



Thomas Township Board of Trustees

- David Sommers.....Supervisor
- Michael Thayer.....Clerk
- Steven Witt..... Treasurer
- Katie McDonald.....Trustee
- Nate List.....Trustee
- Craig Monahan.....Trustee
- Tara DeLine.....Trustee
- Deidre Frollo.....Manager

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- Municipal Office 781-0150
249 N. Miller Road
- Parks & Recreation . 781-0151
249 N. Miller Road
- DPW Admin.....781-6438
251 Miller Court
- Police Department.. 781-1300
8215 Shields Drive
- Fire Department..... 781-4141
8215 Shields Drive
- Library 781-3770
8207 Shields Drive

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Township Supervisor Bob Weise Retires After 44 Years of Service

Township Supervisor Bob Weise decided to retire this past November after 44 years of dedicated service to the Thomas Township community. He initially joined the Township Board as a Trustee in the year 1980 when he was appointed to fill the seat left by August Wegner. At the time, he served alongside Supervisor Norm Bell, Clerk Elmer Rusch, Treasurer Shirley Miller, and Trustee Ivan Sparks. In 2000, Bob was elected Township Supervisor, a position that he has held ever since. During his 44 years on the Board, Bob has also served Thomas Township as a member of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, Saginaw County Economic Development Corporation, and numerous other committees and boards.



Pictured left to right are Russ Taylor, Katie McDonald, Craig Monahan, Mike Thayer, and Bob Weise.

Bob was born and raised in Alpena, Michigan where he grew up enjoying sports and the outdoors. After graduating, he joined the Scots Football Team at Alma College where he excelled and received his degree in teaching, followed up by a master's degree from CMU years later. Bob moved to the Saginaw area in 1968 and eventually found his way to Thomas Township in 1976, where he continues to reside. He has been happily married to his wonderful wife MaryJo for 32 years. Together, they have 10 grown children, along with 8 grandchildren.

Those who know Bob, know that he has always been generous with his time. His commitment to the community was exemplified by his career choice and his decades-long dedication to the Jaycees, Eagles, Lions, Holy Spirit Church, and Knights of Columbus. Bob retired after a long career in education where he also demonstrated his strong sense of community. He spent most of his working career in the Carrollton Public School System as a teacher, coach, Athletic Director, and Assistant High School Principal.

Over the past 44 years, he has overseen countless changes throughout the Township and its operations. Under his direction as a Board member and Supervisor, the Township switched to a professional management form of governance, extended tens of miles of sewer and water mains, purchased the Elks Lodge, constructed a new DPW Building, and Soccer Complex. He oversaw Fire Station additions, a new Municipal Office Building, multiple park expansions, and created the Township Nature Center & Preserve. He also helped establish a Township Police Department and negotiated multiple contracts and agreements for water and sewer services to the community. Along the way, he provided leadership to the Township's responses to several floods, natural disasters, chemical releases, COVID, and many more challenges.



Pictured left to right are Katie McDonald, Craig Monahan, Mike Thayer, and Bob Weise.

As Supervisor of Thomas Township, he has always been known for his honesty, transparency, and an unwavering commitment to "doing the right thing" no matter what the situation may be. He has always set an example for all Township employees as being responsive to residents and business owners and he has always been clear that the same was expected of everyone working for the Township.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Supervisor Weise for his dedication to the Thomas Township community as our leader and for always holding us to a higher standard of service. We thank you and wish you well.

Welcome our new Township Supervisor Dave Sommers



Dave Sommers

Dave Sommers was elected this past November to fill the vacant Township Supervisor seat that was available after Bob Weise's retirement. Dave is certainly not a newcomer to the Township or the Board. He has served as a Trustee on the Board since 2015. Prior to that, he became involved with the Township as a volunteer firefighter when he joined the department in 1996. He served Thomas Township as a firefighter for 25 years thereafter serving in multiple leadership capacities until he retired in 2021 as Assistant Chief.

His career with the Township has included serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Negotiations Committee, and Sidewalk Committee. Notably, he spearheaded the successful Public Safety Millage Renewal Campaign and chaired the Nature Center and Preserve Advisory Committee.

