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BRIAN RUSSELL NAMED NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

After an extensive search that began last July, the Township has hired Brian Russell to become our new Chief of Police. Prior to accepting the Township's position, Brian served for seven years as the Chief of Police for the City of Buchanan.

Brian also spent eighteen years with the Oxford Police Department. Along with his twenty-five years of police experience, his educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Siena Heights University and graduation from the Eastern Michigan University Staff and Command School.

Chief Russell will direct our Police Department, which includes thirteen sworn officers and three civilian employees. He is expected to begin work on February 1st. The Township would like to welcome Chief Brian Russell, his wife Barbara, and son Chris to our community.

TOWNSHIP ADDS NEW FIRE TRUCK TO DEPARTMENT

In an effort to provide our volunteer Fire Department with the equipment they need to do the best job possible, the Board of Trustees has purchased a new 2004 American LaFrance quint type fire truck (see photo on back page). This truck performs the same functions as a tanker, pumper, and ladder truck, all in one unit. The Township was able to purchase a new demonstration model for \$650,000. This is a considerable savings over a new factory model. In 2000, the Board began setting aside money into a fire apparatus reserve fund in anticipation of the need to deal with our aging equipment. Funding for the new truck was provided from this reserve fund, the Township's fund balance, and a small short term note.

In 2003, the Board adopted a Fire Apparatus Master Plan which spelled out the current and future fire equipment needs for the Township. The first apparatus replaced under this Plan was our 1969 Brush Truck. A new Brush Truck was purchased in early 2004. The Plan called for the replacement of one of our two 1986 pumpers with a quint type unit that serves not only as a pumper, but also provides aerial (ladder) capability. This recommendation has been addressed by our current purchase. The Township will likely replace or refurbish the second 1986 pumper sometime around 2007.

The new unit is equipped with a 2,000 gallon per minute (GPM) pump, 100' ladder, 400 gallon water tank, Class A foam capabilities, and seating for six firefighters. Delivery of the truck is scheduled for late January. Members of the Fire Department will go through extensive training on the apparatus and expects to place it into service in late March or early April.

DEWITT TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS: SERVING YOU AND THEIR COUNTRY

This Fire Department is proud of the service of firefighter/MFR Joe Sterle, who has recently returned from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he served for nearly a year. The Fire Department is also proud of the military service of retired Staff Sergeant, Tom Sullivan, who now makes his home in DeWitt Township and is a firefighter/EMT in the Department. Both have seen a great deal of military activity and may not yet be at the end of their military service to our country. We are pleased to share their stories with you.



Joe Sterle comes from a long lineage of military men as his father, two uncles and a grandfather served this country. Joe's younger brother has joined the Marine Corp and is currently training to be deployed to Iraq.

Joe served in the United States Marine Corps from 1997-2001 where he traveled to Europe, Africa and Asia on real world missions and training exercises. Joe is currently a National Guard member with the 119th Field Artillery. He and others received their orders for Cuba to guard prisoners in December 2003. Joe remained in Cuba until November of this year. Joe may be called upon to go to Iraq within the next year.

Joe's interests and hobbies include scuba diving, which he learned while in Cuba, hunting and playing with his two Labrador Retrievers. Joe works for Sparrow Health Systems as an Emergency Room Technician.

Tom Sullivan works full-time with the Veterans Administration Center in Battle Creek as a firefighter and volunteers his free time on our Fire Department as a firefighter and EMT. Tom is leaving for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in February for a 12-month position as a firefighter with a private employer.



He also served in the military for 12 ½ years, discharging in November 2002, where he worked in military intelligence. He has traveled as far and away as Iraq, Somalia, Haiti and Afghanistan. Tom is also a jumpmaster, having made over 100 jumps while in the military and is well decorated for his military service, but remains modest about his military achievements. Sullivan enjoys spending time with his son, Bobby. His interests also include hunting for duck and deer, sports, and collecting fire memorabilia. Tom's collection includes over 100 pieces, with his favorite piece being a pike pole from the 50's.

SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES HAVE CHANGED

The Building Department wishes to advise private landowners, builders, and developers who own land within the Township that effective January 1, 2005, the sewer connection charge per Residential Equivalent Unit (which is 1.0 unit for a single family residence) will be \$3,000.00.

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS

The DeWitt Township Fire Department wants to ensure that no home in DeWitt Township goes unprotected because they cannot afford a smoke detector. The Fire Department has a limited quantity of battery-operated smoke detectors to distribute FREE to elderly, disabled, or low-income families who own and reside in their own home. These detectors will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information, contact Chief Frederick Koos by calling the Fire Department office at 669-0071, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also e-mail him at fire@dewitttownship.org.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that 93% of U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm. However, 50% of home fires and 60% of fire deaths occur in the 7% of homes with no alarms. Thousands of people still die each year in home fires where smoke alarms aren't present.

In addition, there are now more homes with smoke alarms that don't work than homes without alarms at all. These poorly maintained units create a false sense of security among occupants. Approximately 33% of homes with smoke alarms that experience fires have smoke alarms that aren't working. Hundreds of people die each year in these fires.

If you have a home fire, having a smoke alarm cuts your chance of dying nearly in half.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEMBERS

The following Committee and Commission members are serving the residents of DeWitt Charter Township during 2005. Please take the opportunity to say "thank you" to your friends and neighbors for their service:

Salary Compensation Commission: Keith Taylor, Danny Taylor, Johanna Blazer, Stanley Baird, Margie Lotre
Board of Appeals: Jeff Baumann, Robert Gesler, Shannon Schlegel, Stephen Gobbo, Robert Reese III, Dale Glynn, Christopher LaGrand
Planning Commission: Steve Musselman, Kimberly Smelker, Jane DeHoog, Bruce Keilen, Gregory White, Mike Nolen, Stephen Gobbo, Jason Flower
Public Safety Committee: David Seeger, Thomas Hendrickson, Phil Patriarche, David Gardner, Lisa Folkringa, Bonnie Oetman, Lisa Taylor, Marvin Helmker, Donna Spicer
Board of Review: Norman Farnum, Al Harrison, Concetta D'Agostino
Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA): Matt Kulhanek, Diane Mosier, Sue Glynn, Max Calder
Library Board: John Dallal, Wayne Summers, Diane Mosier
Sewer Board of Appeals: Robert Gesler, Janis Penton, Judy Martiny, Bob Ancel, Brian Ross
Construction Board of Appeals: Harold Taylor, Brian Schertzing, Gene Brownfield, Dennis Rozen, Gordon Woodman
DeWitt Area Recreation Authority(DARA): Matt Kulhanek, Phyllis Daggy, Doug Simon

LOOKING GLASS RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

DeWitt Charter Township will be hosting a public meeting on February 9, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt. The goal of the meeting will be to inform the public of the watershed management planning effort, invite them to participate in stakeholder meetings, show them how to access the website and provide comments, and gather information on what the perceived problems and concerns in the watershed are.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free income tax preparation for low income families, senior citizens and students. Many people depend on VITA to provide their income tax preparation and many depend on any credit (earned income credit) they are entitled to receive as a critical source of income. Tax returns are prepared by volunteer students from MSU and are reviewed by a professional accountant.

VITA runs from February 14, 2005 through April 13, 2005. VITA has sites around the Lansing area on different nights from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. VITA representatives will be at the DeWitt Charter Township Community Center (16101 Brook Road, Lansing) on Thursday evenings. Call the Township Hall at 668-0270 to schedule your required appointment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES INCREASE

With the onset of winter conditions, the Police Department has been receiving more demand for service due to vehicles sliding off snowy/icy roads and into ditches. Please slow down when driving this season.

Our responses to criminal complaints have been higher than anticipated, with more domestic disputes reported compared to 2003. DTPD officers are trained to treat these calls as potentially having a higher risk of violence than some other investigations. Our policy remains firm that domestic violence will be dealt with in a decisive manner once a crime is confirmed and a violator is identified.

