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Township Calendar

Board of Trustees.....	Oct 6 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Oct 13 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Oct 14 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Oct 16 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Oct 20 – 7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Oct 27 – 7:00 p.m.
General Election	Nov 4 – 7:00 a.m.
Board of Trustees.....	Nov 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Nov 10 – 7:00 p.m.
Veterans' Day.....	Nov 11 – Twp Closed
DDA.....	Nov 12 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Nov 17 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board....	Nov 20 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission....	Nov 24 – 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving.....	Nov 27 – Twp Closed
Day after Thanksgiving..	Nov 28 – 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**

<http://www.lyontwp.org>

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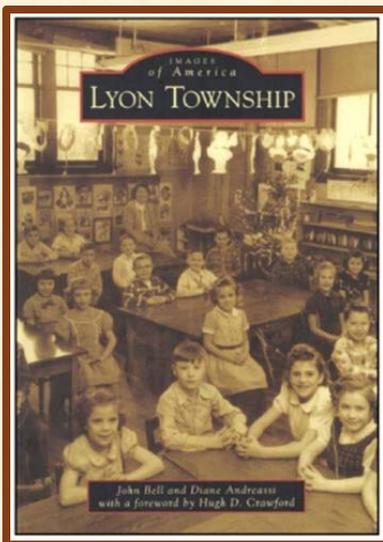


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Lyon Township Book



Images of America – Lyon Township is now available for purchase.

This historical book and photographs capture the faces, buildings, and landscape of the Township in days gone by. Learn about the determination of the pioneers, everyday people, the movers and shakers, and the institutions that were the backbone of the community. The reader will travel through the past to modern day Lyon Township, which is the fastest growing community in Oakland County, Michigan.

One of the authors, John Bell will provide additional images and share personal anecdotal comments during a book signing that will also feature a presentation on the history of Lyon Township. The information for the book signing is as follows:

**Saturday, October 11, 2014
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Lyon Township Public Library
27005 Milford Road
New Hudson, MI 48165

Books are available for purchase at Lyon Township Hall (58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson). The price is \$20 per book, or \$18 per book when buying two or more.

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Township Book Signing Draws Large Crowd



On Friday, September 26th, John Bell gave a presentation on the history of Lyon Township and introduced the new book from Arcadia publishing entitled *Images of America – Lyon Township*. The book is co-authored by Mr. Bell and Diane Andreassi, a reporter for the South Lyon Herald newspaper.

Over 35 people gathered at Abbey Park to hear the presentation and to purchase signed copies of the book.

If you missed this event, you can enjoy the same experience at the October 11th book signing. Information on that book signing can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

A special thank you to Jane Purslow for photographing the event and sharing her work with us.

Chief Cash Honored

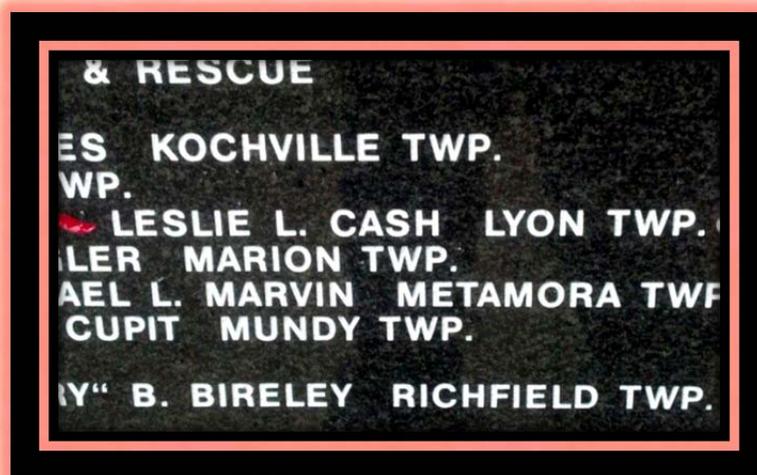


Last spring, the Lyon Township Fire Department submitted Retired Fire Chief Leslie L. Cash's name to the Michigan State Firemen's Association. It was requested that Chief Cash's name be added to the fallen firefighter's memorial wall in Roscommon, Michigan. On Saturday, September 20th, there was a memorial service where all the names were read, including Chief Cash.

A firefighter for Lyon Township, Cash was named Fire Chief at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 1, 1973. He served as fire chief until his retirement on June 30, 2008. Chief Cash passed away in November of 2013.



<http://www.firemensmemorial.org>



Absentee Ballots



To obtain an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2014 election, you must first complete the [Absentee Voter Application](#). You may either mail your completed application to our office and have us mail a ballot to you, or you may bring your completed application along with your picture ID to the Clerk's Office to pick up your ballot. Election law only allows us to give a voter his or her own ballot; you may not pick up ballots for other voters. If you bring in an absentee ballot application for another voter, the ballot will have to be mailed to the voter.

