



Newsletter

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Township Calendar

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.
Parks and Rec Board....	Nov 25 – 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving.....	Nov 28 – Twp Closed
Day After Thanksgiving..	Nov 29 – Twp Closed
Board of Trustees.....	Dec 2 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Dec 9 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Dec 10 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Dec 16 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Dec 23 – 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve.....	Dec 24 – Twp Closed
Christmas Day.....	Dec 25 – Twp Closed
New Year's Eve.....	Dec 31 – Twp Closed

All meetings are held at:

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

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Mortgage Help Available



Are you a month or more behind in your mortgage or know someone who is? Oakland County has some grant money available to help people pay their mortgage for a while.

Help is available to keep most families in their homes. Contact Oakland County's Community & Home Improvement Division at 248-858-1891 for a confidential appointment. There is no charge for this service.

Oakland County certified housing counselors will find the right solution for your individual circumstances.

See how they have helped residents already:

- ✿ A family from Rochester fell behind on their housing payments due to job loss and received \$20,000 to bring their mortgage and property taxes up to date.
- ✿ A retiree living in Walled Lake got a loan modification with a lower interest rate and longer term that reduced their monthly mortgage payment from \$1,100 to \$700.
- ✿ Half of a Hazel Park family's monthly mortgage payment was covered when the head of household was unemployed and continued for six more months after employment began again.

Oakland County's Community & Home Improvement Division has been helping residents for over 30 years.

For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.advantageoakland.com/CPHA/CPHAHousing/Pages/CPHACounseling.aspx>.

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.

Sample ballots, precinct locations, and more can be found on our website at <http://www.lyontwp.org/clerk>.

Absentee Ballots



The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots. This is the last day that absentee ballots can be taken from the office. If you wish to vote absentee on Monday, November 4th, you may do so but will be required to vote the ballot in the office.

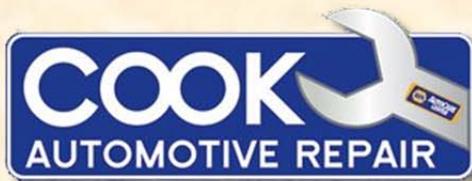
Photo identification is required to obtain an absentee ballot. In the past, voters have been able to turn in absentee ballot applications and then pick up the absentee ballots for other members of their household. This is no longer possible, as photo identification needs to be presented in person. If a person is not present with his or her photo identification, an absentee ballot cannot be issued in person.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Office by Election Day to be counted.

If you have questions about absentee ballots or other voting issues, please call the Clerk's Office at 248-437-2240.

New Businesses in Lyon Township

Last month, Lyon Township was happy to welcome two new businesses to the Township: Cook Automotive and Hiller's Market. Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for both businesses.



Lyon Township Public Library Events

Library Happenings

 **Book Sale: November 21st – 24th**

The sale is during library hours and will end a half hour before the library closes each night.



Adult Programs

 **Computer Help Session: Monday, November 11th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Need help with your eReader, tablet, smartphone, or laptop? We can help you! Registration is required.

 **Microsoft Excel Basics: Wednesday, November 13th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

Learn how to create, format, and customize spreadsheets. Registration is required. Basic computer usage skills are a prerequisite.



 **Tai Chi: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us each Wednesday for this popular class. Ages 30 and older. Bring your own mat and please RSVP.

Kid Programs

 **Fairies at the Library: Saturday, November 9th: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Fairies are everywhere and love to learn to read. Join us for a fairy story and make a fairy house craft.

 **Holiday Cookie Decorating: Saturday, December 7th: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Come decorate your own sugar cookie with Miss Mary's assortment of sprinkles, candies, and frosting.



Teen Programs

 **Holiday Gift Making: Saturday, November 16th: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Come make your own holiday crafts and gifts with the stash in our craft closet. We have bits and bobs of all sorts to make jewelry, duct tape crafts, gift cards, wrapping paper, and anything your imagination allows.



Genealogy Programs

 **Copper Miners: Saturday, November 2nd: 2:00 p.m.**

Trials and tribulations in 1913 Michigan's Copper Country. Presented by Donna Searight Simons.

 **Sanborn Insurance Maps: Tuesday, November 19th: 1:00 p.m.**

Presented by Marc Manson.

 **Annual Christmas Genealogy Tea: Tuesday, December 17th: 1:00 p.m.**



For additional information, please visit <http://www.lyon.lib.mi.us> or call 248-437-8800.

Sidewalk Project Gets Underway

Pending rain showers didn't stop Lyon Township contractor, Goretzki Construction, from pouring new concrete sidewalks throughout the Township's primary business district – New Hudson.

"The Lyon Township DDA is constructing approximately a mile of new and replacement sidewalk along Grand River and Milford Road, at the five points intersection, and near and along Lyon Center Drive East and New Hudson Drive West," stated DDA Chairman, Jay Howie. This follows a walking audit MDOT recently conducted with the Township, Oakland County, and the Road Commission for Oakland County.



*Workers smooth freshly poured concrete at the intersection of Milford Road and Grand River Avenue.
Photo by: Jane Purslow*



*Looking westward from Milford Road at the north side of Grand River Avenue, where a new sidewalk was installed.
Photo by: Jane Purslow*

According to Lyon Township Supervisor, Lannie Young, "The Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority was created in 1999 to develop and implement public improvements and revitalize the Township's economy."

Using tax increment financing (TIF), the Lyon Township DDA developed a Streetscape Plan, part of a multi-year endeavor that calls for the reconstruction of Grand River Avenue with curb and gutter, on-street parking, bike lanes, sidewalks, street trees, decorative street lighting, and other amenities.

Young continued, "These improvements have been and will continue to be implemented over the next few years, as funding becomes available."

The Lyon Township DDA has completed other public improvement projects in recent years, including three roundabouts and two segments of the ring road, Lyon Center Drive East, between the Huron Valley Trail and Grand River, and New Hudson Drive West, between Milford Road and Pontiac Trail.

"These new sidewalks will fill in missing sections in the core downtown district of New Hudson and pave the way for more pedestrian activity," stated Howie.

<http://www.lyontwp.org/dda>

Cool Yule Decorating Contest



The Chamber of Commerce, together with the City of South Lyon and Lyon Township, welcomes the holiday season with Cool Yule and magical window and door displays. Registration is free and open to all businesses and organizations. Registration is due by November 29th. Storefronts and windows must be ready for judging by Friday, December 6th and available for public viewing through Friday, December 20th. Storefronts will be judged in three categories: Originality, Creative Use of Merchandise or Branding, and Overall Presentation. There will also be a People's Choice winner. For more information, contact Kim Thompson at 248-437-3257.

November Holiday Closures

During the month of November, the Lyon Township Municipal Center will be closed on the following days:



**Monday, November 11, 2013
(Veterans' Day)**

**Thursday, November 28, 2013
(Thanksgiving)**

**Friday, November 29, 2013
(Day After Thanksgiving)**



Lyon Township Board of Trustees



Lannie Young, Supervisor



Michele Cash, Clerk



Patricia Carcone, Treasurer



Steve Adams, Trustee



John Dolan, Trustee



John Hicks, Trustee



Steve Fletcher, Trustee