



# Newsletter

## June 2016

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### Township Calendar

Kite Festival.....	Jun 4 – 10:00 a.m.
Kite Festival.....	Jun 5 – 10:00 a.m.
Board of Trustees.....	Jun 6 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Jun 13 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Jun 14 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board.....	Jun 16 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Jun 20 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Jun 27 – 7:00 p.m.
Independence Day.....	Jul 4 – Twp Closed
Board of Trustees.....	Jul 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Jul 11 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Jul 12 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Jul 18 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board.....	Jul 21 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Jul 25 – 7:00 p.m.

*All meetings are held at:*

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

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## Lyon Township Kite Festival



It's that time of year again! The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lyon Township Kite Festival will take place on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at James F. Atchison Memorial Park, located at 58000 Grand River Avenue in New Hudson.



Come join us and witness professional acrobatic kite flying teams with colorful kites and maneuvers that will astound you. See kites of all shapes and sizes and some that are designed to race and compete while other kites, in various sizes, themes, and shapes, are just fun to see flying high in the sky. There will also be free kites for kids to decorate and fly as well as many, many other fun activities. Enjoy live entertainment and tasty festival foods in a great open space where you can spend time with your family and friends.

## Volunteers Needed

To put on a successful event, we need help from members of our community. The Kite Festival is a great place to volunteer while having a good time. It is also a fun opportunity for local teens to earn community service hours that can be verified by the Lyon Events Organization. Please visit our sign-up sheet to view a wide variety of volunteer opportunities with 1.5 – 2 hour time slots.

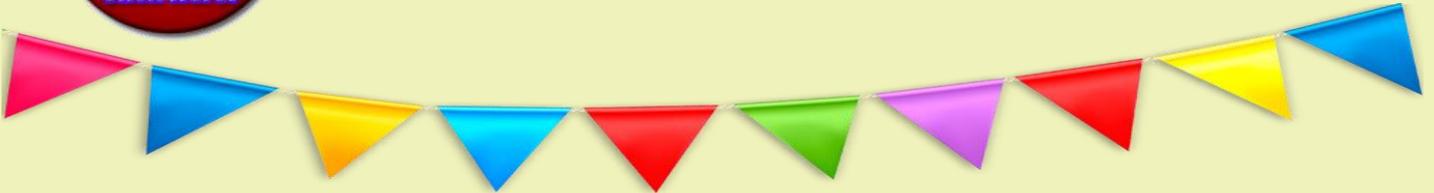
[Kite Festival Volunteer Sign Up](#)

## Lyon Township Summerfest: Presale Armbands



Lyon Township Summerfest will be returning this summer for four days of fun from Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. One of the highlights of this festival is the Wade Shows carnival. Unlimited ride armbands can be purchased online for only \$16.00 each. When purchased at the festival, the armbands will cost \$22.00.

<http://www.lyonevents.org/summerfest>



## Renovated Township Office Space

Last month, the Lyon Township Municipal Center shut down for several days to renovate the office space. Included in the renovations was new carpeting and office furniture, which required Township employees to completely pack their desks and offices. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, employees and officials returned to begin unpacking storage containers and getting settled in to their new workspaces.

The 1,000 square foot addition and redesign of 1/3 of the building's office space has improved the overall efficiency of space to allow for additional growth and provide a better counter service area for residents and developers.



## Lyon Township Community Garden



There are still plots available at the Lyon Township Community Garden, located in the open field off Milford Road in front of Abbey Park Assisted Living, just north of 12 Mile Road.

If you would like to claim a plot to plant this season, simply visit the garden and look for a stake with a double letter block, which means that the plot is still available. Remove the block hanging from the bottom and bring that to the Township Hall (58000 Grand River Avenue) and give it to Rose Case. She will then take your contact information and mark the plot as being assigned to you.

You can plant vegetables and flowers in the community garden and are responsible for weeding and watering your plot. Water containers are available on site for your convenience. To learn more, please call the Township Hall at 248-437-2240.

## Information for Township Voters

The **August 2, 2016 Primary Election** will be here before we know it! The **last day to register** to vote in the Primary Election is **TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016**. If you are a new voter and registered online or through the mail, you must vote in person your first time, or you can come to the Clerk's Office to show us your I.D. so you can get an absentee ballot.