Dave and his wife, Edith have been married for 41 years and have two grown children that they raised here in Thomas Township, where they have resided throughout their married life. Dave was born and raised in Flint before he entered the Air Force where he served in Vietnam. His Air Force service gave him the opportunity to work as the team photographer for the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. As the Thunderbirds' photographer, he was able to travel all around the country and experience all sorts of aerial maneuvers in the Thunderbird jets. That experience gave him the opportunity to return to Michigan as a photographer and video producer for Dow, which lead him to his career job with the Saginaw News that he started in 1979 and from which he retired as staff photographer.

Dave is very excited about all of the progress and improvements that the Township has undertaken in recent years, including expanding the parks, establishing the Township Campus, water and sewer improvements, and more. He sees a bright future for our Township. He notes his commitment to ensuring that the Township continues to operate in a fiscally sound manner using long-term financial planning tools to provide the excellent services Township residents and business owners have come to expect.

Dave chaired his first Board meeting in December. Afterward, he expressed his appreciation to the Thomas Township community for giving him the opportunity to serve in this new role and trusting him to continue the strong leadership that has made Thomas Township such a great place to live, work, and play.

New Thomas Township Trustee – Nate List

Nate is the current Society of Cable Telecommunication Engineers Lake Michigan Chapter Vice President and a Hybrid Fiber Coax Technical Supervisor. He is also a member of the Freeland Lions Club, Hopevale Church, and on the Executive Committee of the Saginaw County Republican Party.

Nate grew up in Saginaw Township and graduated from Heritage High School. He has lived in Thomas Township with his wife and three children for the past ten years. He enjoys volunteering, hunting, fishing, golf, and most of all spending time with his family. Nate is focused on the community and its best interests to keep Thomas Township a great place to live and visit.



Deputy Clerk Connie Watt & Trustee Nate List

Thomas Township Construction Update

Thomas Township continues to work on infrastructure improvements to support industrial expansions on the western portion of the Township. These upgrades have been paid for by a combination of state granted monies as well as financial contributions from both HSC and Corning Incorporated. Since the beginning of 2023, the following infrastructure improvements have either been completed or are in active construction at this moment:

1. Pump Station #12 at the corner of Geddes and Gleaner Roads. (Completed)
2. Force main (sewage pumped) from PS #12 east down Geddes Road to Kennely Road. (Completed)
3. Gravity sewer extension on Geddes Road from Glencairn west to Kennely Road. (Completed)
4. Pump Station #4 at the corner of Madeline and Sue Roads. (Completed)
5. Force main from PS #4 through Rambling Acres subdivision to McCliggott Road. (Completed)
6. Gravity Sewer lining on McCliggott Road. (Completed)
7. 12" Watermain on Orr Road between Frost and Dice Roads. (Completed)
8. Two (2) 12" watermain extensions from Orr Road into the new Corning Plant. (Completed)
9. Construction of two (2) water metering buildings on the Corning site. (Ongoing)
10. Pump Station #16 at the corner of Geddes and Orr Roads to service Corning. (Ongoing)
11. Force main from PS #16 east down Geddes to PS #12. (Completed)
12. Gravity Sewer extension from PS #16 north down Orr Road to service Corning. (Completed)
13. Water Pressure Booster Station at the Water Tower Site on Graham Road. (Ongoing)
14. Five (5) check valve vaults on the watermain near Gratiot/Gleaner, Graham/Frost, and Graham/Geddes Roads. (Ongoing)
15. Targeted road improvements on North Thomas, Geddes, Orr, and O'Hara Roads. (Completed)
16. Streetlight at Orr and Gratiot Road. (Coming soon)

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these projects, please email me at dpwdirector@thomastwp.org, or give me a call in the office at 989-781-6438.

Trevor Schultz – DPW Director



Phone Scam Awareness

It seems like every day scammers develop new ways to cheat people out of their money or personal information. Unfortunately, the problem is not going away. In fact, it is getting worse. In 2023, the Federal Trade Commission estimated that Americans lost over \$10 billion to scams. The number could be much higher because people are often too embarrassed to report when they have been scammed. Scammers have many tools in their arsenal to con or steal from you. Whether it is by phone, text, e-mail, or in person, they are getting increasingly creative, making it harder to detect whether something is real or fraudulent. Phone scams specifically are extremely common affecting at least 1 in 5 Americans. Here are a few ways to protect yourself from these phone scammers so you are not a victim of this multibillion-dollar industry.

