

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!



Carrie Fancher Joins City Staff

The City has hired Carrie Fancher as the new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Carrie brings a tremendous background for the position including experience in accounting, taxation, and real estate. Carrie also has an excellent understanding of municipal issues having served on the Leslie Planning Commission, Board of Review, and on the Leslie Chamber of Commerce. Please welcome Carrie when you get a chance to stop by City Hall.



Denaë Davenport Begins Clerk Duties

Denaë Davenport was sworn in as City Clerk on Thursday January 8, 2009 and began her official duties immediately. Denaë was promoted to replace Dotte Weideman who retired after 33 years with the City. Denaë brings many years of experience to the position having served as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for 9 years.

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Simplifying IT for your Agriculture Business

On February 5, 2009 Michigan State University Extension will host a seminar on how to Market your Agricultural Business including website why's and how's. It will be held at the

Vevay Township hall at 780 S. Eden Rd., Mason, MI from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. A light supper will be provided and the admission fee is \$15. Advance Registration is required by calling Connie at 676-7207 or e-mailing Connie at cvernon@ingham.org.

City Board and Commission Openings

The City is often looking for citizens to serve on its various boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving, please contact City Hall. Currently the City has openings on the Board of Review. Please contact City Hall by January 30th if you are interested.

A Bridge Over Troubled Water

The Mill Street Bridge has deteriorated over the last year. In May of 2008 the City submitted a funding request to the State of Michigan Local Bridge Program for funding to reconstruct this bridge. The local bridge program is the program where many of these critical bridge projects get funded. Unfortunately, the City's request was not funded. Feedback on the City's application was positive, however the State received over 50 applications for bridge projects in our region (an 8 or 9 county region). The program only funded 4-5 projects. The round of applications demonstrate the critical infrastructure needs across the State of Michigan.

The City is diligently searching for funding options to replace the bridge in the near future. In the meantime, we have reduced the load limit to 20 tons and closed the south side of the bridge for pedestrian traffic. These measures are precautionary. We have also increased the frequency of bridge inspections to every six months to ensure that the bridge remains safe for traffic.

Newspapers in Leslie

The City of Leslie currently has two local newspapers serving the community. [The Leslie Weekly Guardian](#) and [The Weekly Pride](#) are both fresh and exciting avenues to learn about news, events, and special interest stories from our community. The challenges facing small town newspapers are numerous so we are fortunate to have two entities willing to provide this service. Please work hard to support both of these newspapers. You may subscribe to the Leslie Weekly Guardian on-line. The Weekly Pride is available on-line and in paper format dropped around Leslie including City Hall and other Downtown merchants.

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.

City Overnight Parking Rules and Mailboxes

As winter approaches, residents are reminded that there is no parking on any City streets from 3am to 5am by City Ordinance. Those leaving cars parked in the street have and will be ticketed. Your cooperation greatly helps City workers keep streets clear of snow.

We would like to thank the residents for being so diligent about getting cars off the streets for the snow plows this year. The number of cars parked in the streets is down tremendously from last year. It would be helpful to keep the sidewalks clear also, but we understand if you need to block the sidewalk to keep the cars off the street. We would like to remind everyone to keep the mailboxes clear for the mail carriers. We try to get as close as we can to the mailboxes but as the snow gets deeper there is a greater risk of the snow bank or the plow ruining the mailbox.

Frequently Asked Questions About Snow Removal

Why does the plow truck throw snow on my driveway right after I shovel the driveway? Are the sidewalks my responsibility? Why doesn't the City plow my road? These are questions all of us have asked at one time or another. Depending on how you look at it, snow is either a fun aspect of living in Michigan or it is a depressing aspect that we all have to live with. View our frequently asked questions on-line by [clicking here](#).

City Newsletter Growth

We have been sending the City electronic newsletter and electronic news alerts for nearly 7 months. So far, your feedback has been very positive and helpful. The goal of the Newsletter is to keep residents and those interested in Leslie apprised of City news and events. We do not intend for the newsletter to act as a newspaper, rather its best use is to provide brief updates of news from City Hall.

We started the newsletter with approximately 100 e-mails and the distribution list has grown to nearly 400 in these seven months. We try to publish a newsletter once a month and send out news releases when necessary. However, we want to make sure that we do not saturate your inbox with material either.

We look forward to continuing to evolve the electronic newsletter and keep you informed of what is happening in the City. If you know of someone who may be interested, please forward the newsletter and have them sign up!

Senior Citizens Need Help Shoveling?

If you are a senior citizen or know of one that is not physically able to clear a path for the

mail carriers or need help shoveling their front sidewalks please call Martha Owen at the DPW office at 589-5115, to make arrangements for some local Boy Scouts that are willing to do some community service.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- City Planning Commission Meeting - January 28, 2009
- City Council Meeting - February 3, 2009

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