

City of Leslie

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Greetings!

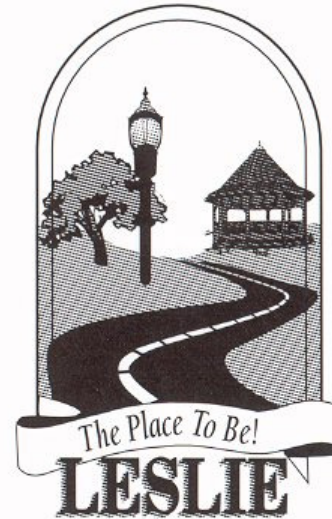
Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

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!



Chamber of Commerce Annual Lighted Christmas Parade December 12th

The Leslie Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday December 12. There will be a DJ along with victorian carolers. The official Tree lighting at Tuttle Park will take place at 6:45pm. The parade will begin at 7pm. Main Street will be closed from Bellevue to Carney from 6pm until after the parade. Vehicles will need to be removed from the Street before 6pm.

Please join us for the parade and other events such as the chili cookoff and the smores roast.

Leslie 1st Annual Chili Cookoff



The Leslie Area Education Foundation will hold its first annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, December 12, 2009. The event will be held at the Leslie Events Center in Downtown Leslie from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. For \$5, you may taste all of the chili entries. All proceeds will go to benefit the Leslie Area Education Foundation. For more information contact Pete Zamora at 517-589-0324 or 517-896-3651. Stop in before or after the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

S'mores Family Cookout - December 12th



The Friends of the Pool will host a S'mores cookout on December 12th to benefit the Leslie Community Pool. A large grill will be available, along with sticks, and all the fixings for the perfect s'more. If you would rather just roast

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Pete Zamora

Council:

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marshmallows, you can do that also. The s'mores cookout will be from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, in the parking lot area of commercial drive (south of the Event Center). For more information please contact Martha Owen at 589-5115 or call City Offices at 589-8236.

Leslie Public Schools H1N1 Clinic

Leslie Public Schools will host a H1N1 clinic on November 23, 2009 from 4-7 PM in the HS commons for at risk community members. Please have your administration form completed. They are available from any school.

Leslie Public School Board - Nominating Petitions Available



Nominating petitions are available for a position on the Leslie Board of Education from Sherry Feazel at Leslie Township. Deadline for submitting nominating petition for a seat on the Leslie Board of Education is December 1, 2009. A special election to fill 2 vacancies will be held on February 23, 2010.

Library News

The following is a list of special library events and news:

- December 9: Special Holiday StoryTime 7:00 pm
- December 14: Christmas Open House 2:00 - 8:00 with special music from 6 - 8 pm
- December 16: Rooftop Reindeer Visit, 2:30 - 4:00 pm See live reindeer outside; crafts and treats inside.
- December 22: Game Night for tweens and teens. 6 - 7:30
- Hugs for Hospice: Sit and knit or crochet with us from 6 - 8 any Monday evening. Volunteers welcome.
- Library Closed: December 24-25 and December 31- January 1.

Leslie Outreach - Stuff the Bus, December 12th

Please donate new unwrapped gifts for distribution to local families. Gifts will be accepted at local drop off boxes through Monday Dec. 14, 2009 or at the "Stuff the Bus" school bus that will be in the Felpausch parking lot on Sat. Dec. 12 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information please call Leslie Outreach at 589-5814.

City Council Position Open

The Leslie City Council is looking for a qualified candidate to fill a vacancy on the Leslie City Council. Leslie City Residents that are interested in filling the position of Councilmember, with a term to end November 2011, must meet the following qualification: Elective officials shall be registered electors of the city, who shall have resided within the city for at least one year immediately before the date of election.

Leslie City Residents that are interested in filling the position of Councilmember are asked to submit a letter of interest to: Leslie City Mayor and Council, 106 E Bellevue, PO Box 496, Leslie MI 49251-0496 or drop off at City Offices. Letters of interest must be received by November 30, 2009. Details are available at City Offices.

Hugs for Hospice

The Library will host its Hugs for Hospice. If you love to knit, join others to knit for those in need at the Library.

Hugs for Hospice
Sit and knit for others.
Mondays: 6 - 8 pm

Planning Commission position open

Interested in serving on the City's planning commission? Send a letter of interest to City Offices by November 27th. A new member will be appointed at the City of Leslie Council meeting on December 1st.

Shelly Motes
Jennifer Shuster

Main Street Mill and Cap Project Completed.

The City's Mill and Cap project was completed in October. The only remaining part of the project is the painting of the crosswalks at Bellevue and Main. This will take place in the Spring. Thank you to all the residents for their cooperation and patience.

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

Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit organization that buys food in bulk and then sells it at a very reasonable price. For more information visit Eden United Brethren on Eden road just north of Barnes or visit their website by [clicking here](#). The Angel Food center is just inside the smaller entrance between the two main entrances of the church facing south. You may pick up a menu between 9am and 3pm on weekdays or go to the website listed above. A family of four can order enough food for a week for \$30. For more information call 517-676-1376.

Business Services from the Leslie Library

Are you interested in starting a business? Do you own a business but are looking for help finding funding or marketing opportunities? Do you need help preparing a business plan? The Capital Area District Library can help.

To learn more about their business services or to check out CADL's new business blog [click here](#). Otherwise you may contact Elizabeth Kudwa at 517-367-6301 for more information.

City Ranks Highest in Fiscal Management

The City of Leslie recently ranked highest in the State for its fiscal management according to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Several local news outlets covered the City's accomplishments. These articles are posted on the [City's website](#).

Gus Macker Will Come to Leslie Again in 2010

The DDA provided support to the Gus macker for 2010 and planning will begin immediately for the event. The Macker will once again be downtown and hopes to incorporate more activities this year. For more information, please contact Pete Zamora at 517-589-0324.

Zoning Change Downtown

The Leslie City Council has voted to change the Zoning ordinance to allow apartments on 2nd and 3rd levels of commercial buildings. Previously, building owners needed to secure a special use permit that they would need to renew every few years. The zoning change helps expedite the process for building owners who wish to create living space above the first level of a building commercially zoned.



2010 CENSUS - Important Information

The U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount every 10 years, of everyone residing in the U.S. Determining congressional seating and federal funding for states is just a hint of the many uses of census data. Approximately \$300 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year. Programs for the elderly, emergency food and shelter, road construction, and Title 1 grants to educational agencies are just a few of the programs receiving federal funding. The population totals also affect funding in your community by informing decision makers how your community is changing. The 2010 Census will be a short form with 10 easy questions. A Census Bureau letter will be sent to alert households that the Census questionnaire will be mailed or delivered to them soon. Your census answers are strictly confidential and it is illegal for the Census Bureau to share your personal information with other government agencies. **Information submitted for your census will NOT affect your taxes, social security, or any type of benefits you receive. It is critically important that everyone in the City, Township, School District, and County fill out their census information.** For additional information you may access their website: www.census.gov.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- City Offices Closed November 26, 27th
- City Council Meeting, 7pm at City Hall, December 1, 2009
- Stuff the Bus, December 12, 2009, 9am to 4pm
- Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, December 12, 2009, 7pm
- Chili Cookoff, December 12, 2009, 5:30pm to 9:30pm

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>.

- Smores Cookout, December 12, 2009, 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- City Offices Closed December 24, 25th and December 31, and January 1

Contact Information

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[Denaë Davenport](#) - City Clerk

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