

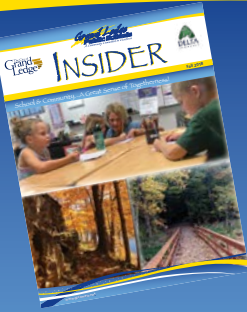
# INSIDER

Fall 2018

School & Community... A Great Sense of Togetherness!







## On the Cover:

GLPS employee Lynley Watters helps students as they learn. "Autumn at Oak Park" by Rosalie Petrouske, Grand Prize Winner of the 2017 Best of Grand Ledge Photo Contest. Floating bridge at Hawk Meadow park in Delta Township.

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## Superintendent's Note

It's the start of another GREAT year at Grand Ledge Public Schools!

We seek to provide students the best learning environment possible. So we turned to our students, parents, community, and staff for input and ideas on how to maintain and improve our buildings. The district facilitated "focus groups" where anyone within the community could share suggestions and comments. From those we developed a survey to collect more input from the community, including those who were unable to attend a focus group. After months of gathering input and analyzing survey data, the Board of Education recently approved placing two bond proposals on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

Bond Proposal 1 would be a .89 mill increase over the prior year's debt millage rate and would provide \$118,640,000. It would modify district facilities to facilitate restructuring the district. Elementary schools would serve students in Kindergarten through 4th grade, allowing our youngest learners to attend the same local elementary school for five consecutive years. Bond Proposal 1 would also build a new, more secure elementary school at the Wacousta location. Additionally, this proposal would designate Hayes a 5-6 intermediate school where the district could provide advanced courses. Proposal 1 would redesignate Beagle as a middle school, consistent with its original design. And because of its close proximity to the high school, 7th and 8th graders who are ready might be able to take some classes there. Finally, this bond would improve heating and cooling at the high school as well as replacing roofs and repairing parking lots across the district, as needed. Please note these are only some of the projects contained in Proposal 1.

Bond Proposal 2 would be a .55 mill increase over the prior year's debt millage rate and would provide \$29,485,000. It is focused on Community, Athletics, and the Arts. It would build a new pool at Beagle, and in the area of the current pool it would provide a new weight room and walking track, which would be open at specific times for community use. Proposal 2 would also provide improvements to the high school band and choir rooms as well as improvements to the auditorium.

To be clear, Proposals 1 and 2 are stand-alone questions, and with or without the passage of the bond propositions Grand Ledge Public Schools' millage rate is one of the lowest in the area.

You can find more detailed information regarding both of the bond proposals on pages 4 & 5 of this "Insider". We will also be sharing more information on the district's website: [www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net).

*Brian L. Metcalf*  
**Dr. Brian L. Metcalf**  
*Superintendent*

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# Strategic Plan Update

## Grand Ledge Public Schools Plan for Success GLPS<sup>2</sup>

*2017-2018 Accomplishments*

### **TEACHING & LEARNING**

#### **Develop and implement a plan to ensure fidelity of curriculum delivery**

- Continued use of K – 6th grade reading & math coach positions to support staff with the curriculum
- Continued instructional rounds by select staff in all buildings
- Conducted monthly K – 12th grade Math Leaders Team meetings
- Conducted monthly K – 6th grade Literacy Leaders Team meetings
- Developed K – 12th grade Science & Social Studies Leaders Team
- Expanded use of “Google Classroom” in 1st – 6th grade to share content
- Implemented a plan to address 3rd grade Reading Retention Law
- Provided Professional Development (PD) to our Staff for:
  - 6th – 8th grade DIGITS
  - 7th – 8th grade Collections (language arts)
  - Instructional rounds for select staff in all buildings
  - Conducted 2nd year of 31-day PD schedule for K – 6th grade reading & writing instruction & development

#### **Develop a K-12 Writing Curriculum**

- Implemented K – 6th grade Journeys writing curriculum
- Implemented 7th – 8th grade Collections English language arts curriculum
- High School worked to update curriculum to meet Common Core Standards

#### **Ensure Appropriate Supports for Students of All Ability Levels**

- Implemented K – 8th grade math interventionist
- Increased K – 12th grade progress monitoring

#### **Provide Relevant, Ongoing and Sustained Professional Development to Enhance Best Practices**

- Continued training & implementation of 5 Dimensions of Teaching & Learning (5D+) instructional framework with fidelity
- Provided PD for foreign language curriculum
- Provided Capturing Kids’ Heart Training for approximately 50 staff
- Participated in the New Teacher Academy through Eaton RESA
- Provided Everyday Math training to K – 5th grade staff
- Provided DIGITS training to 6th – 8th grade staff
- Provided training to 5th grade teachers who teach Reproductive Health
- Provided training opportunities in level 1 & 2 of Foundations of Math
- Continued TLT training
- Ongoing support provided to K – 6th grade staff by reading & math coaches
- Continued instructional rounds by staff members as well as administrators (select buildings)
- Conducted Tier-2 PD for PBIS

#### **Ensure Students are Able to Successfully Transition to the Next Level**

- Conducted Kindergarten visits to elementary school buildings & 6th grade visits to the middle school building
- Established MTSS Teams at each building

#### **Ensure Instruction is Relevant and Engaging in Every Classroom**

- Provided ongoing professional development for teachers & administrators for 5D+ instructional framework
- Continued practice of TLT training
- Ongoing support provided to K – 6th grade staff by reading & math coaches
- Continued practice of administrator clinical rounds

### **HUMAN & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

#### **Nurture a Culture of Shared Goal-Setting and Ownership for Results**

- Conducted a Community & Staff Survey in May 2018

#### **Establish Collaborative Communication for Positive Educational Environments**

- Established Communications Director position
- Improved the district & athletic websites

#### **Promote Commitments to Instructional Excellence**

- Created plan to provide learning targets to parents in 2018-19 school year

#### **Recognize and Communicate Excellence in all Areas of the GLPS community**

- Hired Director of Communications

#### **Establish Consistent, Ongoing Communication with Students, Parents, Staff and Community**

- Hired Director of Communications
- Continued utilization of academic & technology coaches

#### **Collaborate to Define and Promote a Community of Comet Culture**

- Finalized the new Community Stadium
- Created a new staff orientation
- Began integrating social media with websites
- Created an online radio broadcast of sporting events for community

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **Provide Safe & Efficient Transportation**

- Continued bus driver training in anti-bullying strategies
- Increased communication between bus & buildings for behavior infractions
- Implemented tablets for substitute bus drivers with route & student contact information
- Adjusted bus routing to become more efficient
- Implemented My Stop software to assist parents in bus arrival times
- Upgraded to digital radios throughout the school bus fleet
- Purchased three new buses

#### **Provide an Environment that Ensure the Safety and Security of All Stakeholders**

- Purchased & installed an additional 30+ security cameras
- Continued to evaluate ways to improve building safety
- Improved sidewalk safety by adding sidewalk from high school parking lot to Beagle
- Installed speed bumps in high school parking lots
- Created more secure entries at early childhood buildings
- Added emergency locking system at high school office
- Installed built-in floor mats at GLHS to discourage propping doors open

