



# Newsletter

## March 2013

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### Township Calendar

Board of Trustees.....	March 4 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	March 11 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	March 12 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	March 25 – 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday.....	March 29 – Closed
Board of Trustees.....	April 1 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	April 8 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	April 9 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	April 15 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	April 29 – 7:00 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>

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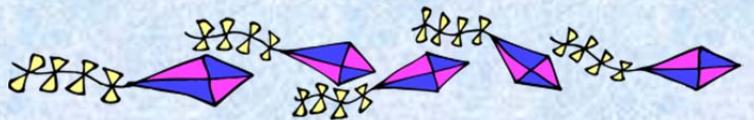


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<http://www.twitter.com/lyontwp>

## Lyon Township Kite Festival



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lyon Township Kite Festival will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at James F. Atchison Memorial Park (58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson). The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free, and there will be free kite kits available for children.

Although the kites are the main attraction, there are always many other activities going on at the festival. Past activities have included a parade, face painting, a caricature artist, a petting zoo, a pulled pork cook-off, radio control boat races, inflatable moonwalks, a magician, an Elvis impersonator, jump rope making, and karate demonstrations. Many assorted food and beverage items will also be available for purchase.

We will be posting details about this year's festival on the Kite Festival page on our website: <http://www.lyontwp.org/kite>. We hope you will join us for a day of family fun!



2012 Kite Festival (photo by Jane and Jack Purslow)

## Kite Festival Volunteers

The Lyon Township Kite Festival wouldn't be possible without our many fantastic volunteers. Anyone who is interested in volunteering is invited to attend the Kite Festival Planning Committee meetings.

- Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Pendleton Park Apartments Clubhouse (57715 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson). If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Kite Festival Chairman Jim Chuck by email at [jimmychuck@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmychuck@hotmail.com) or by calling 734-658-4657.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available!



*Kite Festival Chairman Jim Chuck*

## Board of Review

Any questions regarding the value placed on your property can be reviewed by the Assessing Department. After reviewing, if you wish to appeal the assessment further, arrangements can be made for an appointment before the Board of Review. Please call Oakland County Equalization at 1-888-350-0900, ext. 54401 for an appointment.

The Board of Review will meet at the Lyon Township Municipal Center (58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson) on the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, March 5, 2013:** 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 6, 2013:** 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 7, 2013:** 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 9, 2013:** 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 11, 2013:** 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 13, 2013:** 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 14, 2013:** 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Those without appointments will be seen on a first come, first served basis. Please note that the Saturday hours are by appointment only.

## 2013 Siren Testing

Please be advised that Oakland County Homeland Security Division will be testing the outdoor warning siren system on the following dates and times in 2013:



- Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.\*
- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

\*Special test due to Severe Weather Awareness Week

<http://www.oakgov.com/homelandsecurity>

## Lyon Township Winterfest Review



No snow, no problem! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lyon Township Winterfest was held on January 19, 2013 at James F. Atchison Memorial Park. Many activities were able to go on without the snow, and other activities were modified to suit conditions. Here is a Winterfest review by the numbers!

- \* 1,575 spectators, visitors, and participants, representing 66 zip codes
- \* 302 people were on site at the peak hour of 2:00 p.m.
- \* \$1,100.00 was raised for charity, including \$695 for Active Faith
- \* 19 sled dogs were present for meet and greet sessions
- \* 6 strolling cartoon characters entertained visitors during the day
- \* 14 websites were used to advertise the festival
- \* 5 food vendors were present, 3 of them new to the festival
- \* 400+ pancakes were served at the Firemen's Association benefit breakfast
- \* 2 shuttle vans were provided by local merchants to transport visitors
- \* 47 business-sponsored feather banner flags were displayed
- \* 2 radar guns were used to judge the lacrosse shoot-offs
- \* 7 flag military color guard veterans highlighted the patriotic opening ceremony events
- \* 573 vehicles packed the grounds and the parking lots from as far away as 1,158 miles
- \* 2 events were hosted by Oakland County Recreation (Geo Cache Treasure Hunt and Go Snowshoe Clinic)
- \* 7 local builders presented their subdivisions in the new "Builder's Showcase" event introduced this year
- \* 5 Wacky Winter games from last year's festival were coordinated by Allstate
- \* 4 new kid games were introduced this year (soccer, lacrosse, frozen bowling, and putt putt)
- \* 59 businesses contributed to the festival and/or exhibited with 25 of them being new for this year
- \* 60 gallons of chili was served by 6 area restaurants in the Chili Cook-Off
- \* 10 performers entertained on the outdoor Oakland County Recreation stage and on our inside stage
- \* 10,000 feet of twine, woven with colorful yarn, was used by children to make jump ropes
- \* 83 Goofy Face caricatures were drawn and given to children
- \* 4 camera operators projected the festival activities on a large screen TV in the entertainment tent
- \* 500 plastic milk jugs, provided by Kroger, were used to make a full-size igloo
- \* 2 days use of the snow machine was required for the new Frozen Canoe Rides event
- \* 750 photos were taken, including many from a 34-foot elevated lift featuring a panoramic view of the festival
- \* 120 committee members/volunteers made the festival a success
- \* 2,000+ hours were spent planning, implementing, and executing the 2013 Winterfest



