



# Newsletter

## March 2014

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### Township Calendar

Board of Trustees.....	Mar 3 – 7:00 p.m.
Griswold Road Meeting..	Mar 5 – 4:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Mar 10 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Mar 11 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Mar 17 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Mar 20 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Mar 24 – 7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees.....	Apr 7 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Apr 8 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Apr 14 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Apr 17 – 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday.....	Apr 18 – Twp Closed
ZBA.....	Apr 21 – 7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Apr 28 – 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>

*Honoring Yesterday.  
Building Tomorrow.*

### Now Hiring



The Charter Township of Lyon Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking a DDA/Economic Development Coordinator. The job posting can be viewed at <http://www.lyontwp.org>. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted up to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, March 20, 2014.

### 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, you may appear before the Board of Review. Please call Oakland County Equalization at 1-888-350-0900, ext. 54401 for more information.

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 4, 2014:** 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 5, 2014:** 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 6, 2014:** 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 8, 2014:** 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 10, 2014:** 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 12, 2014:** 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 13, 2014:** 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.

## Election Information

### Calling all election workers!

We are getting started on the preliminary planning for the 2014 Primary Election. It is exciting because we are having two elections this year: the August 5, 2014 Primary and November 4, 2014 General Election. We are in need of anyone who can work either election. **Training is a must!** A minimum of 3 hours of training is required. Training is held at the Township Hall, and we will have training dates ready in June for July 2014. If you are interested, please fill out the application for Precinct Worker on our website and return it to April Talaga or me.



New election law does not permit us to hand out your absentee ballot to your spouse or parent. In the past, we were able to give you the absentee ballots of anyone living at your address. Now we can only mail the ballot or hand it directly to the person applying for it. If you opt to apply for a ballot by mail, please be sure you have enough time before the election for us to mail your ballot and for you to mail it back. If you have doubts about there being enough time, please come see us for your absentee ballot.

Do you have kids in your household who are graduating high school and going off to college in the fall? If so, have them stop by the Clerk's Office once they turn 18 so they can register to vote. Doing so in person allows us to witness their photo ID so that they can vote by absentee ballot. If we aren't able to witness their ID in person, the first time they vote will have to be done in person.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the upcoming Lyon Township Elections! If you have wanted to get involved, this is your chance to come and see how it all works. If you have any questions, please call us at 248-437-2240 or stop by our office during normal Township hours.

Sincerely,

*Michele Cash*

Lyon Township Clerk

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



## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vacancies



Applications are now being considered for open positions on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board works with the Board of Trustees to determine the best use of Township resources to provide recreational activities for Township residents and visitors. Members are appointed to three-year terms and meet monthly. Applications can be found on Lyon Township's website at <http://www.lyontwp.org> under Resources. Please turn in completed applications to the Clerk's Office at the Lyon Township Hall (58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, MI 48165). If you have any questions, please call the Township at 248-437-2240.

## Skywarn 2014



Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. There is no way to stop tornadoes, and not all tornadoes show up on radar, but

they can be seen. Lives can be saved. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty: the human eye.

Skywarn training gives an individual the basic tools needed to be a severe weather spotter. Starting with a blue sky, individuals are taught the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure, what features to look for, and where to find them. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. Classes are free and typically last two hours.

### Spotter Training Classes

Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Southfield Civic Center Library

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Oakland County Homeland Security Division  
EOB Bldg 41W

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Oakland County Homeland Security Division  
EOB Bldg 41W

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Rochester Hills Fire Department, Station #1

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Novi Civic Center

To register for for a spotter training class, please visit [http://www.oakgov.com/homelandsecurity/Pages/program\\_service/skywarn.aspx](http://www.oakgov.com/homelandsecurity/Pages/program_service/skywarn.aspx) and click on the Skywarn logo.

You may also register for classes by calling 248-858-5300.

Lend us your eyes! Learn Skywarn!

## 2014 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 2014:



Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.\*  
Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

\*Special test due to Severe Weather Awareness Week

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

## **Happy Birthday, Lyon Township!**



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

### ***Interact with us!***



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



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

## Lyon Township Public Library Events

### Book Sale

Ⓢ **Friends of the Library Book Sale: March 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

The library's used book sales are its most important fundraisers for raising money to assist the library with new fixtures, books, programming, and other needs. Be sure to check out this sale!



### Adult Programs

Ⓢ **Growing and Cooking with Herbs: Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

Ⓢ **Hospice 101: Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

Hospice of Michigan will be here to discuss what is hospice, what services hospice can provide, who can receive care, who pays for services, and where hospice services are provided.

Ⓢ **Book Club – *Call the Midwife* by Jennifer Worth: Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**

Pick up your copy today!

Ⓢ **The Art of Fermentation – Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD (evening)**

Gwen Kato from Rainbows End Farm in Fowlerville will be teaching us the art of fermentation. We will learn how to prepare cabbage for sauerkraut and other vegetables too. We will learn the techniques for making a fermented drink called kombucha. You will have the opportunity at class to buy “scoby” which is a kombucha culture. There will be samples!

Ⓢ **Helping the Caregiver – Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1:00 p.m.**

Hospice of Michigan will be here to help caregivers learn practical suggestions, tools, and resources to assist with caregiving.

Ⓢ **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.

### Teen Programs

Ⓢ **Job Hunting Workshop – Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Does the job hunting process mystify you? Join us for an informal discussion about the hows and whys of job applications, resumes, and interviewing.

### Kid Programs

Ⓢ **Kindergarten Readiness, Two-Week Session – Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.**

For children age 4-5 getting ready to enter kindergarten. Please RSVP.

### Genealogy Programs

Ⓢ **Genealogy Book Club – *The Violets of March* by Sarah Jio: Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

Pick up your copy today!



Ⓢ **Beginning Irish Genealogy: Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Cathy McCarthy Cottone's presentation will answer the beginner's common genealogical questions. She has worked as a genealogist at the Lyon Township Public Library for over 11 years. She also has been a member of the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan for over 12 years and served as a board member, including a past editor of The Irish Tree, the society's newsletter. No registration is required.

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

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## Griswold Road Paving – Public Information Meeting

The Charter Township of Lyon, its engineering consultants, and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) will host a public information meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for the planned 2014 – 2015 paving of the gravel section of Griswold Road from 8 Mile Road to 9 Mile Road in Lyon Township.

The meeting will be held at the Lyon Township Municipal Center (58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, MI 48165). The meeting format will be open house; there will not be a formal presentation. Anyone interested can stop by at any time during the meeting to review project plans or speak with Township, engineering, and Road Commission staff.

This project involves the paving of approximately one mile of Griswold Road that is currently gravel. The road will be paved with asphalt and will include concrete curbs and gutters and/or shoulders and ditches where needed for drainage. Storm drains will also be installed where needed. During construction, this section of Griswold Road will be closed to through traffic, though access to all homes and businesses will be maintained at all times. The detour route will be Eight Mile Road to Pontiac Trail to Nine Mile Road, and vice versa. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2014 and be completed in late fall of 2014 or spring of 2015 with a break during winter 2014 – 2015.

The project is expected to cost approximately \$2 million. Of that amount, 80% will be paid by federal funds. The remaining amount will be paid for by the RCOC and Lyon Township. There is no cost to the property owners for this project.



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## Lyon Township Board of Trustees



**Lannie Young**  
Supervisor



**Michele Cash**  
Clerk



**Patricia Carcone**  
Treasurer



**Steve Adams**  
Trustee



**John Dolan**  
Trustee



**John Hicks**  
Trustee



**Sean O'Neil**  
Trustee