

November, 2011

ADMINISTRATION

Twp Hall - 668-0270
Cemetery
Clerk
Information
Manager
Supervisor

Assessing - 669-6494

Building - 668-0278

DARA – 482-5117

Fire - 669-0071
Administration

Planning/Zoning
669-6576

Police - 669-6578
Administration

Treasurer - 668-1411

CLINTON COUNTY

1-888-224-2450
Toll Free

POLICE & FIRE ASSISTANCE

Fire - 9-1-1
EMT/Ambulance
Police - 9-1-1
State Police – 322-1911

TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor
Rick Galardi
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TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

In an effort to increase transparency and accountability, the Township has recently created a “dashboard.” A dashboard is an easy to use system designed to visually review the status of a business or government. It is intended to help the user quickly evaluate key indicators. Over time, it helps citizens, business owners, staff, and elected officials measure and monitor the overall health and direction of the local government.

The Township dashboard consists of two pieces. The first is the “Municipal Financial Summary.” This section is compiled from the Township’s audit that is filed with the State of Michigan. It allows the viewer to review and customize financial data from all or each of the Township’s funds. The financial summary covers data from 2006 to 2010.

The second is the “Performance Dashboard.” This dashboard is separated into four areas of focus: ●Fiscal Stability ●Economic Strength ●Public Safety ●Quality of Life

Each of the above sections has a number of indicators that list either a red, green or blue arrow. Each arrow represents whether the performance is decreasing, increasing or staying neutral. Because one year does not necessarily make a trend, you can also click on each indicator to get a graph of the data over multiple years. As we add more data over the upcoming years, this tool will become even more valuable.

The financial summary and performance dashboards can be seen by visiting the following website: <https://www.AccessMyGov.com/DirectUrl/MunicipalDashboard/187>. While data does not always tell the whole picture, we hope this new system will increase the understanding of your local government.

TRANSPARENCY – TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

The second area where the Township has increased its transparency is by codifying our ordinances. Codification is the process of collecting and systematically arranging all the Township’s ordinances (i.e. laws) into one document. Over time, the Township may add, modify, or change its ordinances. Over many decades, this process can make it difficult to review and follow the Township’s rules and regulations. By codifying our ordinances into one document, it makes it easier to find, use, and understand the rules and regulations that may affect you. Not only has the Township codified its ordinances, it has also made them available on the website. You can review and search the Township’s ordinances any time, day or night. You can find the Codified Ordinance at www.dewitttownship.org, under the documents and forms section.

Wetlands – What they are and why are they important . . .



What is a wetland? A wetland is transitional land that lies between the water and dry ground. It has often been referred to as “too wet to plow and too dry to swim.” Most people think of wetlands as marsh-like areas filled with cattails. However, there are many types of wetlands such as swamps, marshes, bogs and fens, and seasonal wetlands such as wet meadows, sedge meadows and wet prairies.

Officially, a wetland contains:

1. Water at or near the surface during at least part of the year.
2. Special wetland soils known as hydric (or moisture containing) soils.
3. Specific types of plants known as wetland plants and vegetation.

Why are wetlands important?

While some view wetlands as wasted land, in reality they are one of our most valuable resources. Indeed, their importance to the protection of our lakes and streams cannot be overstated. For this reason, many wetlands, particularly the larger ones and those bordering the Great Lakes, are protected by state and federal laws. A number of communities also regulate smaller wetlands. Some of the many benefits we derive from wetlands include:

1. Helping to control flooding and storm water. Wetlands help to stabilize soil and reduce erosion by soaking up excessive surface water runoff. They can then slowly release this excess water either into the groundwater or into the lake or stream.
2. Protecting water quality by filtering and breaking down sediments, nutrients, and toxins and then slowly releasing the water to recharge the groundwater.
3. Providing habitat for many different species of wildlife including fish, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. This habitat is used for breeding, nesting, feeding and cover. Many threatened or endangered species depend on wetlands.
4. Providing numerous recreational opportunities for fishing, bird watching, canoeing, hiking and hunting. In addition, there are other economic benefits such as farming for blueberries, cranberries, wild rice and timber.
5. Treating pollution by serving as a biological and chemical oxidation basin.
6. Controlling erosion by serving as a sedimentation area and filtering basin for silt and organic matter.

You can play a role in protecting our vital wetland resources by helping to restore wetlands, promoting wetland stewardship and permanent protection through conservation easements, and educating yourself and others about the importance of wetlands and how to protect them.