#### **Expand ECC / Adventure Club**

- Completed renovation & held Grand Opening at the Delta Mills Early Childhood Center (ECC)
- Established PD for community child care providers
- Provided a summer “Comet Camp” for students entering Kindergarten
- Increased Adventure Club licensing, the district’s before- & after-school child care program
- Planned & developed a full-day two-year-old preschool classroom at Delta Mills ECC
- Implemented Everyday Math curriculum at the preschool level

#### **Provide Long-Term Solutions to Address Critical Building Infrastructure Needs**

- Created & presented list of significant infrastructure needs
- Installed new chiller at Beagle Elementary
- Installed five rooftop HVAC units at Wacousta Elementary
- Installed new boiler at Sawdon Building
- Began the process of gaining access to M-43 to help with high school traffic flow

#### **Support and Enhance Facilities Conducive to Today’s Learning**

- Developed a replacement plan for flooring at GLHS
- Explored LED lighting conversion at GLHS
- Converted the gym & five classrooms at GLHS to LED lighting

#### **Provide and Maintain Technology to Improve Teaching & Learning**

- Purchased two additional servers
- Developed a cost effective wireless connectivity for Delta Mills ECC



## On November 6, 2018, the Grand Ledge community will vote on two bond proposals.

Proposal One would provide \$118,640,000 for district-wide building and grounds improvements that would address identified and ongoing building issues and would support the district's grade restructuring initiative.

### PROPOSAL ONE - School Improvements



Proposal One was developed to create **SMARTER, STRONGER, SAFER** Grand Ledge Public Schools



Create **SMARTER** Schools

Proposal One was developed to create **SMARTER** schools by providing modern learning environments and supporting the district grade restructuring initiative:

- Creating grades K-4 elementary schools at Holbrook, Delta Center, Wacousta, and Willow Ridge.
- Creating a grades 5-6 intermediate school at Hayes for upper elementary students and a grades 7-8 middle school at Beagle
- Adding additional classrooms to Holbrook and Beagle to support district restructuring
- Performing upgrades and renovations to create modern classrooms, including flexible furniture, LED lighting, and integrated technology
- Upgrading student and staff devices
- Providing collaboration spaces or multipurpose rooms
- Updating technology infrastructure, including classroom multimedia upgrades, to maximize connectivity, access, and learning
- Detailed list of improvements to follow on [www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net)



Create **STRONGER** Schools

Proposal One was developed to create **STRONGER** schools by investing in infrastructure to support district grade restructuring:

- Funding critical upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems in all schools to increase operational efficiencies
- Rebuilding Wacousta Elementary on the same site to replace the aged and inefficient facility
- Replacing systems at the end of their useful life cycles
- Upgrading high school science labs
- Replacing interior finishes as needed
- Detailed list of improvements to follow on [www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net)



Create **SAFER** Schools

Proposal One was developed to create **SAFER** schools by upgrading safety measures:

- Providing secure entrances at all K-12 school buildings and adding video surveillance
- Updating exterior lighting
- Replacing the aging school bus fleet as needed
- Improving vehicular traffic flow at drop-offs and pick-ups for pedestrian safety
- Detailed list of improvements to follow on [www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net)

### How Much Would Proposal One Increase Taxes Over The Prior Year's Rate?

If Proposal One is approved, the first year's debt millage rate is expected to increase by approximately 0.89 mills over the prior year's debt millage rate. This equals approximately an additional \$44.50 per year for each \$100,000 in market value of your home.

### Increased Cost Over the Prior Year to Property Owners for Proposal One

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE* VALUE	COST/ YEAR	COST/ MONTH	COST/ DAY
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$44.50	\$3.71	\$ .12
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$89.00	\$7.42	\$ .24
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$133.50	\$11.13	\$ .37





## What Is The District's Grade Restructuring Initiative?

If approved, the grade restructuring made possible by the bond proposal would have many positive effects.

Creating K-4th grade elementary schools would mean fewer students in buildings. Kindergartners would start at their neighborhood elementary school, likely the same one where older siblings attend, and not have to transition elsewhere after their first year.

Creating a 5th-6th grade intermediate school would provide flexibility in grouping students for instruction and afford an opportunity for broader curriculum offerings, possibly creating advanced classes along with band and choir. Students would begin to transition away from self-contained, elementary methods of instruction to more departmentalized, secondary-school methods.

Transitioning Beagle to a middle school for all 7th-8th grade students would create a secondary school campus with proximity to the high school. Both middle school and high school students could take advantage of the broader curriculum offerings and student services.



## How Does Grand Ledge Public Schools Debt Tax Rate Compare To Neighboring Districts?

If both Proposal One and Proposal Two are approved, Grand Ledge Public Schools would still have one of the lowest debt tax millage rates in the region.

### For More Information

Dr. Brian Metcalf at 517-925-5401 or metcalfb@glcomets.net

[www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net)



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## PROPOSAL TWO Community, Athletics, & Fine Arts Improvements

Proposal Two would provide \$29,485,00 for athletic and fine arts building and grounds improvements designed for district and community use:

- Improving fine arts spaces at the high school by adding a main lobby and support spaces
- Constructing a new pool and support spaces
- Remodeling the old pool for alternative community and athletic uses
- Constructing a new community walking track
- Improving athletic fields and support spaces

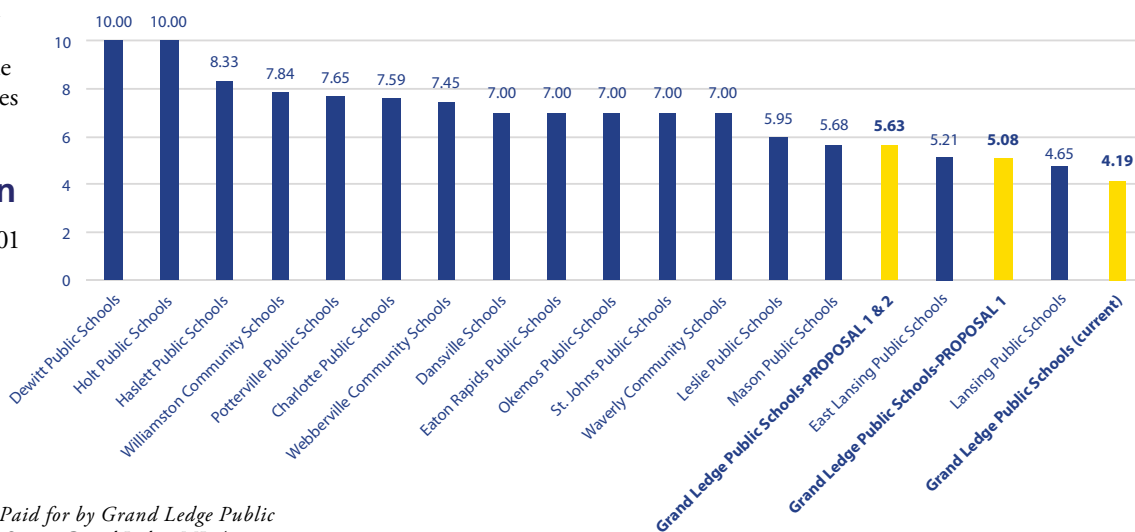
## How Much Would Proposal Two Increase Taxes Over The Prior Year's Rate?