Voter Registration



If you are not registered to vote and would like to vote in the November 4, 2014 election, you can register at the Clerk's Office. The deadline to register to be able to vote in the November 4th election is **Monday, October 6, 2014**. 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.

November 4, 2014 General Election



The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Information, including sample ballots and precinct locations, can be found on our website at <http://www.lyontwp.org/vote>.

If you have any questions pertaining to the upcoming elections, please call the Clerk's Office at 248-437-2240.

Lyon Oaks County Park

Lyon Oaks County Park, located in Lyon Township and Wixom, was established in 2002. The 1,041-acre park features an 18-hole, par-72 championship golf course; a dog park; picnic and play areas; and 5.7 miles of hiking trails. The trails may be used for hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, geocaching, and on-leash dog walking. Lyon Oaks also has soccer fields and a cricket field with cricket batting cages. Archery deer hunting is permitted October 1st – January 1st. In the winter, the golf course is open for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and winter hiking.

For complete details and to find out everything that Lyon Oaks has to offer, please visit <http://DestinationOakland.com>.



Why So Many Responders to an Emergency?

*Republished in full with permission from the author, **Jim Brantley** (pictured below, left)*



When multiple emergency vehicles respond to an emergency, onlookers sometimes wonder why there is a need for so many vehicles or first responders. Some folks even speculate (incorrectly) that these agencies respond in an effort to “pad their numbers” or “increase their stats. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Pre-hospital emergency medicine has seen many advancements over the past 30 years. Paramedics are now carrying a long list of medications to treat many different forms of medical and traumatic emergencies and EMS units and fire rescue trucks now carry sophisticated diagnostic equipment used to make early and rapid determination of the treatment needed for each patient.

In an emergency, all of this equipment has to be carried from the ambulance or rescue truck into a patient's home or wherever the patient may be when he or she becomes ill or suffers an injury. This initial equipment (which weighs approximately 90 pounds) is absolutely necessary to have on hand. Once the patient has been reached, many things need to occur at the scene of the emergency in the first minutes.

One responder must gather patient information such as past medical history and the patient's physicians, medications, and allergies. While this is taking place, a paramedic asks the patient questions about his or her condition and begins completing a medical physical examination. A third EMT, or paramedic, takes vital signs and attaches the patient to the EKG monitor or other diagnostic equipment.

Once the necessary treatments have been determined, EMTs and paramedics will begin treatment, which might include placing the patient on oxygen, starting an IV, and/or administering one or more necessary medications all while making written documentation of the details of the treatment to pass along to the nurses and physicians at the hospital.

At the same time the patient is being treated, other firefighters, EMTs, or paramedics are determining how best to load the patient onto the stretcher (which weighs approximately 130 pounds) while moving the patient from his or her home (or wherever they were found) as quickly as possible to the EMS unit. The patient (who might weigh 250 pounds or more) must be loaded on to the stretcher with all the equipment and must be rapidly, but carefully, moved (possibly down multiple flights of stairs) to the EMS transport unit. Clearly, this is a job too big for two people to complete alone.

Law enforcement officers are also vital to an EMS response as they provide important security for the other first responders. When a death occurs outside the hospital, law enforcement officers work with the medical examiner's office to investigate the cause. Most importantly, many medical emergencies are tied to a commission of a crime, including drug overdoses; assaults; shootings; and child, domestic, or elder abuse; which must all be investigated by law enforcement officers.

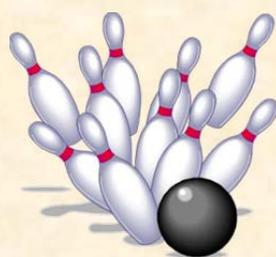
And 911 operators are rarely able to determine the severity of the medical emergency or auto accident from the information provided by people who make the calls to 911. It is easy for bystanders and those driving by a scene to misstate the severity of an emergency. Resources cannot be withheld based on the sketchy, though well-intended, information provided by people who dial 911 to report an emergency or request help.

At car accidents, the task to be completed by first responders is even greater. Since each EMS unit can only transport two patients at a time (one if the injury or medical condition is serious), multiple patients means the need for multiple EMS units.

Law enforcement officers secure the traffic scene so other responders can safely work. Also, each vehicle accident has to be investigated by law enforcement so that a report can be produced for insurance and other purposes. Firefighters and fire equipment are also necessary at vehicle accidents to secure the vehicles and to prevent and control fires that may develop. Patients who are trapped or pinned in vehicles after an accident must be carefully removed by firefighters using very heavy and specialized rescue equipment, a task that may require a team of 4-5 firefighters to complete. Firefighters who are cross-trained as EMTs and paramedics also help with the evaluation, treatment of patients who are injured, and they may ride in the back of the EMS unit to assist with continued treatment en-route to the hospital.

