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Township Calendar

Labor Day.....	Sep 2 – Twp. Closed
Board of Trustees.....	Sep 3 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Sep 9 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Sep 10 – 7:00 p.m.
Mountain Bike Marathon	Sep 14 – 10:00 a.m.
ZBA.....	Sep 16 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Sep 23 – 7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees.....	Oct 7 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Oct 8 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Oct 14 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Oct 21 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Oct 28 – 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at:

**Lyon Township
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New Hudson, MI 48165
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Summer Taxes Due



2013 summer property taxes are due by September 14th. Payments received after this date will incur interest and penalty. Payment can be mailed, deposited in the drop box outside of the Township, or brought to the Township Treasurer's Office during normal business hours. The Township can only accept cash or checks. Credit card payments can be accepted at <http://www.oakgov.com/paytaxes>. There will be a fee for this service.

If you have any questions about your taxes, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 248-437-2240. You can also find information at <http://www.lyontwp.org/treasurer>.

Mountain Bike Marathon

Hometown Bicycles is hosting a Mountain Bike Marathon on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at James F. Atchison Memorial Park (58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson). The marathon will begin at 10:00 a.m., but packet pick-up and race day registration will open at 8:30 a.m.

The course in the park will be a 2.5 mile route that is about 15 feet wide and will challenge riders with some steep climbs and technical sections.

Racers will be divided by age group to compete for over \$15,000.00 in prizes. Winners will be determined by who covers the most distance in their allotted race time.

Registration is open, and the first 200 people to register will be entered in a drawing to win a Surly Fat Bike. For more information or to register for the marathon, please visit:

<http://myhometownbicycles.wordpress.com>



November Election



Lyon Township will be holding an election on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for the South Lyon Community Schools operating millage renewal proposal, exempting principal residences and other property exempted by law, 19.9720 mills for 10 years (2015-2024).

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of South Lyon Community Schools, 345 South Warren, South Lyon, MI 48178. The phone number is 248-573-8127.

Election Workers Needed



The Lyon Township Clerk's Office is looking for Election Inspectors to work the November 5th election. Training sessions will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. Both sessions will be held at the Township Hall.

If you are a new inspector, you must complete a Precinct Worker Application. The application can be found on the Applications page at <http://www.lyontwp.org/clerk>. Be sure to bring your completed application with you when you attend your training session.

If you have questions about voting or are interested in being an election worker, please call the Lyon Township Clerk's Office at 248-437-2240.

Walking Audit Workshop

When families are forced to push their strollers through grass-choked drainage culverts and onto the gravel shoulder along Grand River Avenue, just to get from the New Hudson Plaza to the Huron Valley Trail, improving mobility in the New Hudson area became a mandate for action.

With support from the Road Commission for Oakland County and Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs, the Lyon Township DDA applied for and was selected to host an MDOT Walkability Audit on September 10, 2013.

This workshop will cover the basic principles of walkability and how to review the walking environment from a non-technical perspective. Workshop attendees will learn what to look for in terms of identifying and assessing mobility factors that contribute to walkability including transportation infrastructure such as sidewalks, crosswalks, school zones, and intersections, as well as land uses such as downtown areas, parks, schools, and residential areas. Specialized transportation planners will focus on the Grand River corridor, between Milford Road and the Huron Valley Trail.

Following the workshop, the DDA will use the information gathered during the audit to implement its Sidewalk Improvement Plan throughout downtown New Hudson. For more information, please contact Michelle Aniol, DDA Administrator/Economic Development Coordinator by email at maniol@lyontwp.org or by phone at 248-437-2240, ext. 118.



New Zoning Regulations Will Promote Economic Growth in New Hudson

Once a hub of retail, commercial, and agricultural activity in Lyon Township, the Grand River Avenue corridor in New Hudson has experienced little economic development activity in several decades, even though the Township leads Oakland County in residential growth. Today, New Hudson is characterized by a few remaining historic buildings, a traditional compact development pattern, a highway commercial shopping complex, and a tired streetscape.

In 2009, the Lyon Township DDA conducted a 3-day workshop, called a “charrette,” where it brought together residents, business and property owners, and community stakeholders together to discuss their ideas and visions for improving New Hudson, focusing on the area radiating outward from the five-point intersection of Grand River Avenue, Pontiac Trail, and Milford Road. The result was the Plan for New Hudson (also known as The Lyon Center Vision Plan), a long-range economic development and placemaking initiative to create a walkable and vibrant downtown district with traditional small town characteristics, amenities, and design elements. The Vision Plan is available for viewing on our website: http://www.lyontwp.org/userfiles/Vision_Plan.pdf.

To implement the Plan for New Hudson will require creativity, patience, and perseverance.



Township officials recognized that our current zoning regulations, which are based on the separation of residential, commercial, and industrial uses, density controls, and proscriptive standards such as, building setbacks and heights, were more than likely to produce generic suburban commercial strip development along Grand River Avenue. The resulting loss of the traditional small town environment that embodies New Hudson and resonates with residents was not an acceptable approach.

Consequently, for the better part of a year, the DDA and Planning Commission have been working on new zoning regulations to achieve mixed-use residential and commercial developments that would complement New Hudson’s existing settlement pattern of residential neighborhoods, local businesses, and civic uses, such as Dolson Elementary School and the New Hudson Post Office. These new zoning regulations, which is called form-based code, focuses on the physical form, rather than use, thus producing a better, more visually appealing and welcoming built environment.

On Monday, October 14th, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to present these new form-based zoning regulations, and solicit feedback from the public, before possibly recommending the regulations to the Township Board for their review and approval. You can direct questions and comments to Michelle Aniol, DDA Administrator/Economic Coordinator by email at maniol@lyontwp.org or by phone at 248-437-2240, ext. 118.

Kelly Miller Circus

The Kelly Miller Circus was in Lyon Township on August 11, 2013. Thank you to Jane and Jack Purslow for the pictures!



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