Officers also know that many times in these cases victims can be intimidated by their assailants into not cooperating with our efforts to help them. By working in concert with the Courts and advocates at RAVE (Relief After Violent Encounters) and similar groups, the DeWitt Township Police Department hopes to assure that serious domestic problems are identified, and victims receive the help and resources that are available. The Clinton County Prosecutor's Office employs an outstanding resource in Anita Rositas, who functions as the Victim/Witness Coordinator and advocate for victims and their families.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION WORKERS RECOGNIZED

In 2004, the following residents worked the polls on Election Day. Without their dedication to the democratic process, Election Day would not be the positive experience we enjoy in DeWitt Township. When you see these friends and neighbors, please take a minute to thank them for their service.

Jane Allen	Billie Gladstone	Lela Parr
Fame Arent	Tom Grider	Phil Patriarche
Pauline Balcer	John Guthrie	Joan Patriarche
Carr Baldwin	Al Harrison	Marlene Peterson
Ethel Baldwin	Florence Hartman	Vicki Planey
Rose Banfield	Shirley Heiser	Peggy Powers
Jane Beachnau	Marie Henning-Grider	Theresa Premo-Peaphon
Norm Beck	Lora Mae Higbee	Virginia Pylman
Donnalee Beebe	Terri Howe	Chuck Ruble
Gloria Bekke	Janet Hoyt	Molly Ruble
Lois Binkley	Ilse King	Leonard Schumann
Marquerite Botke	Suzanne Kovacevich	Karen Simmer
Doug Bowers	Jesse Landhuis	Lona Sivers
Mary Bowers	Kim Landhuis	Ray Sivers
Gudrun Bullock	David Lantz	Doris Smith
Sharon Carlock	Monica LaSarge	Robert Smith
Dorian Carroll	Eva Lietzke	Geneva Speas
Shirley Carroll	Maxine Lorenz	Eugena Stahl
Marion Childress	Barb Lucian	Donna Stephens
Jean Clements	Dave Lusty	Linda Thayer
Mary Cornelius	Sue Lusty	Cecil Wagstaff
Bobbie Cornell	Jan Mallison	Liz Walsh
Olinda Deines	Beverly McCauley	Robert White
Jim Dunn	Robert Miller	Joyce Whitlock
Jean Feher	Carol Neil	Joyce Williams
Lucille Francis	Gary Nekola	Vera Wood
Al Gladstone	Janice O'Connor	Uleta Young

WHAT EVERY DEWITT TOWNSHIP VOTER SHOULD KNOW

Beginning in 2005 in Michigan, all federal, state, county, city, township, village and school elections will take place on one of the following dates:

the fourth Tuesday in February
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November

This does not mean that an election will take place on all of these dates. It simply means that if there is to be an election, it will be on one of these four dates. (In the law, there is one exception provision for schools, annually.)

With Counties, Townships and Cities now conducting school elections, there are many details being worked out in Clerks' offices statewide. To facilitate the changes, we are currently finalizing agreements with the School Districts and Counties. However, for voters the changes should not be complicated, and in many ways will simplify your voting experience.

During the first quarter of 2005, we will be mailing out new voter cards to voters registered in DeWitt Township. Please pay close attention to your school district polling location, since it will likely change. In many cases, your new school polling location will now be the same location you have been voting in for governmental elections.

Under the new law, by December 31st, school districts must choose which date they will hold their elections for the next two years. Many school districts have already chosen May to take their issues to the voters. Example: DeWitt School District voters will be voting in May of 2005. Lansing School District voters will be voting in an odd year November election. Further details on these changes will follow in the Spring DeWitt Township Newsletter.

PLEASE throw away your old voter registration card when your new card arrives. At every election, many voters come to the wrong polling location with old voter registration cards containing outdated information. When the new cards are mailed in 2005, these new voter registration cards will make all previous cards obsolete. It is always better to have no voter registration card than to have a card with incorrect information.

NEWS BITES

THANK YOU to St. Judes Ushers Club for donating the Township Hall Christmas Tree.

