

Leighton Township Links

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Summer 2010 Tax Payments

Payment must be received in our office by September 14, 2010.
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.
- I am checking into credit card payment options. Are you interested? Please let me know.
- 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.

Direct Withdrawal for funds for tax payments

If you are interested in using or have questions concerning direct withdrawal from your bank for tax payments, please contact Char Troost by stopping in at the office at 4475 Kalamazoo Dr., calling 616-891-8238, or by email at: treasurer@leightontownship.org You can also find the form for direct withdrawals on our website Leightontownship.org in the tax tab.



A FIRE FACT from the Fire Chief

Recent fires in the township have brought to light the fact that some people do not have proper insurance coverage. Fire Chief Van Putten advises that you review your homeowners' policy to make sure you have the protection you want and need.

Street Lights Out Notice

If you ever notice that a street light is out in Leighton Township, please call the office at 616 891-8238.

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THANK YOU'S

Thank you to **Steve Deer and friends** for putting out the buoys at the Green Lake park.

Also, thank you to the **Boy Scout Troop 97** for the work that they did putting out the flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

2010 Election Dates

August 3 - Primary Election
November 2 - General Election
Absentee ballots are available by contacting the clerk at 616-891-8238.

All elections are held at the Leighton United Methodist Church, 4180 2nd Street.



ADVERTISE HERE

Would you like to advertise your business in our Newsletter? Beginning in December, we will offer advertising space in our Leighton Township Links Newsletter. Contact the township at 891-8238 if you are interested in availability, ad size and pricing. Deadline for the December issue is November 1, 2010.

Your Local Government

Leighton Township Directory
4475 Kalamazoo Dr., Caledonia, MI 49316
Phone: 891-8238 Fax: 891-2143
Office Hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM -4:00 PM
We are closed on Monday and Fridays. The Treasurer will be in the office for your tax payment on September 14 from 9-5.

Leighton Township Board

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Supervisor—Kevin DeKam, Cell 890-8634
E-mail: Supervisor@Leightontownship.org
Clerk— Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis, Home 877-4340
E-mail: clerk@Leightontownship.org
Treasurer — Char Troost, Home 877-4019
E-mail: Treasurer@Leightontownship.org
Trustee — Brian Martin, Home 877-4514
Trustee — John Hooker, Home (269)792-2525

Assessor—Laura Stob—891-8238

Zoning Permits & Building Inspector

For all zoning & building questions call:
PCI - 616-877-2000

Planning Commission

Scheduled the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM, but occasionally cancels.
Al Zuidema, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed

David Wright, Chairman

Township Deputies

John Paul Damveld Randy Beute

Fire Chief

Dave Van Putten

Deputy Chief

Tony Banas

Sexton—Johnny and Jill Hooker (269)792-2525

Green Lake Sewer—Char Troost 616 891-8238.

Door/Leighton Sewer—Janice Saunders
616 681-9874

Leighton Township Library — 877-4143
Joanne Campbell-President

Allegan County Offices

Road Commission —269-673-2184
County Clerk — 269-673-0450
County Treasurer — 269-673-0260
Drain Commissioner - 269-673-0440
Health Department — 269-673-5411
Resource Recovery — 269-673-5411
Sheriff Department — Emergency —911
General Information —269-673-0500
Animal Control — 269-673-0519

Allegan County Commissioner

Mark De Young - 269-681-9413

Burn Permits

Can be obtained by calling the Allegan County Burn Permit Line at (269) 686-5222. Permits to burn brush must be obtained on the day the material is to be burned. Be prepared with your name, address, and phone number.

State Legislative Officials

88th District Rep. — Bob Genetski—
Phone: 866-743-3659 Fax: 517-373-8728
24th District Sen. Patty Birkholz -
Phone: 517-373-3447 Fax: 517-373-5849

DIDN'T GET A CENSUS FORM?

It's not too late to be counted. You can call the Questionnaire Assistance line at 1-866-872-6868 and give your answers over the phone.

Census workers may need to visit your household to update the Census Bureau's address list, deliver a questionnaire or ask you to complete the Questionnaire face to face. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name. You may also ask them for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity. In addition, some census workers might carry a U.S. Census workers bag. If you are still uncertain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Center at 313-396-5200 to confirm that they are employed by the Census Bureau.

Library News

Sharon at Leighton Township Library



Michigan's cutbacks in library funding are once again impacting our services and Lakeland Library Cooperative and its libraries are facing a \$500,000 reduction in state aid. Because of this, the local libraries have had to cut back some services. Starting on June 28, non-print materials (DVD's CD's, audio-books) will not be delivered from other Lakeland Libraries. Also, new books (usually books are considered new until they have been in the collection for about six months) will not be delivered from other Lakeland Libraries These materials are still available to you to check out from other member libraries that you visit. Another change is that all books placed on hold and received from another library must be picked up at your home library. What is your home library? If you live and pay taxes in Leighton Township, then your home library is the Leighton Township Library. We are all working with cutbacks, but we will, as always, work to give you great service and a fabulous library. Stop in to find out ways you can help.

Leighton Curbside 2010 Collection Dates

Jan 8, 22
Feb 5, 19
March 5, 19
April 2, 16, 30
May 14, 28
June 11, 25
July 9, 23
August 6, 20
Sept 3, 17
Oct 1, 15, 29
Nov 12, 27*
Dec 10, 24
*Due to holiday

Recycle Update

By now you should all be using your blue or green recycle bins. Bags will no longer be accepted at the Recycling Center. You may also use whatever similarly sized bins that you have at home as additional containers. Be sure to label them "Recycle-Save" so it won't be recycled. In order to be sure that your material is picked up, place your recyclables at the street on the Thursday night prior to pick up. All questions or problems should be addressed to Ben Williams at Allegan County Resource Recovery at 269-673-5411 or email Ben at: bwilliams@allegancounty.org.

Paper Recycling

Did you know that you can take all household paper (not cardboard) to a local organization that provides a green **PAPER GATOR**. Local churches and schools receive money for the materials collected. Green Lake Calvary Church, Moline Christian School and Moline Baptist Church participate in the program locally. Check with other organizations to see if they also provide the service.

PAPER GATOR

What does the bin look like?

