



# Newsletter

## May 2012

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### Township Calendar

Board of Trustees.....	May 7 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	May 8 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	May 14 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	May 21 – 7:30 p.m.
Memorial Day.....	May 28 – Closed
4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kite Festival...	June 2 – 10:00 a.m.
Board of Trustees.....	June 4 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	June 11 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	June 12 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	June 18 – 7:30 p.m.

### ***All meetings are held at:***

**Lyon Township**  
**58000 Grand River Avenue**  
**New Hudson, MI 48165**  
**Phone: 248-437-2240**  
**Fax: 248-437-2336**

<http://www.lyontwp.org>



### Supervisor's Office

**Lannie Young,**  
Township Supervisor

When traveling around the Township, whether on your way to work, the grocery store or taking the kids to school, it's hard not to notice the increase of home construction activity. As a matter of fact, Lyon Township leads Oakland County in new home construction. This building boom is unlike anything we have seen before, and I believe it is an indicator of great things to come for our community.

The past three years have been a very difficult time for families and most municipalities. We have had to make many adjustments to operate the Township with less money during this period of economic decline while maintaining the services necessary for our residents. We are beginning to see a positive turn in development activity. Land and housing prices are on the rise as we see an increase of about 11 million dollars in the value of properties across the Township during 2011. I expect a slow economic improvement in Oakland County through at least 2014, and Lyon Township is positioned to lead the way.

We have created a number of initiatives to bring new businesses and jobs into Lyon Township. The focus is on the Milford Road/Grand River area for retail and the Grand River corridor from Milford to Napier for research office and manufacturing development.

We believe the commercial and industrial growth of this area will provide the tax base we need to carry us into the next decade. We address questions on a weekly basis from new developers, potential residents and the news media as to why Lyon Township is continuing

to see record growth while many other communities are still stagnant or depressed. I believe families are choosing Lyon Township for its well-planned neighborhoods and subdivisions, not to mention the abundance of natural and recreational amenities, including Kensington Metro and Lyon Oaks parks, the Huron Valley Trail, and James F. Atchison Memorial Park, our signature community park.

Families are also drawn to the two exemplary school districts, South Lyon Community Schools and Northville Public Schools, which provide students with excellent education through accredited elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as exceptional educational resources and the most advanced technology available.

While we welcome the development activity that we are experiencing, we never want to lose our small town appeal. We take pride in the fact that when you call the Lyon Township Hall, you can still talk to a real person, not an automated phone system. Throughout this growth, our goal remains constant: provide residents and businesses alike with the security of a small town atmosphere while offering the advantages of leading-edge resources.



## Clerk's Office

**Michele Cash,**  
Township Clerk

Greetings from the Clerk's Office!

We have a lot of exciting things happening this year, including two more elections coming up. The August Primary Election is Tuesday, August 7, 2012 and the November General Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The hours to vote are 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you need an absentee ballot, please contact my office at 248-437-2240 for an absentee voter application to be mailed to you. They are also on our website at <http://www.lyontwp.org>. Go to Resources, then Applications, and select the Absentee Ballot Request. We are expecting our ballots to arrive by July 2, 2012 for the August Primary Election.

The last day to register to vote in the August Primary is July 9, 2012. If you would like to register to vote, please come to our office Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For any high school students who will be 18 years of age on or before August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be in the cafeterias at South Lyon High School on May 8<sup>th</sup> and South Lyon East High School on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to register them to vote. Please bring your driver's license or a valid picture ID to register to vote. Registering in person lets you get an absentee ballot once you are away at college.

Lyon Township has grown from 11,041 residents to 14,545, per the 2010 Census. We issued the most single-family residential building permits in Oakland County in 2011. We currently have 10,651 registered voters in the Township. Due to all the growth we are experiencing, we have outgrown our 4 voting precincts and are increasing to 6. We have added Lyon Township Fire Station #1 on Grand River Avenue as precinct #5 and Sarah J. Hardy Elementary School on Collingswood as precinct #6. We are currently working with the State to get these precinct splits done and all residents notified for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Keep an eye out for a new voter ID card with details on new precinct locations once redistricting is completed.

