

Leighton Township Links

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Summer 2011 Tax Payments

Payment must be received in our office on or before September 14, 2011. We cannot accept postmarks!

- Payment Options: Payments may be made at 4475 Kalamazoo Dr. on Tues.-Thurs. from 9:00—4:00.
- Include the bottom portion with your payment.
- A mail slot is available for payments 24 hours a day in the inside door at the township hall.
- We strongly encourage payment by check or money order in lieu of cash.
- You can now sign up for ACH payments—check at our website or at the township hall for information.
- Change in ownership/ mailing address: If you receive a bill for a property that you no longer own, kindly pass it on to the new owner, if possible, or return it to us so that we may redirect it.
- **I will be in the office on: September 14 from 9-5 to collect your taxes.**

For a receipt by mail, enclose both the top and bottom portions of the bill with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The top portion of your bill can be your receipt for your records.

Farmers Market

We are excited to offer the residents of Leighton Township an opportunity to buy or sell items at our Summer Farmers Market.



We are offering space at no charge at the township hall for individuals who would like to sell produce, plants, baked goods, craft items, etc. Buyers will reap the benefits of freshly-picked fruits and vegetables, as well as hand made items. The opening date is scheduled for July 14 and will run every Thursday into the fall.

Hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. We are hoping that this will be a valuable and healthy resource for our community and will look at expanding it next year if it is successful. If you are interested in participating or have other suggestions, please call the office at 891-8238 for more information.



Recycle News

2011 began with a new curbside recycling hauler. Bob's Disposal has been at work here in Leighton Township for a few months now and we know that you have probably noticed a huge improvement in the service that is provided. We are very happy with Bob's and hope that, if you have not tried the new service, you will call us soon to get signed up.

The Moline Softball Association

announces that it will be holding the 2011 Class C and Class E Men's Fast-pitch State Final Tournaments right here in Moline this summer. The Class C will be held on July 22 & 23 and the Class E will be held on August 12 & 13. Admission is Free. Come out and catch some great fast-pitch softball.



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Fire Safety Facts

Every 3 hours, someone in the United States dies in a house fire. Every 32 minutes, someone is injured in one. Studies show that those most at risk of dying in a fire are our most fragile: children under 5 and elderly Americans over 85. Fire deaths and injuries are one of the biggest causes of loss in our country, and they're also one of the most preventable. By following some basic rules, you can make sure your family doesn't become a statistic.

- Install Smoke Detectors
- Practice Your Escape
- Cook Carefully
- Check Heating and Cooling Appliances
- Check Out Plugs
- Watch Your Ashes
- Play It Safe
- Check out www.eHow.com for complete details.

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Census

The Census numbers are in and Leighton Township experienced a huge increase during the last decade. In 2000, the population was 3652 and increased to 4934 in 2010 - an increase of 1282 people or 35.1%. Much of the increase occurred because of the development of the communities of Harvest Meadows near Moline and Green Lake Ridge in Caledonia. Leighton Township continues to be a desirable place to live with its rich agricultural history and awesome natural beauty.

Leighton Township Library News

Spring 2011

Greetings from the Library!

Many exciting things have happened at the library over the past six months...

- * **CHILDREN:** we have added a second early literacy computer station, a magnetic wall, new early literacy games, toys, and activities, and many new books and DVDs.
- * **SCHOOL AGE:** we have been working hard to update the collection: replacing many worn out classics and adding lots of hot new titles. We have also added a basket of fun activities and games that school age children may enjoy.
- * **TEENS:** we have added comfortable new seating, great new books, and some fun games geared towards teens.
- * **ADULTS:** we now have beautiful display shelving purchased by the Friends of the Library which showcases all the wonderful new bestsellers and other interesting titles that have been purchased. We have comfortable new reading chairs for you to use when you come in to read or use your laptop. Even our DVD area is brighter with new track lighting and lots of new popular and classic titles.

We have had some very successful programs over the past few months – Storytime with Miss Karen drew large crowds for the Paws with a Cause visit and the Fire Truck visit, Kids Connection afterschool and our Tween Programs with Deb have been growing in numbers. We invited everyone to a trip around the world as we hosted Sailing Faith author Gregg Granger, who gave a very interesting talk about his trip around the world with his family on a sailboat.

I encourage you to come see what's happening at the library soon if you haven't been in lately. Now is a great time to sign up for a library card if you don't already have one, and take advantage of all the free books, movies, and computer access we have to offer. If you do already have a library card, we are having an Email Notification Blitz. You can sign up at the library for email notification for holds and overdues and you will receive \$5 credit against fines and \$1 credit to use for purchase of one of our used books.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SUMMER READING CLUB 2011

- This year's themes are:
- * **One World Many Stories (kids)**
 - * **You Are Here (teens)**

Kickoff Carnival is on June 11 at 11 AM!
Fun activities, Free Balloon Animals, and lots of Prizes!
Sign up for Summer Reading Club begins June 11.

Come in to the library for a full program calendar. Our FREE programs will include: Saturday Safaris, Storytimes, Laptimes, Teen and Tween programs, a Cool Science Summer Camp, and a John Ball Zoo visit! Win great prizes when you participate in Summer Reading Club!

Sincerely,
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Summer Reading Club Kickoff Carnival

June 11 at 11 AM