If Proposal Two is approved, the first year's millage rate is expected to increase by approximately 0.55 mills over the prior year's millage rate. This equals approximately an additional \$27.50 per year for each \$100,000 in market value of your home.

### Increased Cost Over the Prior Year to Property Owners for Proposal Two

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE* VALUE	COST/YEAR	COST/MONTH	COST/DAY
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$27.50	\$2.29	\$ .08
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$55.00	\$4.58	\$ .15
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$82.50	\$6.88	\$ .22

\*To determine your specific tax impact, please use the confidential tax calculator at [www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net).



## Integrated Pest Management Program

Grand Ledge Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may be necessary, occasionally, to apply pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. Instead, we use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means or exclusion to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

If it is necessary for the district to utilize a pesticide other than bait or gel formation at your child's school, you will receive advance notice of the application. As required by law, we will post the notice of application at your child's school entrance and in a common area located by the main office of the school. However, if you would like to be notified by first-class U.S. mail, postmarked at least three-days before the application, please contact our Operations Department at 517-925-5430. Give your name, mailing address, and what school your child attends. When school is not in regular session, parents will not receive advance notice by mail. **PLEASE NOTE:** In an emergency (i.e., stinging bees), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice immediately following such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling the Operations Department at 517-925-5430 or by emailing our Assistant Superintendent for Operations at [johnsonm@glcomets.net](mailto:johnsonm@glcomets.net).



Not all water pollution comes from big factories – it's also caused by little household chores.

Hosing off your driveway or sidewalk sends dirt, motor oil, fertilizer, and animal waste into our rivers

and lakes – the very water we drink. So, please sweep instead of hosing. Limit your fertilizer use and avoid applying it before a rainy day. Take care when changing your motor oil. Also, tidy up after your pets.

Wondering what to do with unused household and landscaping chemicals? Drop them off for free at the Ingham County Health Department.

Remember: anything that enters storm drains or ditches is headed straight for your local lake or river. No filters, no treatment. Your waterways are closer than you think!

To learn more about how Grand Ledge Public Schools is helping to protect our local streams, visit our Storm Water Management page under the Operations Department on the district website: [www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net).

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

### Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Grand Ledge Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records.

However, Grand Ledge Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated student directory information without written consent for yearbooks, honor rolls, sports activities, drama playbills and for publications and other media.

If you do not want us to disclose your child's directory information, you must provide written notice to

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Grand Ledge, MI 48837

or via eMail to: [golubd@glcomets.net](mailto:golubd@glcomets.net)

prior to **4:00 pm on Friday, September 28, 2018**

if you do not want us to disclose your child's directory information.

## Communication is Key

Grand Ledge Public Schools wants an inclusive, positive environment, where all members of our community know they make a difference and their voices are heard. If you have something to share about our district, want to ask a question, or just want to provide comments, share suggestions or offer compliments -

**"Let's Talk!"**

You can communicate with the district 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Simply visit our website, [www.glcomets.net](http://www.glcomets.net) and tap



We want to hear about whatever is on your mind!

Parents should be aware the district uses  **SCHOOLMESSENGER®** to send out school delay/ closing alerts and other important reminders. It is important to keep your contact information up-to-date to ensure you receive these communications.

Additionally, SchoolMessenger provides the option to receive Text Messages from the district. Simply text "YES" to 67587 to opt-in.

# School Information

## Years of Service Employee Recognition (through June 2018)

### 35 YEARS

Kara Bond  
Steve Krumm

### 30 YEARS

Ron Hicks  
Emily Williamson

### 25 YEARS

Debbie Andrews  
Dana Schueller  
Mary Ann Eveleth

### 20 YEARS

Carrie Caylor  
Erika Conley  
Lorraine Kennedy  
Teresa Koenigsnecht  
Cynthia Nida  
Nancy Rasinske  
Mike Reynolds  
Erica Sampson  
Jeff Sewick  
Gail Schafer  
Sada VanDyke-Moore  
Sheila VanOcker  
Stacia Wojnaroski

### 15 YEARS

Julie Boruta  
Mary Carlson  
Catherine Fox  
Amanda Hengesbach  
Fred Hutchinson  
Mark Jones  
Annette Kelly  
Angel Landis  
Joy Marshall  
Jamie McKennon  
Staci Nye  
Tracey Olds  
Melody Patterson  
Angela Pincumbe-Lutz  
Tonya Rice  
Julie Rollis  
David Schuchaskie  
Darlene Sleight  
Tracey Smith  
Katie Westen

### 10 YEARS

Karen Bedard  
Christina Burke  
Sarah Crowell  
Kathleen Davis  
Karen Densmore  
Julie Douglas  
Michael Hazen  
Amy Heriford  
Nicole Hunt  
Tammy Jordan-Thelen  
Laura Konen  
Michelle LeBlanc  
Shelby Logel  
Colleen Marciniak-Jennings  
Melissa Mazzola  
Elizabeth Mullins  
Andrew Olmstead  
Kirk Sheren  
Erin Snyder  
Travis Weldon



## 2018-2019 Student Calendar

July 30 - August 10, 2018	2-Week Intercession for Select Students
August 16, 2018	<b>Open Houses*</b> Kdg - 6th Grade (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
August 20, 2018	<b>Students Begin School - ½ Day</b>
August 31 - September 3, 2018	<b>No Students</b> - Labor Day Weekend
September 25, 2018	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
September 27, 2018	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
October 3, 2018	<b>STUDENT COUNT DAY</b>
October 19, 2018	<b>½ Day for Students</b>
October 22, 2018	<b>No Students</b>
November 2, 2018	<b>End First Trimester (K-6)</b>
November 5, 2018	<b>Begin Second Trimester (K-6)</b> Middle School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
November 6, 2018	Kdg & Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
November 7, 2018	Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
November 8, 2018	Middle School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM) Kdg Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
November 9, 2018	<b>½ Day for Students</b> Kdg, Elementary & Middle School Afternoon Conferences <b>End of First Trimester (7-12)</b>
November 12, 2018	<b>Begin Second Trimester (7-12)</b>
November 19 - 23, 2018	<b>No Students</b> - Fall Break
November 26, 2018	Classes Resume
December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019	<b>No Students</b> - Winter Break
January 7, 2019	Classes resume
January 15, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
January 17, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
January 21, 2019	<b>No Students</b> - MLK Day
February 13, 2019	<b>STUDENT COUNT DAY</b>
February 15, 2018	<b>½ Day for Students</b>
February 18, 2019	<b>No Students</b> - President's Day
February 22, 2019	<b>End Second Trimester (K-6)</b>
February 25, 2019	<b>Begin Third Trimester (K-6)</b>
February 26, 2019	Middle School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM) Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
February 27, 2019	Middle School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM) Kindergarten Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
February 28, 2019	Kdg & Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
March 1, 2019	<b>½ Day for Students</b> Kdg, Elementary & Middle School Afternoon Conferences <b>End of Second Trimester (7-12)</b>
March 4, 2019	<b>Begin Third Trimester (7-12)</b>
March 29 - April 5, 2019	<b>No Students</b> - Spring Recess
April 8, 2019	Classes Resume
April 9, 2019	High School Testing Day
April 10, 2019	High School Testing Day
April 19, 2019	<b>½ Day for Students</b> - Good Friday
April 23, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
April 25, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
May 24, 2019	<b>½ Day for Students</b> <b>Last Day for Class of 2019</b>
May 27, 2019	<b>No Students</b> - Memorial Day
June 4, 2019	<b>½ Day for Students / Last Student Day</b> <b>End of Third Trimester</b>
June 7, 2019	<b>GLHS Class of 2019 Graduation @ MSU Breslin Center</b>