Legitimate business calls will never request that you provide sensitive, personal information such as a social security number, credit card, or bank account number over the phone. If you get a call from someone claiming to be your bank, doctor, or another company you do business with, do not provide any information over the phone, especially when it is information they should already have. Hang up and call that company directly at a phone number listed on their website. Never call a number the scammer has provided to you.

The Internal Revenue Service will never call you to request personal information. The agency does almost all of its correspondence by mail. If you have already received correspondence from the IRS and are under audit, criminal investigation, or delinquent on a tax bill, they may call to discuss this, but they will never ask you to provide bank account or credit card numbers over the phone.

Be leery if you receive a call that is threatening you with action if you won't provide information. This sense of urgency or threat of adverse action are ways scammers get people to act without thinking. If someone calls you, claiming they are going to arrest or take other adverse action against you if you don't provide personal information, it is most likely a scam. Do not react without thinking about the legitimacy of their request. Contact a family member or friend and discuss it with them. Quite often, talking it out or giving yourself time to think it through will help you realize you are being scammed.

Sometimes the claim is not bad. Scammers may claim that you won something, and request that you provide bank account information in order for you to collect your prize. Remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is. Never, ever provide personal information if you were not the one that initiated the phone call.

There are many scams out there these days, and the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is going to make detecting these scams more difficult. The main rule of thumb is that if you are in doubt, do not provide any information over the phone. If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, you can report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.reportfraud.ftc.gov or by calling (877) 382-4357.

Police Chief Eric Cowles



FREE Smoke Detectors?



Your Fire Department has been working under a grant program from the State Fire Marshals office. The organization is called Mi-Prevention. Their focus is Community Risk Reduction (CRR). We have partnered with them to offer YOU, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors free of charge! Yes, you did read that right, FREE. To help ensure everyone has this added layer of protection, we have smoke and smoke/carbon monoxide detectors available. The criteria is we have to install them for you. We also have the

ability to acquire smoke detectors for the hearing impaired, called bed shakers. When your smoke detectors activate, it will shake your bed to alert you to a potential danger.

If you are interested in a free detector, please contact our office and we can set up an appointment to visit your home and install a detector(s). While we are visiting your home, if you would like a free home fire evaluation, we would be more than happy to conduct this for you as well. The evaluation would simply point out fire safety hazards and we would discuss with you any measures to take. We can also assist you with a home escape plan if you would like. Please give us a call at 989-781-4141 with any questions or to set up a visit.

We have also operated a smoke detector program for many years with funding from our Fire Fighters Association. This has been accomplished by the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program, held twice a year in conjunction with Eudici's Pizza. On these days, if you order from Eudici's Pizza you will have a chance to win a free pizza. For more details visit Eudici's Pizza in Shields or see them on Facebook. We plan to continue with this program as long as we can.

Yours for Fire Safety,
Fire Chief Mike Cousins

Fire Hydrant Accessibility

With wintertime upon us, we ask for your help to keep snow away from any hydrant. Please keep a three foot radius around the hydrant snow-free. Hydrants can be difficult to see in the dark and when they are buried in snow, it becomes even more of a challenge when every second counts.

Please do not plow or shovel snow against a fire hydrant. It will make it difficult to get to in emergencies, and it may also be damaging to the water pipes connecting the hydrant to the water mains underground. These fire hydrants are essential to our community so please be respectful and keep them clear.



MMWA 2025 Schedule for Thomas Township



THOMAS TOWNSHIP

2025

recyclemotion.org

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Recycle & Trash Week

Observed Holiday one day delay

Please put your trash out by 7:00 a.m. on your normal collection day.
Yard Waste Season
Begins April 1st - Ends December 5th

MMWA CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The following items are able to be recycled in MMWA member communities. All items should be placed loose into the MMWA cart with the green lid.



