

# City of Leslie

## Newsletter Volume XIII

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### Greetings!

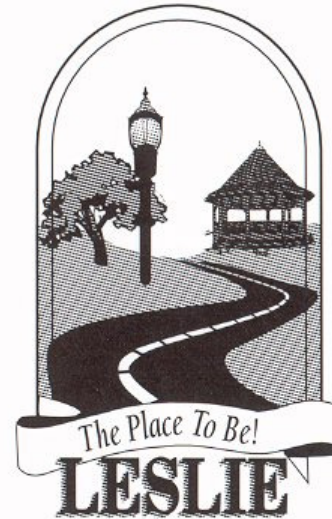
Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

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](mailto:reedb@cityofleslie.org).

We hope you enjoy our efforts! Thank you!



### Election 2009 Update

Absent Voter Applications and Absent Voter Ballots for the upcoming Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2009 are now available at Leslie City offices during regular business hours please call (517)589-8236 for more details.

The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at Leslie City Hall 107 E Bellevue Street for Qualified

Registered Voters of the City of Leslie.

### Leslie Firefighter's Association Fundraiser: Donkey Basketball and Adult Costume Party October 30.

Tickets are now available for the Leslie Firefighter's Association Fundraiser "The Monster Mash" and a Donkey Basketball show. Donkey Basketball will be held Friday, October 30th from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. at the Leslie Middle School Gym. The participating teams are the City of Leslie vs. The Leslie Fire Fighters and the Leslie School Teachers vs. the Students. Come out and cheer on your favorite team. Get your tickets now from any fire fighter or at the City of Leslie offices. Pre-sale tickets are \$6.00 each, at the door \$8.00 each.

The Monster Mash is an adult costume party being held at the Leslie American Legion, Friday, October 30 from 9 pm to 2 am. There will be music, snacks and a cash bar. There will be plenty of time to join the fun after attending the Donkey Basketball Game. Monster Mash tickets are available at City Offices, Independent Bank and Body Essentials. Don't wait until the last minute only a limited number will be sold. Tickets are \$8 per person , \$15 per couple or \$10 per person at the door. Call 812-1061 for details. So take your family out for the evening of fun at the Donkey Basketball Game then tuck the kids in bed and join us at the Monster Mash for ghoulishly good fun.

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### City Council

#### Mayor:

Ron Schmit

#### Mayor Pro-Tem:

Pete Zamora

#### Council:

Pam Beegle

D.K. Beyer

## Upcoming Library Events

The Leslie Library will be holding several upcoming events and learning experiences. The next two programs give some historic background on events or periods of time in this region.

The Bath Massacre  
Dave Votta, CADL Historian  
Tuesday, October 13 @ 6:30 pm

When Pine Was King  
Steve Hainstock  
Tuesday, October 20 @ 6:30 pm

Halloween Movies  
For the after school crowd  
Mondays @ 4 pm

## Leslie Public Schools State of the District Address October 26th, at 7p.m.

The community is invited to attend a State of the District address on October 26, 2009 at 7p.m. The event will be held in the Leslie High School Commons. Among the topics that will be presented will be student achievement, district successes, and the District's budget.

## Homestead Savings Bank Annual Fall Picnic

Homestead Savings Bank will hold their annual Fall picnic Saturday October 17, 2009. The craft sale will run from 9-4 and the picnic is 11-2. The Leslie firefighters will grill food for the community. There will be a hay ride and prize drawing. This year Homestead will be collecting hats and gloves for the Leslie Outreach. Hope to see you there!

## 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.

[Jackson Citizen Patriot](#)  
[Lansing State Journal/Community News](#)  
[The Leslie Weekly Guardian](#)

These articles will be posted to our website soon.

## 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. 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.

There will be other events before and after the parade. Stay tuned for these exciting details.

## 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.

## City Brush and Leaf Pickup

### Brush Pickup

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.

### 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.

Randy Fox  
Shelly Motes  
John Stewart

## Main Street Mill and Cap Project to Begin Week of October 12th.

The City's Mill and Cap project will begin this week. The project is expected to take nearly 4 weeks to complete. The project area includes South Main Street from Mill Street to Carney, and North Main Street from Bellevue to the City limits. These sections will be milled and capped with a lift of new asphalt. The project will also address a section of Bellevue from Main Street until the alley near the downtown. This section will be redone to eliminate the rutting that has appeared over time because of heavy traffic breaking. The Main Street project is a partnership between the City, Economic Development Corporation, Downtown Development Authority, and Local Development Finance Authority.

Both the North and South sections of Main Street need a complete reconstruction, however the cost of a complete street reconstruction is very costly. At this time the City cannot financially afford a comprehensive reconstruction project. A mill and cap project will give the street an overlay that will last an estimated 5 to 7 years before the road will need to be reconstructed. The mill and cap project is a temporary solution that will give the City time to look for funding and adequately plan for this project which also includes water, sewer, and storm mains along Main Street. Capping the street will also save on maintenance costs in maintaining a street that has deteriorated beyond normal repair.

## Need Assistance Fixing The Appearance of Your Home?

If you are interested in fixing

Dropping off Brush or leaves

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

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup will be for the month of October. Please do not pile leaves before or after October.

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

**City Hall Reconstruction**

As a result of sewer backups in City Hall, the basement is undergoing a reconstruction. Mid-Michigan Mechanical is currently completing the project, which will be finished by the end of the month. The Historical Society has been displaced during this time, but will move back into the basement upon its completion. For any questions, please contact City Offices at 589-8236.

**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.

**Woodworth PTO to Candidate Forum**

The Woodworth PTO will host a candidate forum on October 21, 2009 at the Woodworth Elementary Cafeteria. The Forum will be held at 7pm with County Commissioner Don Vickers as the moderator.

**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](http://www.census.gov).

**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

**Marketing Tool For Leslie Businesses**

If your business is located in the DDA district and you are interested in direct mailing, the DDA can help. The DDA has purchased marketing lists for the area that are available for use by businesses. If you have an interest in using this or other tools that may help your business, please call Brian Reed at 589-8236.

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>.

## 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.

## Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting, Sam's Physical Therapy, 3pm-6pm
- Homestead Savings Bank Annual Fall Picnic, October 17, 2009 11am to 2pm at Homestead Savings Bank
- Woodworth PTO Candidate Forum, October 21, 2009, 7pm at the Woodworth Elementary Cafeteria
- Leslie School District - State of the District Address, October 26, 7pm at Leslie High School Commons
- Donkey Basketball and Monster Mash, October 30, 2009
- Halloween, October 31, 2009 - Trick or Treat hours 5:30pm - 7pm
- Halloween party, October 31, 2009 - 7pm at Woodworth Elementary
- City Council Meeting, 7pm at City Hall, November 2, 2009
- Election, November 3, 2009, 7am-8pm
- Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, December 12, 2009, 7pm

### Contact Information

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