## Aquatics

We offer a variety of Red Cross Learn to Swim classes ranging from Parent/Tot to Level 6 Personal Water Safety. For a full list of class descriptions and lessons being offered and fees please visit our website at [grandledgecomets.org](http://grandledgecomets.org)



### Fall Swim Lessons

#### Session 1

Registration Begins: 8/20/18 at 8am

Dates: Wednesdays 9/5 – 10/24 (8 classes)

Saturdays 9/8 – 10/27 (8 classes)

#### Session 2

Registration Begins: 10/28/18 at 8am

Dates: Wednesdays 11/7 – 12/19 (6 classes)

Saturdays 11/3 – 12/15 (6 classes)

### Winter Swim Lessons

Registration Begins: 12/20/18 at 8am

Dates: Wednesdays 1/9/19 – 2/27/19

(8 classes)

Saturdays 1/12/19 – 3/2/19

(8 classes)

### Open/Lap Swim Schedule

Wednesdays: 9/5/18 – 2/27/19

Saturdays: 9/8/18 – 3/2/19

Fee: \$3 per person or \$10 per family of 4 (same household)

No Swim: 11/21, 11/24, 12/22, 12/25, 12/29, 1/2 & 1/5

### Registration Options

**Online:** [grandledgecomets.org](http://grandledgecomets.org)  
(click on the community recreation tab)

**In Person:** Community Rec Office  
220 Lamson Street  
Monday-Friday  
9am-5pm

## Special Events

### Breakfast with Santa



Come join us for a morning of great food, fun activities and visit with Santa! Everyone will have the opportunity

to visit and take a picture with Santa (parents bring your own camera).

Pre-Registration is required.

Registration starts: October.

Date: Saturday, 12/08/18

Time: 9:00 – 10:30am

Location: Grand Ledge High School Cafeteria

Fee: \$10/per person

Children under 1 yr. old are free



### Snow Ball ~ Daddy Daughter Dance

This whimsical snow themed event is sure to create memories that will last a lifetime! The night will include music, dancing, refreshments, a special snow ball gift for each young lady as well as a professional photo taken by Hoffman Photography to bring home as a perfect keepsake. In order to accommodate more people for this popular event we are offering two dates to choose from. Please note there is limited amount of space for each date.

Date: Thursday, 02/21/19 **OR**

Friday, 02/22/19

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Grand Ledge Opera House

Fee: \$10 per person



### St. Patrick's Day ~ Mother Son Dance

Come get your Irish Jig on and dance the night away. This fun GREEN event will be full of music, dancing, and refreshments! Each boy will receive a cool gift as well as a professional photo taken by Hoffman Photography to take home to remember this fun filled Irish night! Don't forget to wear something green!

Date: Thursday, 03/14/19

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Grand Ledge Opera House

Fee: \$10/per person

Jen Daly  
Community Recreation  
Coordinator

[dalyj@glcomets.net](mailto:dalyj@glcomets.net)  
(517) 925-5440

To register for any of our programs, or for the most up-to-date list of our program offerings, please visit our NEW! Community Recreation Website at [grandledgecomets.org](http://grandledgecomets.org).



# Grand Ledge Community Recreation

## Youth Sports

### Basketball Camp

#### Parent-Child Basketball Camp

Boys & Girls 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018

Time: TBD

Location: Grand Ledge HS Main Gym

Fee: \$30 – 2 participants (Parent & Child) \$10 – each additional child

This great camp is led by Stan Daugherty, director of Higher Level Sports. Coach Daugherty has coached at every level from middle school to college. The focus of this camp is to teach fundamentals of basketball while providing a bonding experience for the parents and their children. Leadership, academics and attitude issues will also be discussed with campers and their parent.



#### Youth Volleyball Clinic

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

This clinic is for girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The GLHS Varsity Volleyball Coach Danielle Borgman and the current GLHS Volleyball players are the instructors. The program will consist of basic volleyball fundamentals, skill development on passing, setting and hitting, competing in game like drills, and improving on your serve.

Dates: TBD - Spring 2019 (8 sessions)

Times: 5:30-6:30(3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) -  
6:30-7:30(5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>)

Fee: \$50 (includes a t-shirt)

Location: High School Main Gym

#### Youth Basketball

##### Instructional Camp K-2nd Grade

This program is a camp setting with instructional stations led by the High School coaching staff and players.

##### Girl's K-2nd Grade:

Registration starts: Late August

Dates: Saturday's 11/3-12/8

(No camp 11/24)

Time: Saturday Mornings (Time TBD)

Location: Beagle Elementary

Fee: \$50 – includes a shirt

##### Boy's K-2nd Grade:

Registration Starts: Late October

Dates: Saturday's 1/12/19 - 2/16/19

Time: Saturday Mornings (Time TBD)

Location: Beagle Elementary

Fee: \$55

##### 3rd-6th Grade Leagues

This 6-week program gives participants the chance to play refereed games against other participants of their own grade level. Teams will practice once a week, day chosen by the volunteer coach. Teams are formed by school and grade, but school teams may need to be split or combined to allow for equal numbers. Special requests for coaches or teammates are not guaranteed. Participants will be required to purchase (if you don't already have one) a GL blue/gold reversible jersey. These can be purchased at 1st Place Sports or Sports Stop in downtown Grand Ledge.

##### Girl's League:

Registration Starts: Late August

Practices Start: Mid October

Games: Saturday's 11/3 – 12/15

(No Games 11/24)

Time: Saturday Mornings (Time TBD)

Location: High School Main Gym

Fee: \$60

##### Boy's League:

Registration Starts: Late October

Games Start: January 2019

Time: Saturday Mornings (Time TBD)

Location: High School Main Gym

Fee: \$55



#### Youth Spring Soccer

Practices Start: Week of April 8, 2019

Games Start: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Registration Fee: \$55 (includes a team jersey)

Late Fee: \$10 after 3/3/19

Registration Deadline: March 3, 2019

(Late registrations will be accepted if space permits)

Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

##### Mini Comets – 3 & 4 year olds (Age as of 4/13/19)

This coed beginner program will introduce your child to the basics of soccer. The first 25 minutes will be an instructional practice followed by a 30-minute game. This league plays 5 on 5 and uses a size 3 soccer ball. All practices/games are held on Saturday mornings.