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean waterways provide recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, and add beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water - and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater clean. For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit www.mywatersheds.org.



DARA RECREATION NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) is located at the DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906. Information regarding any event or program can be obtained by calling the DARA office at 517-482-5117. You may register for programs in person at the DARA office, the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt) or DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main Street, DeWitt).

Program Name	Dates	Time	Registration	Age	Cost (Res/Non-Res)
Drop Your Kids Off (Friday night program)	11/12 (Sat), and Fri 12/16, 1/13, 2/17, 3/16	6:00pm – 11:00pm	Deadline is one week prior to each event	4-12 yr	\$15/per child and \$10/each additional
Drop Your Kids Off (All Day Program)	2/20 and 3/9	7:30am – 5:30pm	Deadline is one week prior to each event	5-12 yr	\$25/per child and \$15/each additional
Wrestling Club	Nov – April	Tues and Thursday 6:30 – 8:00pm	11/4 – 11/30	5-14 yr	\$85 per participant
Dinner With Santa	12/5	5:15-6:15pm 6:30-7:30pm	11/4 – 12/2	All ages	\$6/child & \$2/adult \$8/child & \$3/adult
Holiday Fun Club	12/19, 12/20, 12/21 & 12/22	7:30 am-5:30 pm	11/4-12/2	5-12 yr	\$25/child per day or, \$80/child for week Field Trip on Wednesday
Little Hoopsters Basketball Camp	1/4 – 2/1	5:30 – 6:15pm 6:30 – 7:30pm	11/4 – 12/9	4-6 yr	\$33/\$48
Youth Lacrosse Camp	1/14 – 2/4	9:00 – Noon Time varies on grade	11/4 – 12/9	Grades K – 4 th	\$25/\$40
High School Rec. Basketball	1/7 – 3/3	8:00am – 1:00pm	11/4 – 12/9	Grades 3 – 12	\$50/\$65
Preschool Sports Starter	2/7 – 3/13	5:30 – 6:15pm 6:30 – 7:15pm	1/6 – 1/27	3-4 yr 4-5 yr	\$33/\$48
Floor Hockey League	2/18 – 3/24	9:00am – 4:00pm varies with grade	1/6 – 2/3	Grades K – 5	\$33/\$48
Spring Break Fun Club	4/2 – 4/6	7:30am – 5:30pm	2/3 – 3/23	5-12 yr	\$95/\$100
Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun	7:00-9:00pm	Drop In	18+	\$2 per visit

You may register for most DARA programs online by visiting our website at www.dewittrecreation.org. DARA accepts Visa and Mastercard payments for online registrations. You may also print a registration form and mail it in by clicking on our newsletter link from our home page. You may drop off registration forms at the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Rd.) as well. Call the DARA office at 517-482-5117 if you have any questions. You may also follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/dararecreation> to receive the most up to date information.

DARA Mission:

DARA promotes community and quality of life through leisure services provided for the residents of the DeWitt Area.

Thank you for your continued support!

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA PLAN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE

The US 127 BR (Old 27) Corridor Improvement Authority was created, Authority members appointed, and the first Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Meeting was held in December 2010.

In 2011, the Authority has finalized a set of Bylaws and has now set its attention on creating what is known as a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan which will serve as the instrument for capturing property taxes incrementally and applying them in the form of public improvements in the designated development area (the Development Area extends from Sheridan Road to Northcrest Road). The Authority sent out a survey in July to those property owners within the development area (approximately 259 property owners in total) to get their input as to the types of public improvements they might like to see within the development area that could enhance and promote an attractive environment for business and community activity. Some of the potential public improvements mentioned and now being considered include: building facade improvement loans/grants program, buying of vacant buildings/lots for redevelopment, lot screening, neighborhood screening, corridor signage/graphics, sidewalks and streetscape (street trees and landscaping). The Authority is currently working on trying to narrow down the list of possible improvements before moving forward.

What are the Next Steps?

- 1st* Narrow down a list of potential public improvements to address the needs and challenges of the CIA Development District.
- 2nd* Create a TIF Plan that will serve as the tool to implement the proposed public improvements.
- 3rd* Present the TIF Plan to the taxing jurisdictions and Township Board for review and approval.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Trent, Community Development Director, in the Planning Department at 517-669-6576 or by email at rtrent@dewittwp.org.

