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Greetings!

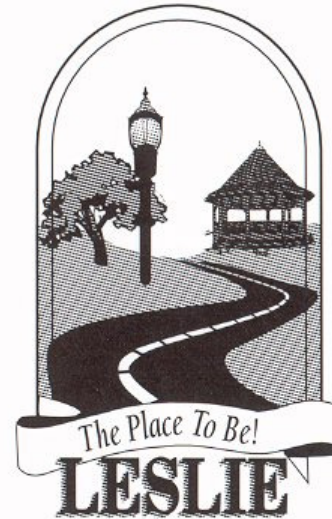
Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

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!



Pool Opening

The City of Leslie is working on opening the pool very soon. However, due to some water line problems it may not be ready by June 11th (last day of school). Please visit our Facebook page for updates on when the pool will officially open. Thank you for your patience.



Neu Attains Certification as a Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer.

The Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association started a certification program for Municipal Treasurers. Cheryl Neu met the requirements and was awarded her certification as a Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer on May 21, 2010. Neu graduated from the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Institute in 1998.

Neu had already obtained her certification as a Certified Municipal Finance Administrator (CPFA) in 2000. The CPFA is a National certification program through the

Association of Public Treasurers United States and Canada. Neu serves as the Finance Director and Treasurer for the City of Leslie.

Absentee Ballots Now Available

Message



Memorial Day

We remember all our service men and women who gave their life to serve our country.

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City Council

Please be notified that Absent Voter Applications for the upcoming Election to be held Tuesday, August 3, 2010 are now available at Leslie City offices during regular business hours. Phone (517)589-8236.

Following are qualifications, one of which must be met as an Absent Voter:

- I am 60 years of age or older.
- I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open.
- I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
- I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

For more information please call Leslie City Clerk, Denae Davenport at 517-589-8236.

Free Showing of the "Dirt! The Movie"

The Ingham Conservation District is hosting a free showing of "Dirt! The Movie" on June 10th at 7pm at the Leslie First Baptist Church. Come enjoy this powerful, uplifting and educational movie that explores the relationship between humans and dirt over time. This movie has been shown on PBS and is narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis.

Learn more about how we can protect, conserve and restore this important resource. RSVP to Michelle at 676-2290 by June 8th.

Leslie Library Happenings (June and July)

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

- **Leslie Cooperative Gardening**
Tuesday, June 8 @ Leslie Library 6:15 pm
Learn about the LCG, a small, organic membership garden that is dedicated to the idea that gardening as a community and eating local, seasonal food encourages one to stay in touch with the Earth.
- **Adult Book Discussion**
Wednesday, June 9, 1:00 pm - Shelter Me by Juliette Fay

Wednesday, July 14 @ 1:00 pm - Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- **Summer Reading Sign Up for Children and Teens**
Friday, June 11
Splash into Reading! Register as soon as school gets out to start earning your summer reading prizes.
- **SRP Kickoff Program**
Tuesday, June 22 @ Woodworth Elementary Cafeteria
1:00 pm
Crafts, games and activities to help you Splash into Summer Reading.
Ages 3 and up.
- **Rope Making**
Friday, June 25 @ 1:00 pm
Turn twine into rope. Registration suggested.
Ages 12 and up.
- **Acting Up Theatre Company**
Tuesday, June 29 @ Woodworth Elementary Cafeteria
1:00 pm
All ages welcome.
- **Classroom Critters**
Tuesday, July 13 @ Woodworth Elementary Cafeteria
Shows at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm
MUST REGISTER - Program Size Limited
- **Make a Hammock**
Thursday, July 8 & 22 @ Leslie Library
3:00 pm.
Ages 12 and up.

Mayor:
Ron Schmit
Mayor Pro-Tem:
Randy Fox

Council:
Pam Beegle
D.K. Beyer
Pete Zamora
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

Learn to use a fisherman's needle and knot-tying techniques to create a loose-woven hammock.

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

City to Partner with United States Tennis Association (USTA) and Leslie Public Schools to Develop Youth Tennis in Leslie

The City of Leslie is working to develop a youth tennis program for the summer. The program would target 7-10 year olds. Eventually the hope would be to expand the age group. The City would work with Leslie Public Schools to use existing tennis courts.

"Tennis is an activity that people can play for their entire lives," said Sue Selke, Midwest Tennis Service Representative for the USTA, "this program will give kids an opportunity to learn this game and develop their skills." Selke was part of a team of tennis coaches and parents who presented the idea to the Leslie Parks and Recreation Committee on April 26, 2010.

"I think it is a wonderful idea and will give youths another activity during the summer. It is important that we give kids something to do during their day," said Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson Pete Zamora. "We will start with ages 7-10, but if we are successful we will expand it to all age groups."

Currently the City is looking for people interested in teaching sessions this summer. It is expected that each session will be twice a week for two weeks. Sessions may be expanded based on demand. Instructors would be paid through participant dues and based on experience. Instructors would get training materials from the USTA. If you are interested in becoming an instructor please contact the City of Leslie at 589-8236.

If you are interested in signing your child up for this summer, you may also call 589-8236. Sessions will begin June 22, 2010.

Downtown Planters

The City of Leslie is fortunate to have donors and volunteers to help maintain the downtown planters. Blossoms Etc. has planted and maintains the planters. Joel A. Van Douser and Paul Ghinelli of American Electrical Contractors and Fabinelli's (two of our new downtown businesses) have graciously donated the red mulch and is working on filling each of the downtown planters. If you get a chance to stop into one of these businesses, please thank them for making the downtown look good.

Trash Burning Within City Limits is Prohibited

Residents are reminded that burning refuse, trash, rubbish, animal waste or garbage on any lot or parcel of ground within the city limits is strictly prohibited. You may report any burning to City Offices or the Leslie Fire Department.

Crossing Guards Needed

Currently there are three crossing guards every school day that assist children crossing busy intersections. Next year, we will need new crossing guards to fill vacancies from retirement and for substitutes. If you are interested, please contact Chief Bob Delamarter for more information at 589-9700.

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!

East End Apartments

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>.

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.

Dollar General

Construction on the new Dollar General will begin in the next couple of weeks.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

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

- City Council Meeting - June 1, 7pm GAR Hall
- Pool Opening - To be determined
- Softball Tournament and Street Dance July 17th
- Gus Macker Tournament - Weekend of July 24th
- Grace Lutheran 5K, 9am, July 31, 2010
- Community Wide Garage Sale- August 13-14th
- White Pine 5K - September 19th, 2010

Contact Information

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[Denaé Davenport](#) - City Clerk

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