Cans

Steel and Aluminum
(clean, empty, and dry)

- pop
- beer
- soup
- vegetable
- tuna



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, and Tubs

(clean, empty, and dry)

- water bottles
- pop bottles
- shampoo bottles
- OTC vitamin and self care products
- milk jugs
- juice jugs
- laundry detergent jugs
- bleach bottles
- mayonnaise jars
- peanut butter jars
- butter tubs
- sour cream tubs
- fruit tubs
- yogurt tubs

All narrow-neck and wide-mouth plastic bottles and containers
#1, #2, #4, #5 #6
(NO Styrofoam), #7

Cartons

(clean, empty, and dry)

- milk
- juice
- soup
- broth
- wine



Glass Bottles and Jars

(clean, empty, and dry)

- pop
- beer
- wine
- pickle
- salsa

***place metal lids loose in your bin.**



Paper and Cardboard

(all colors all types)

- newspapers and inserts
- magazines and catalogs
- junk mail and envelopes (window envelopes are okay)
- postcards, greeting cards, coupon packets
- phone books
- paper grocery bags
- cereal and dry food boxes, shoe boxes, toothpaste or OTC medicine boxes
- paper tubes and tissue boxes
- office paper, stationery, business cards
- hard (cover removed) or soft cover books
- wrapping paper (include the cardboard tube)
- cardboard (flattened)
- paper shopping bags
- clean pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- paper egg cartons
- frozen food boxes



www.recyclemotion.org
(989)781-9555

*For best results residents should have all properly prepared materials at the curb no later than 7:00 am. Remember, you have a service day not a collection time, routes run until finished. For any service issues always call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 within one business day of your service day.

TRASH

NON-RECYCLABLE, NON-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
All trash should be placed into the MMWA cart with the blue lid.

- Residents should have their trash out by 7:00 am on their regular collection day. If your properly prepared materials were out by 7:00 am but not picked up, please leave them out until they are serviced.
- Report all missed collections on your service day or before 5:00 pm the next business day by calling MMWA. Each resident has a one business day window to report a missed pick-up.
- Place your cart within 6 feet of the curb.
- Place your cart with the lid opening towards the street, and the handle side toward the residence.
- We recommend residents bag their trash before placing it in the cart.
- Allow 3 feet on each side of the container for the collection equipment to operate.
- Materials should not extend more than 12 inches over the lip of the cart.
- Holidays that fall on weekdays cause collection to be delayed one day for that day and the following service days for the rest of that week. MMWA observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

BULKY WASTE

MMWA residents are allowed up to two bulky items per week. Bulky items should be placed at the curb, along with your other properly prepared materials, no later than 7:00 am on your regular service day. MMWA does not schedule bulk pick-up in advance. The trash driver is responsible for collecting your properly prepared bulky item or getting it scheduled for pick up. If the truck is full, or the driver is not able to collect the item by himself, the driver should be placing an orange sticker on the material marking the box that reads item pick up scheduled do NOT remove from the curb. The bulk truck runs 1-2 business days behind the regular trash truck.

YARD WASTE

Place yard waste in cans (rigid plastic container with handles) 20-35 gallons in size or in a paper yard waste bag. Can must be labeled with "Yard Waste Only" stickers. Yard waste cans and bags must weigh less than 50 pounds each.

KNOW YOUR NO'S!



MMWA Curbside Christmas Tree Guidelines

After Christmas and during the month of January, MMWA will offer live, unadorned Christmas tree recycling as part of its yard waste program. Please remove all decorations, ornaments, lights, and tree stands and place the tree out at the curb on your normal service day by 7:00 am for collection.

Tree recycling is only available to member communities who have yard waste.

Artificial and adorned Christmas trees will be collected as bulk waste in all MMWA member communities.



Trees can be put to the curb with or without a tree bag. Trees that are frozen to the ground or covered with snow will not be collected until they can be safely accessed by the driver. Large or heavy trees may have to be picked up by the bulk truck, and in those cases, trees should be collected within one to two days of the resident's regular service day.

2024 Business/Organization of the Year Awards

In October, the Thomas Township Planning Commission, represented by Rod lamurri Chairman and David Sommers Planning Commission member presented the 2024 Business/Organization of the Year awards. These awards are presented to businesses or organizations selected by the Planning Commission as best demonstrating aesthetic excellence and setting a positive example within the Township. These awards are divided into two categories that reflect “small” and “large” businesses in the community. The winners for 2024 are:

Live Oak Coffeehouse Small Business of the Year



Pictured from left to right are Dan Vang - Manager, Reneé Deckrow – Owner, and David Sommers

Live Oak Coffeehouse, located at 7194 Gratiot Rd, opened in 2022, is a locally owned and operated coffee shop. They offer locally roasted coffee and espresso-based beverages, along with tea, pastries, and more. They have locations in Midland, Bay City, and Freeland, in addition to their Thomas Township location. Live Oak prides themselves on putting people and the community first, with a portion of the profits from their “Love Your Neighbor” coffee benefitting local charities such as the Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan, Midland’s Open Door, and Be the Bridge.