What is the purpose of a CIA?

Public Act 280 of 2005, the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Act, is a tax increment financing (TIF) tool to promote economic development. A CIA is designed to assist economic development and redevelopment in established commercial districts. It allows communities to combine tax dollars from a variety of sources to leverage economic development dollars.

How does a CIA work?

The provisions of the CIA generally mirror those of the Downtown Development Authority Act, Public Act 197 of 1975. The Authority would be operated in a similar manner to a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in that the types of corridor improvements may include improvements to the land, as well as constructing, rehabilitating, preserving, equipping or maintaining buildings within an established "development district" for public or private use. These improvements would be financed through the capturing of property taxes. The capture of these taxes would be for a predetermined period to be decided by the CIA and subsequently the Township Board.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

New & Continued Investments

DeWitt Township would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize those businesses and business people who have recently invested and/or reinvested in our Township. Please join us in welcoming and thanking the following:

Giving Tree, 15433 Turner Road
Country Meadows DeWitt LLC, 13180 Schavey Road
Utopia Salon, 15851 S. US 27
Biggby Coffee, 12821 Crossover Drive
Vision Collision Complete Auto Body, 13393 S. US 27
Price Right Cars and Trucks - Annie Rae RV, 12909 US 27

Their investment and continued commitment to our community is what makes DeWitt Township an extraordinary place to live, work and play.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE A.K.A. "CODE COMPLIANCE" UPDATE

In late 2010, the Township Board appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to review and evaluate adopting a Property Maintenance Code. The task of the Committee is to consider the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), which is a consistent set of guidelines used to achieve "Code Compliance" while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of a community.

The Committee's objective, as directed by the Township Board, was to respond to the South Central Area Plan, address citizens' requests to help make improvements to the Southern Tier, and assist all Township property owners and residents to maintain the value of their property and ensure public safety. The primary goal is the revitalization of neighborhoods and businesses by the reduction of blight and increasing safety in non-owner occupied buildings. Blight is defined as the condition of a property that is detrimental to the well-being of a community. It includes abandoned buildings, those severely neglected by their owners or those that are dilapidated. It was understood that the best way to achieve this objective would be through the adoption of a standard code known as the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) in conjunction with a Violations Bureau.

In order to make sure that the IPMC was designed to meet the needs of our community, the Committee used the following standards in evaluating each section of the code:

1. Establish standards for the health and safety of non-owner occupied properties (residential and commercial).
2. Address external issues (blight) that negatively impact neighborhood property values.
3. Address all properties that create a safety issue for neighboring properties (e.g. trees than can fall on a neighbor's house) or a general public safety concern (e.g. unsafe structure or abandoned building).

At this point, the Committee's review of the code is nearing completion. The next step will be for the Committee to make a final recommendation to the Township Board to adopt the IPMC with amendments, as well as adopt a Violations Bureau Ordinance.

REMINDER ... to ALL Residents & Businesses in DeWitt Township

The Planning Department would like to remind the public of some "little known" regulations pertaining to zoning compliance. A Certificate of Zoning Compliance is required for any resident or business person looking to open up or initiate a new business in an existing commercial space. The purpose of the Certificate is to ensure compliance with the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to allowable uses, how they are allowed, such as by "Right," "Special Conditions," or "Special Use Permit," as well as to ensure compliance with other Zoning Ordinance requirements such as height, width, minimum and maximum square footage, setbacks from property lines, fencing, screening, etc. Here are a few simple things to remember before moving forward with your project:

- Application for a Certificate of Zoning Compliance shall be submitted prior to the commencement of a business opening. Application is also required for the erection of, addition to, alteration of, or moving of a structure exempted from a building permit. Both require the submission of a site plan.
- Upon completion of the work, one inspection shall be performed by the Zoning Official to determine compliance with the approved site plans prior to issuance of the Certificate.
- An application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance shall be accompanied by a fee as established by the Township Board of Trustees, which may be amended from time to time by the Board by Resolution. Currently, the cost for a Certificate of Compliance is \$25.

