

City of Leslie

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Greetings!

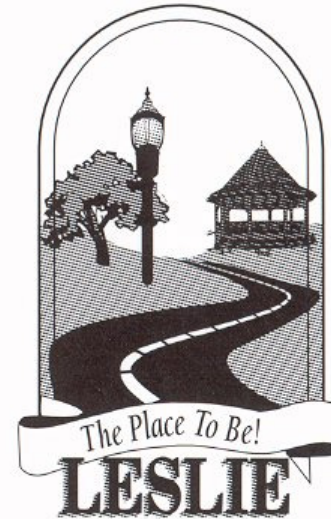
Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

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!



City Offices Will Be Closed in the Afternoon on Friday April 23.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please drop any payments into the drop box.

Leslie Spring Cleanup! - May 8th (8am-12pm)

The City of Leslie will sponsor a spring clean up on Saturday May 8, 2010 from 8am to 12pm. The City has contracted with Northwest Refuse to have open topped dumpsters and a compactor available. The dumpsters will be located on Commercial Drive in the public parking lot south of the Police Station.

This will be the weekend to clean out your garage and bring your larger throw away items!

Leslie Spring Clean Up Guidelines:

1. Event will be from 8am to 12pm, however will be first come first serve. The City has reserved a limited number of dumpsters, once those are full the event will be completed.
2. The Clean up day is for City Residents only. Please bring a valid ID.
3. The following items will not be allowed:
 - No liquids
 - No Hazardous materials
 - No Propane Tanks
 - No Tires

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- No Batteries
- No refrigerated appliances (air conditioners, refrigerators)

Dumpsters will be near the Leslie Recycling Center so please bring materials for recycling also. For questions, please contact Brian Reed at 589-8236.

Leslie Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor Community Wide Garage Sale

Join your neighbors in an area-wide weekend of yard/sidewalk/garage/etc. sales on Friday August 13 and Saturday August 14, 2010.

Provide information about your sale and we'll add you to the Garage Sale map. No permits required for city or township residents; just contact Marie Charnley at 589-5612 to register.

Advertising in local papers, Internet and maps will be paid for by the Leslie Area Chamber of Commerce. We hope to draw many people to the Leslie area that weekend so that everyone wins!

Leslie Historical Museum Now Open

The Leslie Historical Museum has reopened. The museum hours will be on Tuesdays from 12pm - 4pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The museum operated by the Leslie Historical Society was closed temporarily due to flooding. The museum is located in the basement of GAR Hall (107 E Bellevue). The museum will hold a grand reopening in the near future.

Volunteers Wanted for River Monitoring

Do you enjoy being outdoors or learning about the environment around you? If so, become a volunteer this spring for the Upper Grand River Adopt-A-Stream program. As a volunteer for Adopt-A-Stream, you will work in teams to collect samples from the river and identify the types of aquatic organisms that are found there. The living things we find in the water will help us track the health of the river over the long-term.

Volunteers do not need experience in water quality or bug identification-all training and equipment is provided. Children 12 and up are welcome to participate if accompanied by an adult. Volunteers can either wade in the river and collect samples, or stay on dry land and help sort samples and fill out paperwork.

We need volunteers for our Collection Day on Saturday, May 1st from 9 am to 1 pm. Volunteers must first attend one training session in order to participate in the program. The session will be held on Tuesday April 27th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Ingham Conservation District in Mason. Please contact Michelle Beloskur at 517-676-2290 for more information or to RSVP for the volunteer training.

East End Apartments

East End Apartments in Leslie currently has vacancies. East End Apartments serves low and moderate income residents including special needs or disabled. Currently there is a barrier free unit available along with other low and moderate income apartments. For more information, please contact East End Manager Teresa Brandt at 589-9568.

White Pine Academy To Sponsor 5K Run

White Pine Academy will sponsor a 5K run on September 19, 2010, beginning at 8am in Leslie. More details will follow soon.

Cemetery Bricks

The Woodlawn Cemetery is offering the opportunity to purchase personalized bricks for a brick walkway that will begin construction in the fall of 2010. The money raised from brick sales will be used to benefit a mapping project at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The project is expected to be dedicated during the 175th celebration of the settlement of Leslie (the weekend of September 23rd-25th of 2011). Order forms are available at City Offices, Township Offices, and the cemetery. A form will be available on the City's website soon. For any questions regarding the project, please contact Patti Wade or Sherry Feazel at the Leslie Township Hall 589-8201.

