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# NEWSLETTER

# FIRST QUARTER 2024

## What's Happening in OUR Township...

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The 2024-2025 Budget and GAA has been approved at our special meeting on March 27, 2024. Your Board of Trustees has been working hard to make sure we have a sound and balanced budget. We are listening to our residents. If you have any questions or need more information, please stop by the Hall (back door please) or call anyone of the board members. Highlights to mention: we saved over \$20,000 from Landfill costs; solid waste came in under budget; Hall received some updates with paint in the Hall side; Firehall is getting a new roof, insulation/siding; DPW storage building for staff to work and store equipment needed to take care of the township buildings and grounds; we have lowered the LU fees for city water from Water District 1. Our Park is getting updates through a Grant from our Grant committee of \$650,000 and other funds to add additional equipment to our park. Park is open. Splash pad will open Memorial Weekend through Labor Day. DPW staff is hard at working getting the lawns ready and trimming branches. Our next regular meeting is May 13th at 7pm.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATION

As winter wraps up and building construction begins, property owners are reminded that site plans are required by the Zoning Ordinances. Those site plan applications along with other forms are available at the township hall or on our website at: [www.leetownship.org/forms-and-permits](http://www.leetownship.org/forms-and-permits). Russell Babcock, the Zoning Administrator, can be reached at (989) 832-2874 (Ext. 5) if there are any questions.



**Reminder: Lee Twp Park will be closed May 4 and May 5 for spring cleanup work.**

### TIRE DRIVE:

Saturday, June 8th  
Lee Twp Tire Drive  
8am-Noon  
Lee Twp Refuse & Recycle Center.  
Please have your "dump" card with you. First two tires free, and up to eight more at \$3 per tire. \$4 with a rim.



### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is seeking feedback from the community on whether licensed Marijuana Dispensaries should be permitted as a special use in Lee Township. The Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm and would welcome any comments regarding this subject during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.



### Current List of Upcoming Elections:

- May 7th, 2024 Midland Public Schools Special Election
- Aug 6th, 2024 Michigan Primary Election
- Nov 5th, 2024 General Election

For more information call the Hall or <https://midlandcountymi.gov/clerk-elections>



Have you heard the Park is getting updated? We are working on a two-year project including another Pavilion, Playscape, Zipline, We Go Swing, Multi-purpose court, volleyball covered benches and more!!!! More information to come. Projects starting soon this Spring. Some areas will need to be closed off.

Lee Township Board:  
[theboard@leetownship.org](mailto:theboard@leetownship.org)  
Supervisor Doug Kruger  
Clerk Laura Dawson  
Treasurer Heidi Pitt  
Trustee Mark List  
Trustee Debra Reiber  
Deputy Supervisor Jasna Appell  
Deputy Clerk Marie Hickerson  
Deputy Treasurer Lynn Lueder  
989-832-2874 (ext 1, 2, 3,)

State and Local Representatives:  
State Representative Dan Kildee  
State Representative Bill Schuette  
State Senator Roger Hauck  
State Senator Gary Peters  
State Senator Debbie Stabenow  
Commissioner Steven Glaser  
County Clerk Ann Manary  
County Treasurer Catherine Lunsford  
County Attorney J. Dee Brooks  
Drain Commissioner Joseph Sova  
County Sheriff Myron Greene

**REFUSE & RECYCLE CENTER**  
**OPEN - TUESDAYS 5-8PM & SATURDAYS 8AM-NOON.**  
For all your recycling, trash, metal, bottle return, and a repurpose area for gently used items (no clothes). Lee Township has a HYBRID version for your trash disposal needs. While we have curbside services, we also have the added benefit of taking your trash, recycling, metal repurpose items (used furniture appliances) large items and general trash. We also have a bin for bottle and can returnable (donation) used for items at our park. Large bin for cardboard and general recycling bin. Please bring your "dump" card with you. Our Refuse & Recycle Center is open on Tuesday 5pm-8pm and on Saturday 8am-Noon. Repurpose items are FREE



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**Lee Township Fire Department:  
Thank you for all your service!**

Lee Township Fire Department is looking for a few good men and women who like a challenge and wish to serve their community. We provide fire and rescue services to both Lee and Greendale Townships. If accepted into our department, you will be provided firefighter training, as well as medical first responder training. Initial training is arduous, and applicants must be in good physical condition as well as possessing good reading communication skills. Prior Military firefighter training or firefighter training from other states may qualify you. These are compensated on call positions with benefits, including pension and life insurance. You will be expected to attend on-going training a minimum of once per month and make as many emergency responses as possible. For further information, contact Lee Twp Hall, 1485 W Olson Rd, Midland. Or call for more information 989-832-2874.

**For a burn permit: [www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit) or by calling 866-922-BURN (866-922-2876)**

## OTHER NEWS



Spring is here, time to look at yards! Lee Township does have a Blight Ordinance. There will be letters going out to remind our residents of our ordinance and offer information and potential help to clean up. Everyone has their own idea of what is blight. We are talking specifically about "trash and too many vehicles" If you need information or help in cleaning up, please let us know. Stop by the Hall (back door please) M-F from 9 am-1 pm. Remember Refuse Center is open Tues 5-8 pm and Sat 8am-Noon.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Refuse & Recycle Center Cards are required at the Center for any services. Please make sure you have the card present to show at the Refuse & Recycle Center. One per household.
- Residents need to apply for Disabled Veterans Exemptions & Hardship Applications every year. These can be found on our Lee Twp Website or stop by the Hall for copies.
- Columbarium Niches are available for \$250 each and Cemetery Plots 5 for \$2,000 or 1 for \$500, contact the Clerk at Lee Twp Hall for more information. If you have a cemetery plot or columbarium niche, we can add the names, so it is recorded for future needs. We can make copies of Deeds or Documents for the Cemetery as well.
- How much does it cost to rent the Hall? Our hall seats 200 people, with a choice of round tables or rectangle tables, has a full kitchen, double ovens, lots of supplies, and looks beautiful when decorated for a special event. Rental is \$200 and a deposit of \$50 or with Visual Aids a \$150 deposit. The application and calendar are on our website.

*SOUTH ENTRANCE (BACK DOOR) TO THE TOWNSHIP HALL IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 9AM - 3PM.  
SOME EXCEPTIONS ARE FOR HOLIDAYS AND/OR TRAINING. CALL THE HALL AT 989-832-2874 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND DETAILS.*