Poor Boy’s Home Décor & More Small Business of the Year Honorable Mention



Pictured from left to right are Heather Hunter - Owner, Rod lamurri, and Matt Hunter - Owner

Poor Boy’s Home Décor & More opened in 2023 at 7397 Gratiot Rd. They offer a selection of unique home décor items, candles, and many other seasonal decorations and gift items. They also make custom decorative signage for every occasion, and always have something new in the store to check out.

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2024 Business/Organization of the Year Awards (Cont.)

Carter Lumber

Large Business of the Year



Pictured left to right are Bruce Fenske – Manager, Rod lamurri, and Cody Fenske – Assistant Manager

Located at 8500 Gratiot Rd, Carter Lumber offers lumber, building materials, windows, doors, flooring, and much more. They serve everyone from do-it-yourself homeowners to professional builders, and can provide custom and off-the-shelf products to fit any project.

Fullerton Tool Company

Large Business of the Year Honorable Mention



Pictured left to right are Gary Bruff – VP of Manufacturing, Rod lamurri, and Patrick Curry – Owner

With 175 employees, Fullerton Tool, located within the Great Lakes Tech Park at 11489 Sunshine Dr, is one of the largest employers in Thomas Township. Their state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, built in 2015, produces top quality end mills, drills, reamers, and other carbide machine tooling products.

Sidewalks during the Winter Season

After a snowfall, all residents and businesses must maintain their sidewalk. **Thomas Township now mandates that the snow and/or ice be cleared within 24 hours of a storm or snowfall.** If the ice and snow have not been cleared after a warning is sent, Thomas Township will have the sidewalk cleared, and the property owner will be assessed the cost.

Remember, your efforts at keeping the sidewalks clear benefit the entire community. All who utilize the sidewalks appreciate your hard work to keep them clear of snow and ice so they can maintain their daily routine.

If you have the opportunity to thank a neighbor or a business employee for their efforts, please do so. If you are able to lend a helping hand to your neighbor, that would also be appreciated.

If you have any questions about the ordinance, call the Thomas Township Code Enforcement Officer at 989-781-0150.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!
Community Development Department

From the Desk of the Planning Commission Chairman:

My name is **Rod Iamurri** and I am your Thomas Township Planning Commission Chairman. I would like to give my fellow residents a little insight as to the roles and responsibilities of the Thomas Township Planning Commission. First, I would like to introduce our Planning Commission: Pat Lynch - Vice Chairman, Steve Yockey – Secretary, Jennifer Curry – Commissioner, Doug Bird – Commissioner, Samantha Garvie – Commissioner, and Katie McDonald – Commissioner and Township Board Member.



Pictured left to right are Patrick Lynch, Jennifer Curry, Dave Sommers, Rod Iamurri, Steve Yockey, Samantha Garvey, and Katie McDonald. Missing from the photo is Doug Bird.

What is Planning?

Planning is an initiative-taking process that establishes goals and policies for directing and managing land use and development. Local agencies plan to address fundamental community issues such as the location and type of development, infrastructure, mobility, housing availability, natural resource allocation, hazard mitigation (including the impacts of climate change), and economic development. Planning helps account for future demand for services, including sewers, roads, and fire protection. Planning decisions impact public safety, public health, access to resources and environmental quality, and can have either positive or negative consequences.

The Commission's Duties

Writing, reviewing, and updating the Master Plan is one of the most important responsibilities of the Planning Commission. The Master Plan is the guideline for all planning and zoning decisions made by the Commission, and is required by law to be updated every five years. The Planning Commission is also responsible for reviewing all proposed site plans and special use permits. In cases of appeals or variance requests regarding signage, they act as the Sign Board of Appeals. They also are the first board to review any rezoning requests or changes to the zoning ordinance before making an official recommendation to the Township Board of Trustees. A Planning Commission must reach their decisions ethically and impartially, and they must act according to the guidelines laid out in the Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan.

The Role of Staff

Behind the scenes, there are a couple of members of the Thomas Township staff that help to support the Planning Commission. Dan Sika, the Thomas Township Community Development Director, and Andrew Bicigo, the Code Enforcement Officer.