If you're a soon-to-be college student and will be 18 years old before the **November 8, 2016 General Election**, please come in to register to vote so that you can get an absentee ballot sent to you at your school address, if you need one. You can still register to vote now even if you will not be 18 years old until November 8<sup>th</sup> so that you meet the deadline to vote in the General Election.



If you are currently a registered voter and are not on the Permanent Absentee Voter List, you can request in writing through mail or email, or you can stop in the office to request an application for an absentee ballot if you have voted in at least one prior election. If you are on the Permanent Absentee Voter List, you will be receiving your application to request an absentee ballot in the mail by June 7<sup>th</sup>. The ballots will be mailed out on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, if you have returned your application to us by then. Due to the changes in election law, you can only pick up your own ballot; we are not allowed to give you your spouse's or another family member's ballot. Unless a person picks up his or her own ballot, the ballot will have to be mailed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Michele Cash, Lyon Township Clerk ([mcash@lyontwp.org](mailto:mcash@lyontwp.org)), or April Talaga, Deputy Clerk ([atalaga@lyontwp.org](mailto:atalaga@lyontwp.org)), or call 248-437-2240 and ask for the Clerk's Office. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Michele Cash

Lyon Township Clerk

## Oakland County Historic Commissioners Visit Township



On May 25, 2016, members of the Oakland County History Commission were invited to tour and investigate one of the Township's oldest dwellings. The building, located at 56870 Grand River Avenue, just east of Milford Road. It is currently home to the New Hudson Inn restaurant and tavern and was constructed in 1831. It is currently under restoration.

Historic Commissioners Melissa Luginski, Carol Bacak-Egbo, David Walls, and Dr. Richard Stamps, along with Bruce Hawkins, building owner Jeff Lesperance, and business owner Chris Stone walked the exterior and interior of the building looking at the "bones" of the structure, the architectural designs, paint colors, wallpaper, and numerous other features that help tell the story of this 185 year old structure that was once a stop along the stagecoach route from Detroit to Lansing. "It is exciting to have people from the County coming here to investigate the history of this building which my grandfather purchased in the 1950s," said Lesperance. "It has been in our family for generations."



Stone and his business partner have been working closely with Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Tina Archer on this project. "About two years ago, we started talking about making improvements to the exterior through a DDA Façade Improvement Grant that would cover 20% of the cost; up to \$20,000 for new windows, a new roof, and new siding," said Archer. "But the more we talked about the building and learned about its history, the owners became more interested in restoration efforts."



"We wanted to expose parts of the building that were just awesome, like a hidden room that can only be accessed from the attic, the 185 year old floor joists that were hand hewn, cut with notches and held in place with pegs, or as we were told are actually called trenails," said Stone. "These second story floor joists had been hidden for years under a plain drop ceiling. We want to share this history with our customers, and that required the help of an experienced contractor." Bob Fulton, of Fulton Construction, has experience working with historical buildings. "They truly are unique structures and have their own set of challenges. Today, you can't recreate the craftsmanship from back then. It is amazing how the early settlers constructed a building like this with no power tools and yet here it is, standing today," said Fulton.

Lyon Township's motto is "Honoring Yesterday. Building Tomorrow." "Lyon Township is experiencing tremendous growth with new residential and commercial developments, so it is equally exciting to see property owners investing in the past and working to preserve the history of the community," said Archer. "A successful downtown embraces the new and old and we are lucky to have business and property owners willing to invest in the historic gems." Oakland County Historic Commission Chair Melissa Luginski stated this building is an important part of local history and would rank it as an important historical location in Oakland County.

The New Hudson Inn is scheduled to reopen on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. A ribbon cutting event and grand opening is scheduled for later that month. You can visit the New Hudson Inn page on Facebook to see photos of the restoration efforts. You can learn more about the Oakland County Historic Commission by visiting their website at: <https://www.oakgov.com/historic/Pages/Contact.aspx>.

## Lawn Watering Reminder



We need your help to ensure our water iron removal system can meet the peak demands caused by lawn watering this season. Although water containing iron is perfectly safe for drinking, it causes aesthetic problems such as staining and discoloration.

The Lyon Township Board of Trustees is planning a multi-million dollar water system expansion and improvement project to take place over the next several years. However, based on peak demands during the summer last year, we know that if everyone waters at the same time, our additional wells will turn on to meet the demand and then introduce water containing iron into the system. To help you prevent water staining and discoloration, please help us by doing the following:

**Adjust your sprinkler timers to water at times other than 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (mornings) and at times other than 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (evenings).**

By following this recommendation, the peak demand will be reduced, and our current system will be able to meet your lawn watering needs with water that has the iron removed.