BATH-SIZE TOWELS NEEDED - The DeWitt Township Fire Department is in need of clean, used bath-size towels for washing and drying fire apparatus. If you have towels that you would like to donate to the Fire Department, please drop them off at Station 1 located at 1080 E. Wieland Rd. or at Station 2 located at 1445 W. Herbison Rd. Thank you for your donation!

NEW FACES – Welcome aboard to our newest employees: Hilary Monroe, Andy Lindeman and Greg White II – Fire Department

2005 ASSESSMENT NOTICES will be mailed the first week in March. Unless there has been new construction or a transfer of ownership during 2004, your taxable value will not increase more than 2.3%, which is the rate of inflation for the 2005 assessment year. The 2.3% remained the same as it was in 2004. The notice will show an assessed/equalized value and a taxable value for your property. The **assessed/equalized value** is market-driven from sales and is adjusted annually to reflect 50% of fair market value. The **taxable value** is the actual amount on which your property taxes are based.

PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION – Upon receiving your assessment notice, a property owner should take a moment to verify that the Principal Residence (Homestead) status, located on the lower half of the notice, is correct. Residents, who have built and moved into a new house in the past year, often forget to file an exemption upon occupancy. Please call the Assessing office at 669-6494 if you have a question regarding your homestead status.

BOARD OF REVIEW will meet the week of March 14th. The specific times for appointments will be printed on the assessment notice, as well as published in the DeWitt-Bath Review. If you have a question regarding your property value, or wish to schedule an appointment with the Board of Review, please call the Assessing Office at (517)669-6494 after March 1st.

WINTER TAXES DUE - The last day to pay winter taxes without penalty is February 14, 2005. After that a 3% penalty is added. The Township collects the Summer and Winter 2004 property taxes through the end of February, and then they are turned over to Clinton County for collections. Once they are turned over, additional penalties and interest are added. The exceptions on turned over taxes are business personal property taxes and buildings on leased land (including garages in the mobile home parks). They continue to be collected at our office.

THANK YOU to Chuck & Molly Ruble, Frieda Felzke, Koreen Smith, Joan Patriarche, Doug & Mary Bowers, Jean Heathman, Bob & Jean Gesler, Lora Mae Higbee, Helen Parker, Ilse King, and Charles & Barbara LaMacchia for their help labeling and sorting the Newsletter. Your help is greatly appreciated.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS – Township policy recognizes the DeWitt-Bath Review as the major publication for all Township legal notices and general information. A synopsis of Township Board action, legal notices for rezonings and public hearings, and notices for ordinance adoptions are just a few examples of legal publications you will find in the DeWitt-Bath Review.

ICE DAMMING

Ice damming occurs at eaves along the edge of roofs. If not corrected, this is a problem that can have very serious consequences, such as interior water damage, damaged shingles, peeling paint, damaged gutters, and eventually damage to the wood elements of the structure.

Ice dams need three things to occur: snow, heat to melt the snow, and cold to refreeze the melted snow into solid ice. Ice dams can occur with as little as 1 to 2 inches of snow. Snow starts to melt on the upper part of the roof and runs down the roof under the blanket of snow. It then cools and refreezes into a dam of ice along the roof edges when it reaches the coldest part of the roof, just outside the exterior walls. Gutters do not cause the problem, but do tend to concentrate the build up at the roof edge.

To solve the problem, the attic needs to be examined. The main problem is heat from the interior of the structure escaping into the attic area. The ceiling needs to be well insulated, but care must be taken to ensure that cold air can still enter in above the insulation and out the upper roof vents of the attic. Maintaining this air circulation keeps the under side of the roof cold so the blanket of snow on top of it does not start melting.

The key is always prevention, but once ice damming occurs it is important to assess the damage and make repairs, then assess the cause and correct it. Under current construction codes, a membrane that provides protection against the back up of water due to damming is required to be installed along the edge of a roof that extends 2' inside the outer house wall. The membrane affords a great deal of protection. Older homes may not have this membrane. The membrane is not, however, a substitute for correcting the problem.