## Wayfinding Signs

Wayfinding signs were installed throughout the Township on February 14, 2013. The signs help identify Lyon Township's boundaries and also direct people to important Township locations, such as the Lyon Township Offices. The signs were funded by Lyon Township's Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The location of the signs was decided by the Road Commission for Oakland County. Some concern has been expressed regarding a sign being blocked by a tree on Milford Road. In the spring, the Township plans to work with the property owner to relocate this tree.

The DDA began the wayfinding sign project in 2011 as part of a marketing element in the DDA's Business Retention and Expansion program.

"The signs will go a long way toward improving our image," stated DDA Board Member Mark Szerlag.



## Funds Received for Putter's Demolition



The Lyon Township DDA received \$22,106.50 to cover half the cost of the demolition of the former Putter's Restaurant. For nearly a decade, the building sat vacant and deteriorating at the corner of Milford Road and Grand River Avenue. After years of neglect, several ownership transfers, and a bank foreclosure, the DDA decided it was time for proactive measures. The DDA entered into an agreement with Fidelity Bank of Dearborn, the property owner at the time, to equally share the cost of demolition. The building was demolished in late spring of 2012, and a new owner purchased the site by November.

## DDA Vacancy

The Lyon Township DDA has an opening on its Board of Directors. Any person with a property interest in the DDA District is invited to apply to for the vacant position.

The Lyon Township DDA was established to reverse the pattern of deterioration in New Hudson, the Township's main business district. Its purpose is to plan for and implement public improvements that are considered necessary to promote future economic growth in New Hudson and along Grand River Avenue.

The DDA meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Township Hall (58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson). There are also additional committee meetings at times.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information about the position or the DDA in general, please contact Michelle Aniol, DDA Administrator and Economic Development Coordinator. You may reach her by calling 248-437-2240 or by emailing [maniol@lyontwp.org](mailto:maniol@lyontwp.org).

Visit the Lyon Township DDA online!  
<http://www.lyontwp.org/dda>

## County Clerk – Local Office Visit

The Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds will be bringing their Local Office Visits program to the Lyon Township Municipal Center on Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Instead of going to Pontiac, people will be able to come to Lyon Township during that time for services such as:

- Getting copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates
- Applying for a marriage license
- Getting copies of deeds, mortgages, liens, and other property documents
- Registering or renewing your business
- Accessing or recording a military discharge form
- Getting copies of Oakland County Circuit Court documents, including divorce records
- Filing to become a notary public
- Renewing a Concealed Pistol License

For more information on the Local Office Visit program, please visit this website:

<http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/Pages/services/mobile.aspx>

*Happy Birthday,  
Lyon Township!*

Lyon Township  
was founded as a  
general law  
township on  
March 7, 1834.

## Lyon Township Board of Trustees



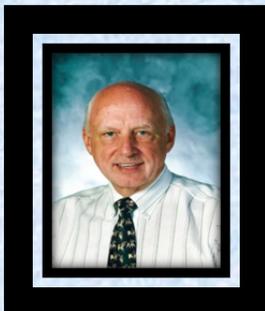
**Lannie Young**  
Township Supervisor



**Michele Cash**  
Township Clerk



**Patricia Carcone**  
Township Treasurer



**Steve Adams**  
Township Trustee



**John Dolan**  
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