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Greetings!

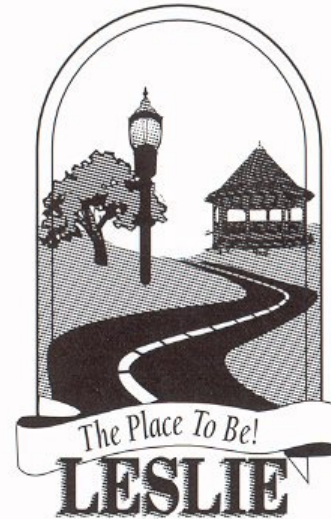
Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

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!



Special School Board Election Today



A special election to fill 2 vacancies will be held on Tuesday February 23, 2010. Please remember to vote. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm.



Denae Davenport

The City is pleased to announce that Denae Davenport has fulfilled all the requirements of the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Program of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) and has earned her CMC designation.

The CMC designation program is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in small and large municipalities. To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The program prepares the participants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the municipal clerks by providing them with quality education in partnership with 47 institutions of higher learning. The program has been in existence since 1970 and has helped thousands of clerks in various municipalities.



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The City of Leslie is now on Facebook. [Sign up](#) to be a fan and receive updates on what is happening in the City.

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.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

A reminder for businesses and residents in Leslie that it is your responsibility to remove the snow and ice from your sidewalks. The City scrapes and salts the streets and if time permitting will run our snow machine down the sidewalks. However, sometimes it is a day or two after a major snow when we are able to bring the sidewalk machine out. It is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner or business to ensure that your sidewalk is clear of snow and ice.

Dollar General

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on February 10th to discuss a variance request from Midwest DG Properties LLC C/O Westwind Construction, which is representing Dollar General. Dollar General would like to locate a store on 4457 Hull Road (currently occupied by Dave's Carwash). The ZBA voted to allow four variances including a setback requirement from Race Street, two setbacks to the East, and parking variances. All variances were contingent on Drain Commissioner approval, Site Plan approval, ADA parking requirements, and appropriate fencing or screening of dumpsters and HVAC units. The next step for Dollar General will be to present their site plan to the Leslie Planning Commission. No date has been set for this hearing.

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

Appropriations Funding Requests

The City of Leslie has aggressively pursued an Appropriations Grant (Earmark request) from our Federal Officials in Washington D.C. including Representative Mike Rogers, and Senators Levin and Stabenow. The City has applied for funding to reconstruct the Mill Street Bridge and for funding to upgrade its Waste Water Treatment Plant in order to meet new requirements handed down by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The City of Leslie is at a disadvantage for traditional funding streams, particularly for transportation, given its small population. We have expressed to our elected officials that small Cities like Leslie have critical infrastructure needs that will positively impact our economic development efforts.

You can help by contacting our officials below to tell them you support these projects in the City of Leslie.

[Congressman Mike Rogers](#)
[Senator Debbie Stabenow](#)
[Senator Carl Levin](#)

For more information, please contact Brian Reed at 589-8236.

White Pine Academy

White Pine Academy has held a series of Parent Cafes for parents interested in what is happening at White Pine. Additional sessions are scheduled for:

- Monday March 8, 2010 - Saxon Math Program Overview
- Monday March 22, 2010 - MEAP Results (if released)

Please stop in for coffee and conversation.

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 looking for volunteers. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, or have any volunteering ideas please

Reed Named to Municipal Services Committee for the Michigan Municipal League

Brian Reed, Leslie City Manager, will represent small municipalities on a committee with other City Managers and elected council-members from around the State. The committee reviews legislation and gives feedback on the impacts it will have on local municipalities.

contact Brian Reed (589-8236) or Martha Owen at (589-5115).



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.

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>.

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.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- Special School Board Election - February 23, 2010. 7am-8pm
- City Planning Commission - February 24, 2010, 6pm, GAR Hall
- City Council Meeting - March 2, 2010, 7pm, GAR Hall

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