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Township Calendar

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.
Halloween Party.....	Oct 26 – 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Oct 28 – 7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees.....	Nov 4 – 7:00 p.m.
Special Election.....	Nov 5 – 8:00 a.m.
Veterans' Day.....	Nov 11 – Twp Closed
Planning Commission....	Nov 12 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Nov 13 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Nov 18 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Nov 25 – 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving.....	Nov 28 – Twp Closed
Day After Thanksgiving..	Nov 29 – Twp Closed

All meetings are held at:

**Lyon Township
58000 Grand River Avenue
New Hudson, MI 48165
Phone: 248-437-2240
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Historic Pictures Wanted



A book is being written about the history of Lyon Township. The people working on the book are looking for old pictures (at least over 20 years) of people, places, businesses, farms, and schools in the community.

Take a look in your photo albums, archives, files, and drawers. This is a great chance to get family members included in the book.

We will scan pictures that are loaned to us and then return them to you. Please send or bring your pictures to:

**John Bell
Lyon Township Hall
58000 Grand River Avenue
New Hudson, MI 48165**

For more information, please call John Bell at 248-437-2240 or 248-921-7116.



November Election



Lyon Township will be holding a special 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.

Voter Registration



If you are not registered to vote and would like to vote in the November 5, 2013 election, you can register at the Clerk's Office. The deadline to register to be able to vote in the November 5th election is **Monday, October 7, 2013**. The office is open that day from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You must provide photo identification to register.

If you have any questions about registering to vote, please contact the Clerk's Office at 248-437-2240.

New Fire Chief



Ken Van Sparrentak was sworn in as Lyon Township's Fire Chief at the Board of Trustees meeting on September 3, 2013

Chief Van Sparrentak has 26 years of fire service experience with 16 years in Ferndale and 10 years in Walled Lake. He is the Team Leader of the Oakland County Incident Management Team, serves on Oakland County's Grant Allocation

Committee (GAC), teaches at Oakland Community College, and has earned the international designations of Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and Executive Fire Officer (EFO).

Chief Van Sparrentak was the first member of Michigan's fire service to be accepted to the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, California. He graduated with an M.A. in Security Studies. He also graduated from Madonna University with a B.S. in Fire Science. His graduate thesis on school safety is published by McGraw-Hill and is cited by the Department of Homeland Security's "Community Resilience Task Force Recommendations." He has also served as a peer reviewer for the journal *Risk, Hazard & Crisis in Public Policy*.

Chief Van Sparrentak is married to Sandy, his wife of 22 years. They have two children, Murphy (21) and Lauren (18).

Annual Halloween Party



The Lyon Township Firefighters Association will once again be hosting their annual Halloween party. The party will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1 (58800 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson). The party is free and for all ages. There will be games and food, including lots of candy! For more information, please contact Fire Station #1 at 248-486-3775.

Oakland County Parks 2014 Vehicle Permits



Oakland County Parks and Recreation 2014 Annual Vehicle Permits are now available and valid for the remainder of 2013 through December 2014. The cost for Oakland County residents is \$30 and \$46 for non-residents. Discounts are available for seniors ages 62 and older, individuals with disabilities, and active military members. The Parks Perks Pass, which allows entry to selected Oakland County Parks and Huron-Clinton Metroparks, is available for an annual rate of \$54.

Annual vehicle permits may be purchased online, by mail or in person at many locations throughout Oakland County. For more information, please visit <http://DestinationOakland.com>.

Maintaining Septic Systems



With the increased use of flushable wipes, homeowners should be aware of the damage these products can do to septic systems. Oakland County Health Division, under the leadership of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, reminds all residents of basic steps that can help prevent septic system failure.

“Even though they are labeled as ‘flushable,’ these wipes may go down the toilet, but they are not breaking down sufficiently and are harmful to your septic system,” said Kathy Forzley, Health Division manager/health officer. “It can be costly to homeowners to unclog pipes, pumps and to replace or upgrade septic systems.”

A buildup of wipes or other materials in a septic tank require a tank to be pumped or serviced more often. A septic system is expensive to repair or replace and poor maintenance is often the culprit. There are more than 80,000 septic systems in the county that have the potential to be impacted by this problem. The Health Division reminds residents to maintain septic systems by following these steps:



- ❖ Avoid putting dental floss, feminine hygiene products, flushable wipes, baby wipes, condoms, diapers, cotton swabs, or paper towels in your septic system. Cigarette butts, coffee grounds, cat litter, and ground-up foods from garbage can also clog your system.
- ❖ Pump septic tanks every three to five years. Know the location of your tank.
- ❖ Use water efficiently by washing only one or two loads of laundry a day. Repair leaky faucets and toilets.
- ❖ Limit or avoid kitchen garbage disposals. Consider composting kitchen waste instead.
- ❖ Do not use septic tank starters/feeders. They might cause more solids to flow into the drain field and do more harm than good.
- ❖ Pour grease or oil into a container with a lid and place into the trash once cooled. Do not pour down the drain.
- ❖ Do not overuse cleaning products or dump excess cleaning products down the drain.
- ❖ Do not dump or flush unwanted pesticides, fertilizers, paints, solvents, or other hazardous materials down the drain. For more information regarding disposal of toxic items, visit <http://nohaz.com> or call 248-858-5656.

For more information about septic systems, visit <http://www.oakgov.com/health> or call the Nurse on Call at 800-848-5533.

Goodbye, Ron!



Welcoming our new fire chief means saying goodbye to our former fire chief Ron McClain. Ron McClain was Lyon Township's fire chief for over 5 years and will be missed. We appreciate him helping Chief Ken Van Sparrentak transition into his new position. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ron for all he has done for the Township. We wish him the best of luck!



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