If assistance is needed to adjust your sprinkler settings, please contact the Lyon Township Municipal Center, and we will assist you.

## Free Health Clinic Information



### FREE MEDICAL CARE

June 30, 9am-3pm  
July 1, 9am-12 noon  
**Appointments  
given preference**  
Walk-in's are welcome

**Call 248-225-4581**

Eye Exams will be available  
On Wed., June 29  
10:00am–3:00pm

Location for June clinic is  
**Fellowship Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church  
22200 Pontiac Trail  
South Lyon, MI 48178**

June 30 9:00am-3:00pm,  
Audiologist will do hearing  
tests, ear wax removal and  
give referrals for  
low cost hearing aids.

### FREE DENTAL CARE

June 27 - July 1  
By appointment only

248-225-4581

*For Women between ages 40-75  
Mobile Mammogram Unit will be  
here on June 30 between  
10:00am and 2:00pm.*

*You must call to pre-register with  
Lynn Emery at 248-486-7435  
by June 20*

Medical doctors, dental hygienists and nurses will be available to provide care and assistance. Due to demand, we cannot guarantee that everyone seeking care will be able to be seen. We will assist those who cannot be seen with finding other resources. Capernaum is a coalition of local churches, doctors & volunteers to provide health care for those, for whatever reason, currently find themselves without adequate coverage..

## Lyon Township Public Library Events

### News and Events

-  **Family Fun Day – Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Fun for the whole family! Photo booth, bounce house, fire truck, bubbles, and more! Come and sign up for the Summer Reading program.
-  **Friends of the Library Book Sale – June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Pick up some great summer reads and great prices!



### Adults

-  **Book Club – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
This month's selection is *Neverhome* by Laird Hunt. Join us at Draught Horse Brewery in Lyon Township on Grand River for lively discussion.

### Kids

-  **Storytime – Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
All are welcome, even babies. No registration necessary.
-  **Exotic Animals – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
Please RSVP
-  **Tech Take Apart – Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
8 years old and above only. Please RSVP.
-  **Sharpie Kicks and Tees – Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
Teens only (going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above.) Bring a pair of white canvas shoes and a white/light color t-shirt for decorating. Please RSVP.

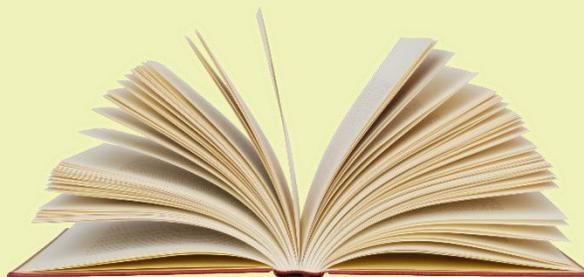


### Genealogy

-  **Genealogy Round Table – Fridays (June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>) from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Meet fellow genealogists to discuss your family history, share hints, and ask questions.
-  **Burton Historical Collection Field Trip – Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**  
We will meet at the library at 11:00 a.m. and carpool to the Detroit Public Library. Please RSVP.

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

The website offers more information on these programs and additional upcoming programs.



## Road Commission for Oakland County

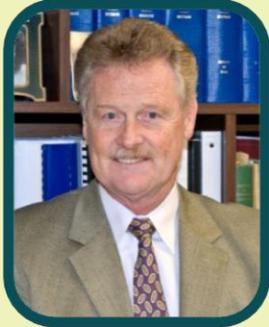


The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) continues work on graveling and grading Lyon Township roads. The picture shows a RCOC truck working on Martindale Road between Pontiac Trail and Grand River Avenue.

All public roads in Lyon Township fall under the jurisdiction of the RCOC. For more information on roads in Lyon Township, you can visit our website <http://www.lyontwp.org/roads>.



## Lyon Township Board of Trustees



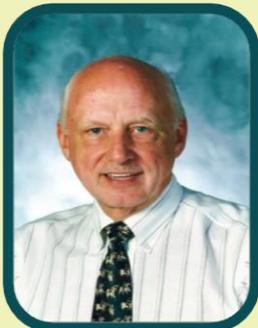
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