For more information on the Zoning Ordinance and these specific restrictions, please visit our website at www.dewitttownship.org or drop in and see us at the Planning Department.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

We currently have vacancies on Township Committees and Commissions. If you are interested in serving your community, complete the application on Page 11 and return it to the Clerk's Office. Appointments will be made soon. If you have questions regarding a Committee, please contact Township Clerk Diane Mosier at 517-668-0270.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Medication Disposal Programs – sponsored by the Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management – (989-224-5186 or email conserve@clinton-county.org) - Drop off your medication on **Friday, December 2nd from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at the Sparrow Clinton Hospital Pharmacy, 901 South Oakland Street, St. Johns. *Please keep your medications in their original containers; however, be sure to black out any personal information.*

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Change the batteries in your smoke alarms. When changing your clocks for the time change, it is a good time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. You have nearly a 50% better chance of surviving a fire in your home with working smoke alarms.
- Test your smoke alarm monthly.
- Vacuum the alarm to remove any sensor blocking dust particles or bugs.
- Replace all smoke alarms every ten years.
- When using a space heater, keep combustibles at least three feet away from the heater.

- If you use a wood burning stove, make sure your chimney is clean and clear of creosote.
- Know at least two ways out of each room in your house.
- Have at least one fire extinguisher, centrally located, out of children's reach, and away from potential fire hazards. Consider additional extinguishers for the kitchen and garage.
- You should have house numbers on your house or garage that are visible from 150 feet, in all directions. Do not use cursive style. If necessary, place reflective house numbers at the entrance to your driveway. If house numbers are on your mail box at the road, make sure the numbers are on both sides of the mail box. Numbers should be at least 4 inches tall.
- Have a home escape plan and practice it.
- When staying in a hotel, make sure your room has a smoke alarm, you know the closest exit, and you know how many doors are between your room and the exit.

This and other safety information can be found at either DeWitt Township Fire Stations. Just ask for the Fire & Life Safety Guide, Ready 2 Respond.

REBUILDING TOGETHER



Rebuilding Together is a national volunteer organization that helps to rehabilitate the homes of low-income elderly or disabled homeowners. Last year, the Township teamed up with this organization in an effort to help those in need and it was a huge success. This year, we plan to continue that partnership and hope that we can reach more homeowners in need.

To be eligible for this program, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- ✓ Own and reside in the home
- ✓ Property taxes up to date
- ✓ Homeowner's insurance is current
- ✓ You are disabled or 60 years of age or older
- ✓ Plan to be in the home for at least three years
- ✓ Unable physically and financially to complete the requested repairs
- ✓ Income at or below \$1,361 per month for a one-person household or \$1,839 per month for a two-person household

If you or someone you know would like to be considered for this program, please call 517-214-8356 (Rebuilding Together voicemail) and leave a message requesting an application or you may call the Township at 517-668-0278. There is no cost to eligible homeowners who are selected. Applications will be available starting in **November, 2011** and are due by **mid-January, 2012**. Rebuilding Day is April 28, 2012.

This organization operates solely on volunteers so we are always looking for volunteers, both individual and groups to help on Rebuilding Day. We are also in need of licensed contractors (all trades) to help with repairs, replacements, permits, etc. If you are interested in donating your services, please call Nicole at 517-668-0278. For questions, please call 517-214-8356 and leave a message and a board member will return your call.

DEWITT TOWNSHIP NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

As a convenience, the Township now accepts credit/debit cards as a payment option. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. All credit card companies charge a fee if their credit card is accepted as payment. The Township does not, and in some cases, cannot absorb this fee. Since our taxpayers/customers have requested that the Township take credit cards for payments of services, we have contracted with a company called Merchant Services. A fee of 3.25% of the transaction amount will be charged to users.

If you choose to use a debit or credit card at the Township, there will be two transactions processed to your card. The first will be for the amount payable to the Township. The second transaction will be to Merchant Services for the 3.25% fee.

At this time, all credit and debit card purchases must be made in person.

EXAMPLES OF THE 3.25% RATE:

Sewer	\$83.00	Bldg Permit	\$62.70	Property Taxes	\$1,437.35
Merch Svcs	\$2.70	Merch Svcs	\$2.04	Merch Svcs	\$46.71

CREATING ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITIES 1ST ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS

DeWitt Township partnered with Bath and Watertown Townships and received a grant through MSU called "Creating Entrepreneurial Communities." The goal of the program is to improve the economy by encouraging entrepreneurship within communities. The 1st annual Creating Entrepreneurial Communities "Where Development Begins" Business Awards Ceremony, sponsored by FirstBank, was held June 16th. The winners were:



Mary Mullins, owner and operator of Sam's Kitchen in DeWitt, is the winner of the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. This award celebrates those people who have taken that leap of faith despite the risk and made their own future. It takes someone special to turn something they are passionate about into their own business and career. Congratulations, Mary!!