If you would like to attend a Planning Commission Meeting, the meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, and are held at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, located at 8215 Shields Dr.

Thomas Township Winter Wonderland

The Thomas Township Winter Wonderland had another successful weekend on December 13th and 14th despite the cold weather. Roberts Park was decorated by our Parks and Recreation Department, DPW staff, along with volunteers, local businesses, and schools. This year we brought in reindeer from Rooftop Landings and a few craft vendors. We want to give a HUGE THANKS to all the volunteers and businesses who participated and the community for showing their support.

Along with the lights, music, movie, Santa, and Jingles the Elf, there were food vendors, hay rides, a craft tent, bonfires, and s'mores. The hay rides through the lighted park were included with admission into the event. At the conclusion of the event on Saturday, December 14th, fireworks were lit wishing guests a happy holiday season.

For 2024, we welcomed back **Garber Chevrolet on Gratiot and Mid Michigan Chevy Dealers** as our main event sponsors.

Additional Sponsors:

Wobig Co.	Mid Valley Insurance	Yeo & Yeo
Hemlock Semiconductor	Schomaker Farms	William A Kibbe & Assoc.
Meijer	Apple Mountain	Leddy Electric
The State Bank	Bierlein	Fullerton Tool
Spicer Group	Totten Tires	Culvers
Dave & Edith Sommers	My Member Insurance	Thomas Township Kiwanis
Swan Valley Pay It Forward	Frankenmuth Credit Union	Thomas Township Business Association
Strobel Automotive	Wolgast	
Mark & Debbie Piotrowski	Kluck Nursery	

A Special Thank You

We would like to extend a SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Thomas Township Business Association for putting on their annual gift giveaway with Santa. The first 100 kids into the event were given a special gift from Santa again this year. Without support from our local community and businesses, we couldn't continue to grow this event.



Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Scott Branch, Chair

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Angela Alworden

Craig Blower

Dean Rusch

DJ Sova

Ann Hoffman

Parks & Recreation Staff Members

John Corriveau,
Director

Tyler Sutherland,
Asst. Director

Sue Prevost,
Receptionist

The Parks & Recreation Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and can be reached at (989) 781-0151 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



ONLINE REGISTRATION is available for Parks and Recreation Programming. You can access the online registration at thomastwp.org. When using the online registration system to register for Parks and Recreation Programming, you MUST pay for the program you are registering for at the time you fill out the registration form or you will not be considered enrolled in that program. Registration is a two step process. Once you hit REGISTER NOW, you will register, agree to the terms and hit SEND. You will then be redirected to the payment options on the next screen. From there you should receive a confirmation email of payment. If you do not receive a confirmation, then your payment was not able to be processed and registration will not be able to be completed.

Not all programs are available for online registration. If you have any questions feel free to call the Parks and Recreation office at (989) 781-0151 or stop into the Parks and Rec office at 249 North Miller Road.

Join an Archery Class!

Archery classes are held at the Saginaw Field and Stream Club, located at 1296 N. Gleaner Road. To give each student individual attention, class sizes are limited to 12 students, so please sign up early!

All archery classes are six week programs that are taught every Thursday. Students learn about recurve, compound and crossbows. Instructors are certified through USA Archery and the National Field Archer's Association (NFAA).

There are 4 class sessions offered with the first session beginning on January 9th. **Registration for the first session has ended. The second session offered will begin in February and registrations are being taken now until the classes are full. A third session will begin in March, with registration continuing until classes are full. Dates are subject to some changes based on weather cancellations.**

Registration Fees: Resident: \$70 Non-Resident: \$75



Previous Archery Class

Boys & Girls Basketball



4th - 6th Grade Basketball

Basketball leagues are forming for boys and girls in 4th - 6th grades. Boys and girls will play in separate leagues. **Registration has ended.** There will be a draft held at Swan Valley High School to determine teams on Saturday, December 14th. All kids will be assigned a coach who will set up practices during the week. Season dates are January 11th - February 15th.

Games are held on Saturdays at Swan Valley High School. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program! To volunteer please call (989) 781-0151 to coach a team!