Shelly Motes
Jennifer Shuster

Leslie 175 Celebration

Did you know the Leslie area will celebrate its 175th birthday from its settlement in 2011? Make sure you reserve the weekend of September 23-25, 2011 for the festivities. Stay tuned for more details...

Zoning Board of Appeals Position Open

Interested in serving on the City's Zoning Board of Appeals? Send a letter of interest to City Offices at 106 E Bellevue St., POB 496, Leslie, MI 49251.

Planning Commission position open

Interested in serving on the City's Planning Commission? Send a letter of interest to City Offices at 106 E Bellevue St., POB 496, Leslie, MI 49251.

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

Leslie Library

The Leslie Library has several events happening. Please remember to support our Library by attending programs and events!

- Pre-School Story Time (ages 3-5) involves stories, songs, and crafts for pre-schoolers. Available on Tuesdays at 11am (April 27, May 4, and May 11)
- P.J. Story Time (ages 3-5) wear your pjs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to share special stories. Available Wednesday May 12, at 7pm.
- Adult Book Discussion - on Wednesday May 12, at 1:00pm there will be a discussion on *The Piano Teacher* by Janice Y. K. Lee.
- Remember When Group - Wednesday May 19 at 10am - The Depression and the Depression Glass.
- Sit 'n Knit Hugs for Hospice, Mondays from 6pm - 8pm. Knit or crochet projects for Heartland/Hospice patients. Volunteers always welcome. April and May.

For information on any Library events, please contact the Leslie Library at 589-9400.

Lions Club White Cane Drive

The Lions Club will hold its annual White Cane Drive on Saturday April 24, 2010 from 10am to 4pm. Lions Club members will be located at Felpausch and at the four corners (Bellevue and Main).

Leslie Public Schools On The Ballot August 3, 2010



The Non-Homestead 18-mill restoration and renewal will be on the ballot August 3, 2010. Additional details will be available soon.

Dollar General

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 6, 2010, the Leslie City Council approved of the Site Plan for the Dollar General to be located at 4457 Hull Road. The Site Plan was approved with the addition of a sidewalk along Race Street. The Leslie City Council approved the recommendations and conditions of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission. The Developer must also secure the appropriate permits from the County Drain Commissioner and the County Road Commission.

For more information, please contact Brian Reed at City Offices (589-8236).

Allegiance Health to sponsor Gus Macker in Leslie in 2010

Planning is underway for the 2010 Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. The Tournament is run by Pete Zamora and underwritten by the Downtown Development Authority. This year Allegiance Health has generously stepped in to be the major sponsor of this 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.

Brush Chipping

Brush chipping is now the 1st Monday of the month as needed. City residents are welcome to drop brush off at the DPW yard any time the rest of the month. The brush pile is at the far south end of the leaf compost pile. For questions, please contact Martha Owen at 589-5115.

City of Leslie Audit

The City's year end financial audit is available on-line by [clicking here](#). Once again, the City received a positive audit with all reporting conforming to generally accepted accounting principals. The City of Leslie per its Charter has an annual review of its finances completed by independent auditors.

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.shtm> 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>.



City Now on Facebook

The City of Leslie is now on Facebook. [Sign up](#) to be a

fan and receive updates on what is happening in the City.

Fences and Sheds in the City

Residents are reminded that they must fill out a zoning approval form before constructing fences or sheds. If the storage building is over 120 square feet it also requires a building permit. There is no charge for a storage building under 120 feet, however there is a \$30 charge for a fence permit.

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.



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.

Zamora Named to Legislative Governance Committee for the Michigan Municipal League

Councilman Pete Zamora will represent small municipalities on a committee with other elected council-members and City Managers from around the State. The committee reviews legislation and gives feedback on the impacts it will have on local municipalities.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- Lions Club White Cane Drive - April 24, 10am-4pm
- City Council Meeting - May 4, 2010, 7pm GAR Hall
- Leslie Spring Clean Up - May 8, 2010 8am to 12pm, Commercial Drive Parking lot South of Police Station

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