Heat tapes are sold that can help keep the ice dam from forming, but they do not deal with the real problem which is heat that is leaking into the attic. Chopping or chipping at the ice dam after it forms is not recommended and is almost sure to result in damage to the shingles. The best solution, therefore, is prevention.

MEETING DATES FOR 2005

All meetings are held at the Township Hall unless otherwise noted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month unless said Monday is a recognized holiday whereby the Board will meet the next day (Tuesday).

January	10 and 24	July	11 and 25
February	14 and 28	August	8 and 22
March	14 and 28	September	12 and 26
April	11 and 25	October	10 and 24
May	9 and 23	November	14 and 28
June	13 and 27	December	12

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of every month unless said Monday is a recognized holiday whereby the commission will meet the next day (Tuesday).

January	3	July	5 (Tuesday)
February	7	August	1
March	7	September	6 (Tuesday)
April	4	October	3
May	2	November	7
June	6	December	5

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on third Wednesday of every month unless no applications have been filed.

January	19	July	20
February	16	August	17
March	16	September	21
April	20	October	19
May	18	November	16
June	15	December	21

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month unless said Monday is a recognized holiday whereby the committee will meet the next day (Tuesday).

January	18 (Tuesday)	July	18
February	21	August	15
March	21	September	19
April	18	October	17
May	16	November	21
June	20	December	19

DARA RECREATION NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) is located at the DeWitt Township Community Center (DTCC), 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906. Information regarding any event or program can be obtained by calling the DARA office at 482-5117. **You may register for programs in person at the DARA office (16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI), DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main Street, DeWitt, MI) or the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI).** Registration forms are also available on the Township's website, www.dewitttownship.org.

DNR Hunter Safety Class - Back by popular demand, this DNR sponsored course will be offered Monday-Thursday, February 14th-17th for those 12 years and older. Class will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the DTCC. You must attend all 4 sessions to receive your certification. The cost is only \$10 per person which includes all of your materials. Registration begins on January 7th. Register early because space is limited to the first 30 participants.

Youth Floor Hockey - Hop over the dasher boards and get ready to play! Youth Floor Hockey leagues for grades K-5 begin on Saturday, February 19th and will run for 6 weeks (no games on 3/26-Easter Weekend). This instructional league focuses on sportsmanship, rules of the game, and most of all FUN! The cost is \$28 for DeWitt City/Township residents and \$33 for non-residents. All participants will receive a team t-shirt and participation medal. Players are required to supply their own eye protection. Registration is open from January 7th - January 28th. Late registrations will be accepted through February 4th with a \$10 late fee.

MRPA Hoop Shoot - The Hoop Shoot is a free competition open to boys and girls, ages 8-15 (as of 12/31/05). Participants will have 60 seconds to score as many points as they can from designated shooting spots. Top scorers in each age group will advance on to a sectional competition and possibly a state competition. The Hoop Shoot will take place on February 21st from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the DeWitt Junior High School Large Gym. Participants may register at the competition.

Wiggle Worm Olympics - Boys and girls, ages 3-5 years old, are invited to test their skills in events like the marshmallow shot put or the paper plate discus throw in a 7-event mini Olympics. The Wiggle Worm Olympics will take place on Wednesday, February 23rd from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the DTCC. The cost is \$5 for DeWitt City/Township residents and \$8 for all others. Registration fees include a medal and snack for all participants with special prizes for event winners. Registration is open from January 28th - February 18th. Register early so you don't miss your chance to compete.

Drop Your Kids Off - Drop your kids, ages 4-12, off at the DTCC for a night of fun and games. Upcoming drop your kids off nights will be on Friday, February 25th and Friday, March 11th from 6:00-11:00 p.m. Kids will play gym games, complete arts and crafts projects, watch movies and have pizza and pop for dinner. The cost is \$15 for one child or \$25 for two children. Your kids will be supervised at all times and will not be allowed to leave the building. Pre-registration is required at least one week prior to the event date.