##### Little Comets - Kindergarten / 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Junior Comets - 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Golden Comets – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade

These 3 leagues play 7 v 7 and use a size 4 soccer ball. One practice per week (day, time & location chosen by volunteer coach).

#### Registration Options

**Online:** [grandledgecomets.org](http://grandledgecomets.org)  
(click on the community recreation tab)

**In Person:** Community Rec Office  
220 Lamson Street  
Monday-Friday  
9am-5pm



**Grand Ledge City Council**

**Front Row:** Mayor Pro Tem Keith Mulder, Mayor Kalmin Smith (retired), Rick Lantz

**Back Row:** Michael Doty, Tom Jancek, Don Willems, Mayor Thom Sowle

**Administration . . . . . 627-2149**

Adam Smith, City Administrator  
Amee King, Assistant City Administrator

**Airport . . . . . 627-9557**

Grand Air Aviation

**Assessing . . . . . 622-7932**

Christopher Coucke, Assessor

**Building Department . . . . . 622-4756**

**Finance Department . . . . . 627-2149**

Vacant, Finance Director / City Treasurer

**Clerk Department / Cemetery . . . . . 622-7920**

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

**Economic Development . . . . . 627-2149**

Adam Smith, City Administrator

**Police Department . . . . . 627-2115**

Martin Underhill, Chief

**Public Service / Parks & Recreation . . . 627-2144**

Victor Rose, Public Works Superintendent  
Kurt Ristow, Utilities Superintendent  
Dave Gutchess, WWTP Superintendent . . . . . 627-5744

**Zoning . . . . . 622-7928**

Sue Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator

"Naturally Grand" describes the physical splendor of Grand Ledge reflected in our parks, neighborhoods, and downtown. "Naturally Grand" is also a perfect description of the people in our community. Whether it is striking up a conversation with concert goers at Music in the Park or exchanging greetings while walking along the Riverwalk Trail, our community emulates this sentiment. Exemplifying "Naturally Grand," Mayor Kalmin Smith invested more than 20 years leading our city. We wish Mayor Smith all the best as he begins a new chapter in retirement and thank him for his compassionate leadership. With the appointment of Councilman Thom Sowle to Mayor Sowle, strong and thoughtful leadership continues. As a Grand Ledge resident and employee at Grand Ledge Public Schools for over 30 years, Mayor Sowle is a familiar face at community and school events with an unwavering commitment to our community. Please join me in welcoming Mayor Sowle!

"Naturally Grand" also describes the dedication of more than 60 appointed men and women who volunteer on various city boards and commissions. Each brings with them unique expertise and a shared commitment to help Grand Ledge be the best it can be, a critical component to our growth as a 21<sup>st</sup> century community. On behalf of City Council, and the city as a whole, thank you for your time.

And for the more than 7,800 city residents who don't hesitate to help out a neighbor, volunteer at a community event, or just offer a smile as they pass someone around town, thank you for solidifying why Grand Ledge is undoubtedly, "Naturally Grand."

For more information about your city and how to be more involved, please visit [CityofGrandLedge.com](http://CityofGrandLedge.com) or stop into City Hall, located at 310 Greenwood Street, open Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.

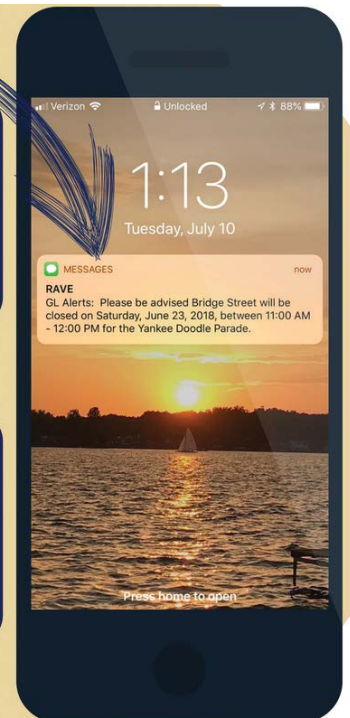
Thank you and enjoy your day!

Adam Smith, City Administrator

**Sign up for RAVE alerts!**

City of Grand Ledge alerts and notifications to help inform you of emergencies, city updates, road closures, and more!

Sign up today by texting  
**"GLAlerts" to 67283**



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# City of Grand Ledge



## THANK YOU MAYOR KALMIN SMITH

For over 20 years of service and leadership to the Grand Ledge community.

At the Grand Ledge City Council meeting on Monday, June 11th, Mayor Kalmin Smith announced his retirement with over 20 years of service and leadership in the Grand Ledge community. With five and a half terms as Mayor, he is the longest serving Mayor in the city's history. Citing the growing desire for him and his wife, Marsha to spend more time with their children and grandchildren in Texas, the Mayor led his final City Council meeting. "The best thing about the City of Grand Ledge is the people. It has been an honor to serve this community alongside numerous elected and appointed officials for all these years. It is the relationships and friendships that I will cherish the most," said Mayor Smith.

Dr. Kalmin Smith was appointed to serve on the Grand Ledge City Council in 1998 and was elected by his fellow Council Members as Mayor Pro-Tem in 2005. In 2007, the public elected him as Mayor. During his 11 years as Mayor, he led the city forward, improving its infrastructure and streets, expanding its parks, enhancing community recreation, and volunteering with countless organizations. To honor his vision and initiative for a new City Hall, as well as his service and commitment to the community, the City Council dedicated the City Hall Council Chambers to Mayor Smith. A plaque will hang within Council Chambers in his honor.

To fill the Mayoral vacancy, Mayor Pro-Tem, Thom Sowle was appointed Mayor at this same meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem is now filled by Council Member, Keith Mulder. "With his long-standing commitment and compassion for the City of Grand Ledge, Mayor Smith leaves a legacy of progress and positive growth that will be appreciated for generations to come," said Adam Smith, City Administrator. "In the same spirit of collaboration that Mayor Smith emulated, we wholeheartedly welcome Mayor Sowle and look forward to his leadership as we continue to progress as a 21st Century community." Mayor Sowle had served on City Council representing Ward 3 since 2012.



Changing of the guard, retiring Mayor Kalmin Smith (l) and new Mayor Thom Sowle (r).

At the Monday, June 11, 2018 City Council meeting, Mayor Kalmin Smith announced his retirement and Mayor Pro-Tem, Thom Sowle was appointed Mayor for the City of Grand Ledge.



Swearing in for Mayor Thom Sowle (l) by Clerk Gregory Newman (r).

## WELCOME Mayor Thom Sowle



## Getting to know: Mayor Thom Sowle



### Political Career

Mayor - Appointed | 2018  
City Council - Elected/Ward 3 | Served 2012 - 2018  
Grand Ledge Board of Education - Trustee (2 yrs. Secretary) | 2002-2012

### Professional Career

Grand Ledge Public Schools - Energy Specialist | 1988 - Present

### Volunteer Work

Grand Ledge Education Foundation - President (2 yrs. Trustee) | 2014 - Present  
Blessings in a Backpack - Volunteer | 2015 - Present

### Personal

Married to Susan Sowle (teacher at Grand Ledge High School since 1987) for 36 years with two children. A resident of Grand Ledge since 1987.