Rest assured that no law enforcement, fire department, or EMS personnel or resources are being wasted or unnecessarily dispatched to an emergency scene. When, or if, you should ever have the need for these services, you will be better off for the multitude of vital services and expertise all these responders bring to the scene.

Mother/Son Date Night



South Lyon Area Recreation Authority is hosting a Mother/Son Date Night on Sunday, October 19th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Pinz Bowling Center in South Lyon.

If you do not register by October 10th, a \$5 late fee will be added to the registration cost.

Complete details can be found at <http://www.slrec.net>.

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 25th 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.

Michigan War Dog Memorial Gets Power



For those who travel along Milford Road, you may have spotted some work being done recently at the Michigan War Dog Memorial. Electrical service was installed at the location which will provide much needed lighting and electrical access.

This location was originally established by the Elkow Family in 1936 and was known as “Happy Hunting Grounds Pet Cemetery.” In 1946, when stories of how War Dogs during WWII saved lives, the local residents raised money to erect a monument in memory of the heroic K-9s. Interment stopped sometime in the 1980s, and maintenance of the cemetery declined over the next 25 years. A restoration effort started in 2010 and continues today.

The memorial park is managed by the Michigan War Dog Memorial, Inc, a non-profit organization that educates the general public on the heroics and dedication that K-9s give to serve and protect. According to

the organization’s website, the organization’s mission is “to continue restoration of this hallowed ground into a park setting and maintain that setting for the purpose of allowing interment of retired Military Working Dogs (MWDs) and retired Service Dogs, with full honors at no cost to the handler/owner and to provide research for military and/or service records.” This mission will be accomplished by private and corporate donations. For more information on the War Dog Memorial, please visit <http://www.mwdm.org>.

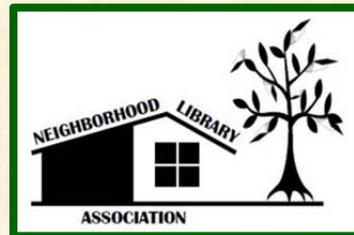
A special thank you to Jane Purslow for sharing her photographs.

Lyon Township Public Library Events

<http://www.lyon.lib.mi.us>

Library News

- Join us for the Neighborhood Library Association's 5th Annual Community Reads: *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. Pick up your copy today and check out the Neighborhood Library Association's website for programming at the five participating libraries: <http://mylna.info>.



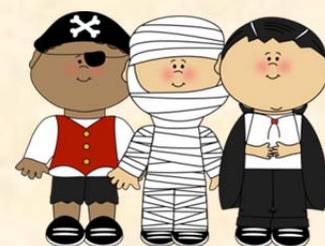
Adults

- **Tai Chi – Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
Tai Chi is back! Forty years old and up. Please bring your own mat. Call the library to register.
- **Our Closest Relatives: Understanding Primate Behavior & Ecology – Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m.**
Presented by Anita Stone, primatologist and professor at Eastern Michigan University. Please join Professor Stone as she shares her research and extensive experience with primates and what we share with this fascinating species.
- **Haunted Michigan: From Skeptic to Believer – Saturday, October 18th at 1:00 p.m.**
Kat Tedsen and Bev Rydel, Paranormal Researchers and Investigators tell us of their travels over tens of thousands of miles around the state in search of Michigan's most haunted locations. Beginning as skeptics, what they have personally witnessed and recorded challenged their beliefs.
- **Beekeeping – Monday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.**



Kids

- **Story Time – Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Halloween Hauntings – Saturday, October 25th from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**
Join us for games, candy, and crafts! Costumes encouraged!



Genealogy

- **Book Club: *Family Tree* by Richard Hill - Thursday, October 9th at 2:00 p.m.**
Pick up your copy at the circulation desk.
- **Genealogy After Hours Lock In – Friday, October 17th from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**
Research to your heart's content.
- **Family History Through DNA – Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m.**
Presented by Richard Hill.

Computers

- **One-on-One Help Available!**
Call the library to set up an appointment with Marj. Computers, tablets, even smartphones – we can help you!



Free Health Clinic



Capernaum is a coalition of local churches, doctors, and volunteers to provide health care for those, for whatever reason, currently find themselves without adequate coverage. Medical doctors, dental hygienists, and nurses will be available to provide care and assistance.

The location for the clinic in October will be First Presbyterian Church in South Lyon (205 East Lake Street). The dates and times are as follows:

Free Medical Care

October 23rd, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 24th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Walk-ins are welcome, but you may schedule an appointment by calling 48-225-4581.

School physicals are available by appointment:
248-225-4581

Free Dental Care

October 20th – 24th

By appointment only; no walk-ins.
Please call 248-225-4581 to schedule.

<http://capernaumhealthclinic.org>

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