Easter Egg Hunt - The Easter Bunny will be visiting Valley Farms Park on Saturday, March 19th for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Kids ages 1-10 should bring a basket for collecting eggs and prizes. The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. so don't be late! The Egg Hunt will be at Valley Farms Park if the weather cooperates or inside the DTCC in the case of bad weather.

Soaring Eagle Casino Bus Trip - Leave the driving to Dean Trailways and board the bus to the Soaring Eagle Casino. The bus will depart the DTCC at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 7th and return to the DTCC by 5:00 p.m. Spend the day playing bingo, cards or slots. The cost is \$23 per person including the driver tip and an in-bus movie. Upon arrival at the casino, participants will also have the opportunity to purchase a token valued at \$20 for only \$10. Registration is open from January 14th through March 4th. Seating space is limited. Call DARA to register.

Open Volleyball - Open Volleyball is available on Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for those ages 18 and up. The final date for open volleyball is Sunday, April 17th at the DTCC. The cost is \$2 per person.

Spring Indoor Yard Sale - Are you tired of things piling up in the basement and garage and worried that bad weather will ruin the early yard sale? Haul your items down to the DTCC on Saturday, April 16th for the third annual indoor yard sale. The sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and is free to shoppers. 8' X 16' booths are \$10. Registration begins March 4th. Space is limited, so register early.

"Little Kickers" and Youth Zone Soccer - Our youth soccer programs for ages 4-6 are fun and instructional programs designed to teach our youngsters the basics of soccer. "Little Kickers" for age 4 and Youth Zone for ages 5-6 will be offered for 6 weeks this spring beginning on Saturday, April 16th. Players will have one Saturday game and a one-hour practice each week of the season. The cost is \$28 for DeWitt City/Township residents and \$33 for all others. Every player receives a team t-shirt and participation medal. Every player is required to provide their own shin guards. Registration runs from March 4th - March 28th. Late registrations will be accepted through April 1st with a \$10 late fee.

Adult Golf at Hawk Hollow -DARA and Hawk Hollow have teamed up to offer an adult golf program for those 18 years and older. Instruction is geared toward those with beginner/intermediate golf skills. Wednesday night and Thursday night sessions beginning April 20th/21st are available. The program will run for 5 weeks from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$60 per participant and rental clubs are available. Kirk Sherman, Hawk Hollow's golf professional and members of his staff will be instructing the class.

Big Truck Day - Bring your youngster to McGuire Park to check out fire engines, dump trucks, tractors, snow plows and any other type of big truck we can find. This popular event will fill the parking lot with trucks on April 30th from Noon-1:30 p.m. This program is free to all families and pre-registration is not required. Please call the DARA office for more information or if you have a "big truck" you would like to display.

Adult Softball Leagues - Our spring/summer adult softball leagues will be offered for both Coed and Men's league teams. Coed teams will play 12 games on Wednesday evenings beginning on May 11th and will end with a single-elimination league tournament in mid-July. Men's league teams will play 12 games beginning on May 12th and will end with a single-elimination league tournament in mid-July. All games will be played at the DeWitt Sports Park and Valley Farms Park. The team fee of \$260 includes all game balls, team score book, line up cards and awards for both the league and tournament champions and runners-up. Both leagues follow ASA rules and will use ASA certified umpires. Registration for adult softball leagues begins on April 1st. Register your team early as space is limited.

Dining Site - This year-round program is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the DTCC. The meals are brought in through the Tri-County Office on Aging Meals on Wheels program and are always well balanced. Prior to the meal, participants play shuffleboard, cards, exercise and socialize. After the meal, there is often bingo or special programming. This program is geared towards senior citizens, however everyone is welcome to participate. The cost of a meal is a suggested donation of \$2.25. Please call 482-5117 to reserve your meal.

Community Center and Park Pavilion Reservations - The DARA office will be accepting reservations for the DTCC and Valley Farms Park pavilions. If you would like to make a reservation, please call the DARA office at 482-5117 to check on available dates and to request the necessary paperwork.



2004 American LaFrance quint fire truck

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