### Education

Bachelor of Science - Business Administration, Central Michigan University  
Teacher Certification, Spring Arbor University

[www.cityofgrandledge.com](http://www.cityofgrandledge.com)



## Jaycee Park To-Do List

☒ Improved Boat Launch

**Summer 2018** Grand Ledge Splashpad

**Fall 2018  
Tentative** ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch

**Fall 2018  
Tentative** Accessible Widewalk/  
Riverwalk Trail Connection

While construction in Jaycee Park continues, we want to thank our residents and visitors for their patience and cooperation during these exciting changes that will allow patrons of all abilities to access and enjoy this versatile waterfront park in GL!

LEARN MORE: [CityofGrandLedge.com](http://CityofGrandLedge.com)

## 2018 ELECTION INFORMATION

### National Voter Registration Day

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

- City Hall: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Grand Ledge High School, Lobby: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Independence Village: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Voter Registration Deadline

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

### ELECTION DAY

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**  
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- All City Precincts Vote at Sawdon Administration Building,  
220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

City Clerk, Gregory Newman at 517-622-7920 or  
[gnewman@cityofgrandledge.com](mailto:gnewman@cityofgrandledge.com)

[CityofGrandLedge.com/Government/General Information/Elections](http://CityofGrandLedge.com/Government/General%20Information/Elections)



## Back to School SAFETY

Safe routes to school are commonly used routes students take to and from school, identified by City of Grand Ledge, and Grand Ledge Public Schools. These routes are marked with pedestrian crosswalk signs to help keep our students safe!



## USE CAUTION

when traveling along these routes. Be sure to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks!



Maps and more online at  
[CityofGrandLedge.com](http://CityofGrandLedge.com)

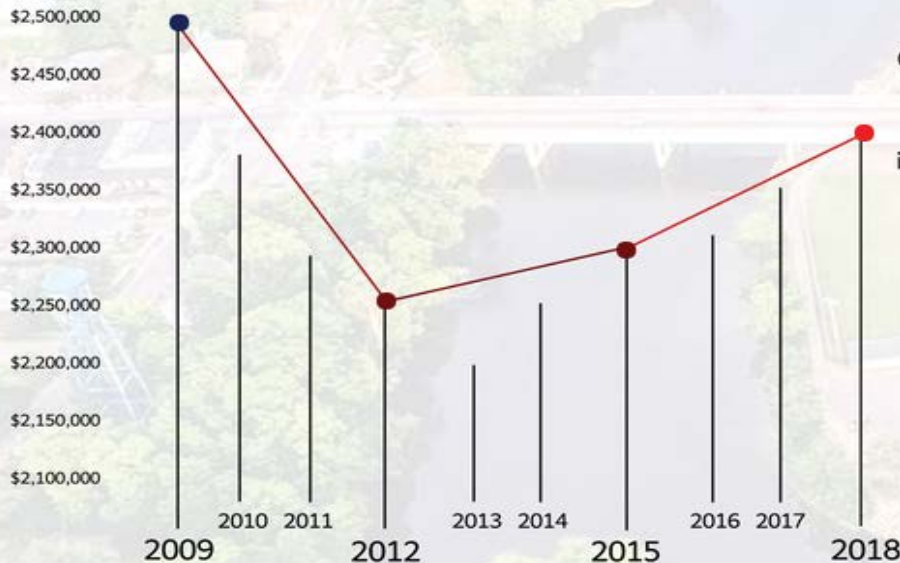


# City of Grand Ledge



## HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE CITY *actually* HAVE?

	Total Millage	Operating	Recreation	Streets	Taxable Value	Full Levy
2009	11.2905	8.0650	0.8062	2.4193	\$221,196,510	\$2,497,419
2018	11.2811	8.0584	0.8054	2.4173	\$211,848,457	\$2,390,879



### What does this *change* mean?

Over the last decade, the City of Grand Ledge has seen a significant decrease in taxable value. This results in less tax revenue for costs associated with city operations, parks, facilities, street improvements, and maintenance. There was more tax revenue in 2009 than there is in 2018.

2009	2018
\$2,497,419	\$2,390,879
Annual Consumer Price Index (1.54%) Adjustment:	
	\$2,884,882

**Total Impact on Tax Revenue: -\$494,003**

Despite this adverse impact on tax revenue, we continue to prioritize a number of improvement projects that benefit our community.

For more information on finance and performance reports, please visit [www.CityofGrandLedge.com](http://www.CityofGrandLedge.com)



## FALL CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

You can learn about all of the construction and development projects online! Our construction and project update page is a comprehensive guide that will help you find timelines, progress, notifications, pictures, funding sources and more.



### W. South Street

Last spring, the structural integrity of the Sandstone Creek culvert on W. South Street was inspected and evaluated. A new culvert design was engineered and constructed earlier this summer. W. South Street is open to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic. We appreciate your patience during this necessary improvement project and place high priority on the safety of our community and school district members.



### M-43 Water Tower

The 500,000 elevated water tank on M-43 has been restored for water service. Restoration is finished and reflects our new city logo. Safety improvements were also completed near the top of the tower.



### Downtown City Parking Lots

This summer, City parking lots #1 and 2 have been renovated and reconstructed to allow for improved infrastructure, pedestrian safety and vehicle traffic flow. We thank all residents, visitors, and businesses for their patience during these projects, and for continuing to choose downtown Grand Ledge regardless of construction obstacles.

## UPCOMING STREET CONSTRUCTION

The following streets will be milled and resurfaced during the 2018 construction season:



- Bates Street (Ferguson to Bouck)
- Ferguson (Bates to Fleming)
- Ingersoll (W. Main to W. Front)
- Oneida Woods Trail (Willow Hwy to Candela)
- W. South Street (Green to Jenne)

Residents along these streets will be notified when the projects are scheduled to begin. Updates will also be posted online.





# Grand Ledge Area District Library



## Upcoming Programming

Library programs will be held at the Grand Ledge Area District Library Main location, 131 E. Jefferson St. in

Grand Ledge, unless otherwise noted. Please phone for 517.627.7014 for program registration. Please visit GLADL's Events Calendar at [grandledge.lib.mi.us/events](http://grandledge.lib.mi.us/events) for details on these programs.

### **Preschool Storytime**

Sept. 11th – Dec. 18th Tuesdays @ 11am

Stories and literacy enhancing activities for young children and their accompanying parent/caregiver.

### **Saturday Storytime**

Sept. 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Jan. 12 @ 11am

A Saturday storytime, perfect for busy weekday families. Music and movement paired with lively stories.

### **PJ Storytime**

Nov. 16, Jan. 18 @ 6:30pm

A sleepy storytime for young children with their accompanying parent/caregiver. Bring a stuffed friend or toy to sleepover in the library. Registration suggested.