2nd - 4th Grade Basketball

Registration for boys and girls in 2nd - 4th grade is now open. Boys and girls will play in separate leagues. **The registration deadline is January 31st.** All kids will be assigned a coach who will set up practices during the week. Season dates are March 1st - April 19th. **No games over spring break week.**

Games are held on Saturdays at Swan Valley High School. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program! To volunteer please call (989) 781-0151 to coach a team!

Registration Fees: Resident: \$60 Non-Resident: \$70



Pavilion Rentals 2025

Starting January 2nd, 2025 at 8:30 am Thomas Township **Residents Only** can begin renting pavilions for the 2025 year. Pavilion rentals will open up to **Non-Residents** beginning in February. Make sure to get your reservation in as early as possible because the pavilions rent out fast!



Roethke Park
Pavilion

Winter Fun

Sledding

There is a lighted sledding hill at Day Park, located on S. River Road just north of Ronald Drive.

These winter activities are not monitored by Township Staff. Parental supervision is mandatory.



Community Calendar 2025

- **February 17th**
Office Closed in observance of President's Day
- **Last week of February**
Assessment Change Notices will be mailed
- **February 28th**
Winter Taxes due in the office without penalty
- **December 1st - February 28th**
Dog Licenses available at Township Office with proof of Rabies Vaccination
- **March 10th**
(Tentative Date)
March Board of Review
- **April 11th**
Yard Waste Pick-Up Begins



Boys & Girls Basketball Clinic

This six week program is held at Swan Valley High School and is for kids aged 4 - 8. Our recreational staff, which consists of high school athletes, will guide the kids through skill drills that will help them take the next step in basketball. We also like to encourage the participants in the basketball clinic to attend the local high school games and cheer their instructors on as they play. **Registration is closed.** The clinic will begin on January 11th.



Basketball Clinic Coach with team

Registration Fees:

Resident: \$60 Non-Resident: \$70

Soccer Clinic

Soccer Clinic is for 4 - 8 year olds. **Registration is underway for both boys and girls.** You can send in your registration to the Parks Office or register online. The start date of our soccer clinic is scheduled for the fourth Saturday in February.

The clinic is an instructional program. Participants will be taught the fundamentals of soccer. The soccer clinic will be held on Saturday mornings at Swan Valley High School, located at 8400 O'Hern Road.

Ages 4 - 5: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Ages 6 - 8: 10:15 am to 11:15 am



Registration Fees:

Resident: \$60 Non-Resident: \$70

A Special THANK YOU!

Back in September, we hosted our annual Evening in the Park Fundraiser and we would like to extend a special THANK YOU to Henry Trier along with Andrew & Katie Bicigo for donating and helping the parks raise money during this event. These funds provide maintenance needs and future expansion plans on the



Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course. These individuals put on a disc golf display and showcased a hole sponsorship opportunity for the course. We would like to also thank Evolution Disc Golf, the Sova family, and Dave & Edith Sommers for being hole sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a hole sponsor or would like to donate to the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course, please give us a call at the office at (989) 781 - 0151.



Trash & Treasures Yard Sales

June 12th - June 15th, 2025

Thank you for choosing to participate in the
16th Annual Trash & Treasures Yard Sales!



Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your completed form can be returned to:

Thomas Township
Attn: Karen Hitz
249 N. Miller Rd
Saginaw, MI 48609

Place in the drop box on the north side of the office building, or
you may email the form to: operator@thomastwp.org or fax it to (989) 781-0290.
In order to have your sale included on the map you must have the form turned in
by **May 30, 2025!** Please be considerate of your neighbors during the sale.



***If you are not a Thomas Township resident, you may register your sale. It will be displayed in the address list section, but may not appear on the map.**

***Due to limited spacing, we cannot list specific times, days, or individual items for sale on the map.**

***For questions, please call 989-781-0150.**

Thomas Township

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Brush Drop Off

Brush may be taken by the homeowner to the Township brush drop off site located at the northwest corner of N. Gleaner & Frost Roads (Access drive from N. Gleaner). No stumps, leaves, grass, or commercial brush of any kind will be accepted. The site will be open on the following dates starting Saturday at 8am and closing Monday at 8am.

2025 Drop Off Dates:

April 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, & 27/28

May 4/5 & 18/19

June 1/2, 15/16, & 29/30

July 13/14 & 27/28

August 10/11 & 24/25

September 7/8 & 21/22

October 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, & 26/27

Yard Waste Pick-up will begin on April 11, 2025