Daryl Kesler, owner of DL Kesler Construction, is the winner of the Contributing to the Community Award. DL Kesler Construction was founded in the mid 1960s from a vision to provide affordable and quality construction services to the community. Hawk Hollow, Northway Shopping Center, numerous subdivisions, DeWitt Township Fire Station #1 addition, and the Bath High School soccer field are among his numerous contributions to the community. Pictured is Daryl and his daughter-in-law, Camie. Thank you Daryl for giving back to our communities.





Congratulations to the winner of the Food System Award - Dru and Adam Montri of Ten Hens Farms. Ten Hens is a family owned and operated year-round farm based upon sustainable production and business practices. The farm utilizes technology to provide quality vegetables and herbs throughout an extended growing season. Both Dru and Adam are strong advocates for promoting access to healthy, locally grown foods in our schools, restaurants and markets, and are actively involved in the development of the Bath Township Farmer's Market and the Southern Clinton County Food & Farm Coalition. Congratulations Dru and Adam!

Giving Tree Farms, winner of the Benefiting the Community Award, an award which acknowledges the overall large impact to the community. Giving Tree Farms is a 10 acre farm that produces certified organic produce. Founded by Robert and Carolyn Bower and their son Jonathan, the Bowers saw an opportunity to assist people with disabilities. Two days a week, disabled individuals come out to the farm to plant, weed, and harvest the Community Garden. Produce from this venture is then donated to area soup kitchens and food banks. We thank Jonathan, the Bowers, and everyone that has worked and donated to the Giving Tree Farm for the wonderful benefits they have brought back to our community.



Linda Hundt, owner of Sweetie-licious Eatery and Café, is the winner of the Community Excellence Award. This award is given in recognition of Linda's vision and inspiration to the development of our community. Linda has turned her love for food into a successful small business and has won numerous local and national awards. Her business is not only a mainstay of the DeWitt area, but sees customers from all over the State of Michigan. Congratulations Linda!



REMINDER –PEDDLERS & SOLICITORS/DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

The Township has an Ordinance to regulate peddlers & solicitors, and door-to-door sales. If someone comes to your door to solicit or sell you something, ask to see their license. If they cannot produce their license issued by the Township, please call 911 and report your encounter.

Those people who have been licensed by the Township have cleared a background check to help ensure the safety of our residents. Residents often tell us that they do not want to call 911 for a non-emergency. In Clinton County, when you call 911 you have contacted Central Dispatch, which is used for police officer contact and other non-emergency contact with emergency personnel, as well as for emergencies. Call 911 and let us help. Note: Political canvassing and religious door-to-door canvassing cannot be regulated by the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance.

SANITARY SEWER TIPS FROM THE SOUTHERN CLINTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (SCCMUA)

- Backflow Check Valves. Sometimes sewers back up. When they do, the water can enter your home. One way to protect against this is to install a backflow check valve. If you do not have one, you can contact SCCMUA at 517-669-8311 for a free home consultation and installation recommendation. If you do have a backflow check valve, you should check it regularly to ensure that it is functioning properly. Grease and other debris can cause the valve to malfunction.
- Dry Traps. Some buildings still have floor drains connected to the sanitary sewer, which are no longer in accordance with local building codes. To ensure odorous and potentially dangerous gases do not enter inside the building, pour water with a small amount of bleach into these drains on a regular basis. A water barrier/drain trap will block these noxious fumes.
- Sump Pumps. All sump pumps are required to discharge to either the Clinton County storm drains or on the ground outside of the building premises. Sump pumps by local ordinance are not to be connected to and discharged to a sanitary sewer. Contact SCCMUA at 517-669-8311 for a free home consultation and installation recommendation.
- Disposal of Medicines and Prescription Drugs. Disposal of pharmaceuticals into a floor drain entering a storm sewer, or disposal into sinks or toilets entering a sanitary sewer is a violation of the USEPA Clean Water Act. Many pharmaceuticals are not easily neutralized by standard water treatment processes and can enter fresh water sources as harmful contaminants to wildlife and humans. Contact SCCMUA or the Clinton County Department of Waste Management at 989-224-5186 for the nearest location of drop-off sites for your unused and expired medicines (see Page 6).
- Clogged Sewer. In the event you experience a clogged sanitary sewer, please contact SCCMUA before contacting a plumber. Personnel are available 24/7 to respond for assistance at no cost. Upon arrival, SCCMUA will determine where the blockage is and if it is within the mainline sewer, SCCMUA will jet-clean the sewer main, which may be able to relieve your blocked sewer.
- Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG). Disposal of FOG into garbage disposals can eventually build up and **block the entire pipe** causing sewage backups and overflows to your premises. Dispose of food waste directly into trash receptacles only. For disposal of cooking oils, contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management at 989-224-5186.