### **Paws for Reading**

Sept 4 & 18, Oct. 2 & 16, Nov. 6 & 20 @ 6-7pm

Kids can read with a certified reading therapy dog. Registration required.

### **Crafting for a Cause**

Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18, Nov. 1 & 15 @ 4-5:30pm

Create hats, mittens, and scarves for the GL Food Bank. We can get you started knitting too.

### **Slime-Time**

Wed. Sept. 19 @ 6pm

Learn the science of slime and make gooey, slippery, sparkly, colorful SLIME. Registration required.

### **Grand Ledge Area District Library**

131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge  
Monday–Thursday: 10am–9pm  
Friday & Saturday: 10am–5pm  
Sunday: 1–5pm

### **CLOSING - Wacousta Library - CLOSING**

Effective September 29, 2018 the Wacousta Branch of Grand Ledge Area District Library will be permanently Closed. The library Board is looking at other options for continuing library services in Wacousta.

Online services are available 24/7 and in person assistance is available at the main library seven days a week.

For more information, please contact  
Library Director, Lise Mitchell at 517-622-3550 or email  
[gladlquestions@gmail.com](mailto:gladlquestions@gmail.com)

### **How to Poem**

Sat. Sept. 22 & 29 @ 1-3pm

A two-part workshop for high schoolers and adults by Dennis Hinrichsen, Michigan's Poet Laureate. Learn forms of poetry, writing techniques, and write your own poetry. Registration required.

### **True Crime Michigan**

Thurs. Oct. 11 @ 6:30pm

Tobin T. Buhk, an aficionado of dark history who specializes in historic true crime, presents True Crime cases in Michigan.

### **Color Cruise Storytime**

Fri. Oct. 12 @ 10:15 and 11:30am

Join us on the Island for stories, songs and literacy activities focused on the Fall Season!

### **Pumpkin Party**

Wed. Oct. 17 @ 6:30-8pm

Decorate a pumpkin with your family! All materials supplied. Registration required, limit 30 families.

### **Babysitting Workshop**

Sat. Oct 20 @ 10am-4pm (Teens 12 and up)

Earn Pediatric CPR, Basic First Aid, and Babysitting Course cards. Registration, \$30, and lunch required.

### **Harry Potter Party**

Sat. Oct. 27 @ 2-4pm

Feel free to wear your favorite Harry Potter clothing and join us for themed snacks, games, and fun.

### **Game On!**

Sat. Nov. 3 @ 1-4pm

Minecraft, Magic: The Gathering, and other tabletop games. Bring your Switch for head-to-head competition and your DS for Pokémon battle. Snacks served.

### **LEGO Palooza**

Wed. Nov. 7 @ 5-7pm

Take on our challenges or free build. LEGOs for all ages. Snacks and a LEGO movie too.

### **WWII in Their Own Words**

Thurs. Nov. 8 @ 6:30pm

Amazing, true stories of the brave men and woman who experienced WWII, including great footage of Ernst Floeter presented by researcher Larry Martin (more info, [lmww2.com](http://lmww2.com))

### **How to Adult – New Skills**

(Teens) Sat. Nov. 17 @ 11-1pm

Public Speaking: phone calls for job interviews. Home Mysteries: coffee makers to sledgehammers. Registration required.

### **For the Holidays!**

Give the Gift of Reading—help put a “Book on Every Bed” this Christmas! GLADL partners with the Grand Ledge Shopping Tour to collect new and gently used children's books to distribute to children in need in our community. Donations accepted November 13 through December 7.



# Delta Township District Library

## A Growing Library of Things

Have you ever wanted to try an Insta Pot without purchasing one? Have a special birthday party coming up where a Darth Vader cake would be the perfect addition, but don't want to buy a cake pan to use just once? Love Potter Park Zoo and want to visit for free?

The Delta Township District Library can help you with all of these things and more! Stop by the library and use your library card to check out a growing number of items. Things like button makers, mobile hotspots, pasta machines, and bike locks are at your fingertips – for free!

Stop by to view our Library of Things, or visit [dtdl.org/services/things](http://dtdl.org/services/things).

## Volunteer Fair

Thursday, September 27 at 6-7:30pm

Over 25 Lansing area organizations will be at the Delta Township District Library to share information about their volunteer opportunities. Gather information, ask questions, and find the right opportunity for you. Visit [dtdl.org/vol-fair](http://dtdl.org/vol-fair) for more information.

## Storytimes

### Weekly Storytimes

Fall storytimes will run September 4-November 16.

Stories & Crafts (ages 3-5): Tuesdays at 10:30am

Baby Time (ages birth-24 months): Wednesdays at 10:30am

Toddler Storytime (ages 18-36 months): Thursdays at 10:30am

Music & Movement (all ages): Fridays at 10:30am

### PJ Storytime

September 13, October 11, November 8  
Thursdays, 6pm

All ages. Bring the whole family for stories, music, a craft, and a snack. Kids are welcome to wear their pajamas!

### Sensory Storytimes

September 29, October 20, November 17  
Saturdays, 10:30am – 11:30am

Ages 3-10. This sensory storytime is geared to children who have a hard time in large groups, are on the autism spectrum or have other developmental delays and/or sensitivity to sensory overload. Visuals, rhythmic preschool-level stories, and sensory activities will be included in this interactive storytime. Siblings are welcome! Space is limited; please register for this program online at [dtdl.org/events](http://dtdl.org/events) or at the Youth Desk (517-321-4014 x3).

## Kids & Families

### Paws for Reading

Dates & times vary, including after-school, evening, and Saturday sessions

All ages. Practice your reading with a great listener - a certified therapy dog! This is a great opportunity for kids learning to read or struggling with reading (and those who love reading too!) to practice reading aloud. Kids can choose whatever they'd like to read and one of our friendly therapy dogs will sit and listen. Please stop by or call the Youth Desk (517-321-4014 x3) to sign up for a ten-minute reading time slot.

### Tween Book Club

September 12, October 17, November 14  
Wednesdays, 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Ages 9-12. Read and discuss a new book each month, plus have activities and snacks. Register for this program at the Youth Desk and receive a copy of that month's book.

### Big Playdate: Detective

Saturday, September 15  
10:30am – 11:30am

All ages. Grab your magnifying glass and join in on detective-themed games and activities, like fingerprint matching and solving who stole the cookies from the cookie jar!

### Family Movie Matinee

September 29, October 27, November 24  
Saturdays, 1pm

All ages. Stop by each month for a new-to-DVD family-friendly movie, shown on the big screen. It is free to attend and popcorn will be provided.

## Gaming & Coding

### Minecraft Game Night

Friday, September 14  
5:45pm – 7:30pm

Ages 7-15. Build, play and explore with fellow Minecrafters! This after-hours event is open to all skill levels and you do not need an account to play. Space is limited; registration begins August 13 at the library's Youth Desk or call 517-321-4014 x3.