If anyone is interested in working as a Precinct Election Inspector, please visit our website at <http://www.lyontwp.org> for an application. There will be two required trainings in July prior to the August 7<sup>th</sup> Election. The hours on Election Day are 6:00 a.m. until all duties are completed on Election Night after the polls close.



## Treasurer's Office

**Patricia D. Carcone,**  
Township Treasurer

Greetings from the Treasurer's Office!

Another tax season is approaching, and we want to remind taxpayers that there are several ways to pay your taxes:

- The mail through the United States Postal Service.
- Online with <http://www.paylocaltaxes.com> (there is a fee associated with this, which goes to Oakland County).
- Drop box (located in the circle drive at Lyon Township Hall). A brand new drop box has been installed just in time for tax season.
- Coming in to see Cathy, Deby, or me with your payment!

Summer tax bills will be going out on July 1, 2012 and are due by September 14, 2012 without penalty or interest. Winter tax bills will be going out on December 1, 2012 and are due by February 14, 2013 without penalty or interest. If there are any changes in your mailing address, mortgage company, or ownership, please contact the Treasurer's Office immediately at 248-437-2240 to ensure proper delivery of your tax bill.

For your information, Oakland County holds two tax sales each year on foreclosed properties, one in August and one in October. For specific dates of these sales, please check their website at <http://www.oakgov.com>.

If you have recently purchased property or a new home in Lyon Township, the State requires you to file either or both a PRE (Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit) or a Property Transfer Affidavit. These affidavits must be filed with the Treasurer's Office at the Lyon Township Hall.

Michigan state law requires all dogs to have rabies vaccinations and to be licensed in your County of residence. For your convenience, Lyon Township happily sells Oakland County dog licenses. All proceeds from your license fee, except for \$1.00, are sent to Oakland County Animal Control. Starting June 2, 2012, dog licenses are delinquent, and you will be charged \$30.00. After June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oakland County Animal Control will be out in our township to check if dogs are licensed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Treasurer's Office at 248-437-2240 during business hours. Cathy, Deby, or I will be happy to help you.

## Township Trustees



**John Dolan**



**Steve Fletcher**



**Brent Hemker**



**John Hicks**

According to the 2010 United States Census, Lyon Township has grown by 32% over the past 10 years. The official population count showed us at 14,545 people. In 2011, we issued 206 single-family residential building permits. That was a record for us! So far in 2012, we are ahead of last year's pace.

The government says the average household has 2.6 people, so if we multiply that by the number of building permits since the census, we are well on our way to 16,000 residents.

This rapid growth presents us with good news as well as challenges. The good news is that growth should put more revenue into the Township, both in taxes and increased support for our local businesses.

The challenges for us are how to respond to the increased demand on our public services and more traffic while maintaining our semi-rural atmosphere and low tax rate that residents enjoy.

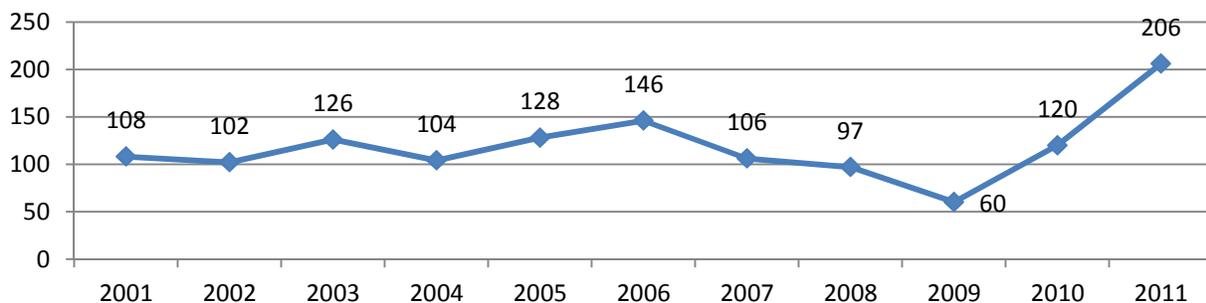
Increased traffic is a big challenge! As a township, we are totally dependent upon the Road Commission for Oakland County (<http://www.rcocweb.org>) for road building and maintenance.