Upcoming Dates to Remember.....

Nov. 8, 2011	School Elections
Nov. 11, 2011	Veteran's Day – Offices Closed
Nov. 24, 25, 2011	Thanksgiving Holiday – Offices Closed
December 1, 2011	Winter Taxes Mailed
Dec. 23, 26, 2011	Christmas Holiday – Offices Closed
Dec. 30, 2011	New Year's Holiday – Offices Closed
Jan. 2, 2012	New Year's Holiday – Offices Closed
February 14, 2012	Winter Taxes Due

REMINDER - REDEEMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DEWITT'S FOOD BANK - you can drop off non-perishables any time of the year at the DeWitt Township Hall. A box is located in the Police Department's lobby. The lobby is always open.



DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP/COMMITTEE & COMMISSION APPLICATION

Standing Committees: Recreation Authority(m); Board of Appeals(an); Public Safety(ar); Planning Commission(m); Board of Review(ar); Library(m); Salary Compensation(ar); Construction Board of Appeals(an); Sewer Board of Appeals(an); Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority(m)

Meetings held: m-monthly ar-as required an-as needed

Please print or type the following application

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONES Home _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT INFO _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Optional) such as family, number of years of residency, etc. _____

EDUCATION _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, MEMBERSHIPS _____

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE _____

PARTICULAR COMMITTEE OF INTEREST _____

REASONS FOR APPLYING _____

LOCAL REFERENCE (OPTIONAL) _____

PERSONAL COMMENTS, if any _____

I declare the foregoing statements to be true. _____ Date _____

Signature

Return to: DeWitt Charter Township, Clerk's Office, 1401 W Herbison Rd, DeWitt, MI 48820

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TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

NEWS BITES

NOVEMBER 8TH SCHOOL ELECTIONS: Because of the timing of the mailing of this Newsletter, information regarding the Tuesday, November 8th School Election has not been included here. Voters in the Lansing School District, the DeWitt School District, the East Lansing School District, and the St. Johns School District will be voting. If you receive this Newsletter prior to the November 8th date and have questions regarding this election, please contact the Clerk's office at 517-668-0270.

FAREWELL to Rick Smith (32 years of service), Police Department; John Smith (30 years of service), Laurie Martin and Jason Hendley – paid-on-call firefighters.

DEWITT DISTRICT LIBRARY The DeWitt District Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Mindy Schafer as the new assistant director/youth services librarian. Mindy brings with her several years of library experience, great technology skills, and a love for working with both young people and the general public. Information on programs and services offered through the DeWitt District Library are available online at www.dewittlibrary.org, or by phoning 517-669-3156.

GRANGER RECYCLING CENTER now accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles and tubs. Eagle, Fowler, Maple Rapids and Pewamo/Westphalia drop off sites also accept #1 - #7 plastics. Sites listed are open to all Clinton County residents.

DO 1 THING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - (choose one thing to do this month) visit www.do1thing.com. • Have flashlights ready in an easily accessible place and check batteries in flashlights and radios • Acquire and learn how to safely use a portable generator. • Create a power outage plan – decide what you can do before, during and after a power outage to minimize the effect on your household.

FOLLOW US - www.dewitttownship.org, www.facebook.com/dewitttownship, <http://twitter.com/DeWittTownship>, <http://flickr.com/DeWittTownship>. The Township posts information such as community events, up-to-date public safety information and planning notices.



COMMUNITY E-MAIL BLAST LIST – You can now sign up on the Township's website to receive community e-mail blasts regarding community information. Register your e-mail address at www.dewitttownship.org.

INDOOR FACILITY RENTALS - (Community Center gym or activity room) are handled through the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority at 517-482-5117. **OUTDOOR FACILITY RENTALS** – If you would like to rent a park picnic pavilion, softball field, inline skating rink, or soccer field, call the Treasurer's Office at 517-668-1411. Rentals for the 2012 season begin January 3, 2012.