### Music Coding Camp

Saturday, September 22  
10:30am – 3pm

Ages 10-18. Combine music with technology in this fun, hands-on workshop. Learn how to compose music though coding with Sonic Pi; no previous coding experience needed. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Registration begins August 13 at [dtdl.org/events](http://dtdl.org/events) or call 517-321-4014 x3. *Note: This is a repeat of our summer Music Coding Camp, in a condensed, one-day version.*

## Mario Kart Tournament

Saturday, October 13

10am – 12:30pm

Ages 8-18. Compete for prizes in a Nintendo Wii U tournament. All skill levels are welcome! Pre-registration is required. Please register by October 11 at [dtdl.org/events](http://dtdl.org/events) or call 517-321-4014 x3.

## Teens

### Teen Life Skills 101

Wednesday, September 19  
6pm – 7:30pm

Ages 13-18. Learn a variety of basic skills such as changing a tire, sewing on a button, and simple cooking in this fun, hands-on workshop. Please register by September 15 at [dtdl.org/events](http://dtdl.org/events) or call 517-321-4014 x3.

### Teen Fandom Fest

Friday, October 12  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Ages 13-18. Are you a super fan of a particular book series, TV show, movie, or genre? Do you love Doctor Who, Sherlock, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Steampunk, Anime, or maybe something else? Geek out with other teens and share your fandom frenzy with Netflix, Pinterest fails, Nailed It-style food, fan fiction, and more. Cosplay welcome!

**Delta Township District Library**  
5130 Davenport Drive  
Lansing, MI

### HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 10am–8pm

Friday: 10am–6pm

Saturday: 10am–4pm

The Friends of the Library have a bookstore in the lower level.

### BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 10:30am–7:30pm

Friday: 10:30am–5:30pm

Saturday: 10:30am–3:30pm

For more information about any of our programs and services, please call 517-321-4014 or visit <http://dtdl.org>

## ACCOUNTING/TREASURER DEPARTMENT ..... 323-8510

Water/Sewer Bills  
Tax Collections  
Dog Licenses

## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT ..... 323-8520

Property Information/Assessed Valuations

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT ..... 323-8530

Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Remodeling Permits  
Sewer Capital Charges  
Code Enforcement  
Sign Permits

## CLERK'S OFFICE ..... 323-8500

Board of Trustee Information  
Voter Registration and Elections  
Passports  
Recycling  
Cemetery Lots

## DELTA TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES OFFICE ..... 484-5600

50+ Programs (Senior Citizens Programs)  
Aquatics

## EATON COUNTY SHERIFF/DELTA PATROL ..... 323-8480

Emergency: 911      Non-Emergency ..... 372-8217

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ..... 323-8540

Sanitary Sewer and Water Location Information  
Weed Ordinance Enforcement

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ..... 321-6622

Emergency: 911  
Burning Permits  
Fire Code Inspections

## LIBRARY ..... 321-4014

Books, Magazines, and Audio Books  
Movies and Music

## MANAGER'S OFFICE ..... 323-8590

Administration, Budget, Personnel  
Information Technology  
FOIA Requests

## PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES DEPT..... 323-8555

Athletics and Special Events  
Community Education Classes  
Park Shelters and Ball Fields  
Facility Reservations

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT ..... 323-8560

Zoning Ordinance Enforcement  
New Developments  
Planning Commission  
Economic Development

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT ..... 323-8570

After-Hours Emergency ..... 323-8570  
Water/Sewer Problems



**The Delta Township Board**

*Back row (left to right): Dennis R. Fedewa (dfedewa@deltami.gov), Deana M. Newman (dnewman@deltami.gov), Andrea M. Cascarilla (acascarilla@deltami.gov), Karen Mojica (kmojica@deltami.gov) Front row (left to right): Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher (kfletcher@deltami.gov), Clerk Mary R. Clark (mclark@deltami.gov), Treasurer Howard A. Pizzo (hpizzo@deltami.gov)*

### West Willow Canoe/Kayak Launch Update

The development of a canoe/kayak launch along the Grand River will commence before the end of this summer. The 5 acre wooded parcel located on West Willow Highway was purchased from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in 2009 with the intention of creating public recreation, and will now provide opportunities for wildlife viewing, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. Bank stabilization work within the area of the proposed launch facility will mitigate erosion issues along the riverbank and provide an improved natural habitat. The project which was approved for \$415,700 in July, received grant funds in the amount of \$162,500 by the MDNR Trust Fund in 2016.

The design and engineering of the project is complete, and the construction will take place between the months of August to October of 2018. The construction will include a new, ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch system, an able-bodied canoe/kayak launch along the riverbank, a parking lot with handicap accessible parking, and an accessible walking path from the parking area to the launch. In the spring of 2019 the ADA accessible launch will be installed and the park site will opened for use.

This project is a continuation of Delta Township's effort to improve the amount of access that residents have to the Grand River and other natural resources. In 2017, Delta Township was awarded grant funds from the MDNR Trust Fund in the amount of \$237,500 to construct an accessible canoe/kayak launch and other park improvements at Delta Mills Park. Investments such as these are intended to increase recreational opportunities within Delta Township by creating a water trail that will connect the surrounding communities. The new launch at Delta Mills Park is slated to be constructed in 2019.





# Delta Township

## 2018 Delta Township Community Awards Reception

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 5:30-8pm  
Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 Creyts Rd.

The Delta Township Board is pleased to announce the 13th Annual Delta Township Community Awards event to celebrate the accomplishments of Delta Township organizations, businesses, and citizens. Each year, the Township recognizes the nominees and honors recipients in a special awards ceremony.

### Call for Nominations

Nominations are currently being sought for the following categories: Community Organization of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Young Person of the Year. The Young Person of the Year award recipient will also receive a \$2,000 academic scholarship sponsored by the Delta Side Business Association.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Thursday, September 27, at 5pm. Nominations may be submitted online at [bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwards](http://bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwards) or a printable PDF version is also available. If you choose to fill out a hard copy nomination form, please return it via email to Linda Wells at [lwells@deltami.gov](mailto:lwells@deltami.gov), by mail to the Manager's Office, 7710 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917, or via fax to 517-327-1703.

### Interested in Sponsoring this Event?

The Delta Township Community Awards Event is an excellent opportunity for your business or organization to gain some public recognition on multiple media platforms, for supporting your community.

For a small investment in this event, your business will receive online recognition via the Township's website, social media pages, and monthly e-newsletter, as well as recognition during the award event that includes signage, inclusion in our slideshow presentation and in our program.

Visit [bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwardsSponsorships](http://bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwardsSponsorships) to read about our wide range of sponsorship opportunities. For questions or more information contact Mary Worland at [mworland@deltami.gov](mailto:mworland@deltami.gov) or at 517-323-8590.



## Delta Township 39'ers – 50+ Programs

The 39'ers is an active, energetic program serving people ages 50+. They offer a wide array of programs including exercise classes, cards & games, luncheons, trips, classes, health services, and much more. Exercise classes for all levels include yoga, chair exercise, Tai Chi, Jazzercise Lite, and Zumba. Trips include Detroit Tigers games, casino trips, mystery trips, Mackinac Island, and new ones each year. The games and cards offered are Euchre, Scrabble, Mah Jong, Bridge, Pinochle, Cribbage, and Bingo. