recycling center that is located on Commercial Drive next to the police station. However, have you ever wondered where you can recycle the many different things you may acquire throughout the year such as old computers, cooking oil, books, propane tanks, athletic shoes and almost anything you can think of? Ingham County recently sent out an inventory of different recycling activities, dates, and centers where you can bring different materials. That information can be found by visiting the City of Leslie's website or visiting this link <http://www.cityofleslie.org/forms/Recycling%20Info.pdf>.

Please remember, recycling centers are for everyone. If a recycling bin is full, please alert the appropriate people and do not leave materials on the ground.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- City Council Meeting - May 5, 2009, 7pm at City Hall (includes public hearing on MSHDA Grant Application and 2010 City Budget)
- Fifth Annual Leslie 5K Run/Walk, July 17, 2009 events beginning at 6:30
- Sixth Annual Softball Tournament and Street Dance, Saturday July 18, 2009
- Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, July 24, 25, and 26th, 2009 - Downtown Leslie

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