Fire protection, of course, is one of the services we provide. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we took delivery of a new fire engine that was acquired with a \$300,000 Homeland Security grant. We received an additional grant for new style extraction equipment for the new engine.

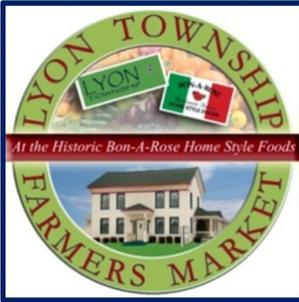


We are coming out of the slump we have been in for a few years and are optimistic about our future!

### Building Permits Issued for New Single-Family Residential Homes (2001 - 2011)



## Lyon Township Farmers' Market



The Lyon Township DDA has partnered with Bon-A-Rose Home Style Foods to establish a Farmers' Market and promote activity in downtown New Hudson. The new Lyon Township Farmers' Market will offer a wide variety of fresh produce, including locally grown and organic options, all natural meats, eggs, and baked goods. This new Farmers' Market will also feature vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free products. In addition to these edible offerings, there will be a selection of handcrafted soaps, candles, organic skin care, jewelry, and more by local artisans.

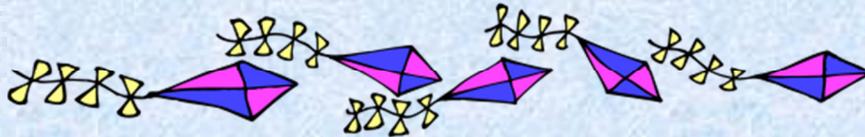
While visiting the Lyon Township Farmers' Market, guests are welcome to check out the historic 19<sup>th</sup> century house which is home to the Bon-A-Rose Foods, Country Store, and banquet facility.

**The Lyon Township Farmers' Market is scheduled to open on Friday, June 1, 2012.** Regular hours will be 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Friday from June 1 to October 12, 2012.

For more information, please contact:

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248-437-2240



## Lyon Township Kite Festival

It's up, up, and away! Kites of all shapes and sizes will fill the air on June 2, 2012. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lyon Township Kite Festival will kick-off at 10:00 a.m. at James F. Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, Michigan.

This fun-filled family event is free to the public and features kite flying of all types and for all ages. Free kite kits will be available for children to decorate and assemble. There will be plenty of food and beverage vendors on hand, along with inflatable moonwalks and entertainment venues for young and old alike.

The hours of the Lyon Township Kite Festival are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Parking and admission are free.

The Lyon Township Kite Festival is made possible through the generous support of our local business community and a group of highly dedicated and motivated volunteers. For more information, please contact Kite Festival Chairman Jim Chuck at 248-437-2240. You can also visit the Kite Festival page at our website: <http://www.lyontwp.org/kite>.



## Literacy 5K Run/Walk



Registration is open for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Literacy 5K Run/Walk and Dewey Decimal ½ Mile. The run/walk will be held on **Saturday, July 14, 2012** at South Lyon East High School (52200 Ten Mile Road, South Lyon). You can register from now until the day of the run/walk, but pre-registration is encouraged. The lowest registration rates are available through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and pre-registration also guarantees a t-shirt.

This event supports the Lyon Township Public Library and the South Lyon/South Lyon East Girls Cross Country Teams.

For more information, please visit:

<http://lyon.lib.mi.us/index.php/events/literacey-run>



## Hazardous Waste Disposal

Lyon Township has once again partnered The Recycling Authority (RRASOC) to allow Township residents to participate in RRASOC's Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Events. You must show photo identification to verify that you are a Lyon Township resident. Two events were held in April in Wixom and Southfield, but there are still three more events scheduled for this year.

- **OCC Orchard Ridge Campus**  
27055 Orchard Lake Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
May 5, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **Novi Civic Center**  
45175 West 10 Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48375  
October 6, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **RRRASOC MRF**  
20000 West 8 Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075  
October 20, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To verify dates and times, please visit:

<http://www.rrrasoc.org/RRRASOC/HazWaste.html>

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**Need more recycling options?**

<http://www.recyclechicken.com>

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Facebook and Twitter!



<http://www.facebook.com/lyontwp>



<http://www.twitter.com/lyontwp>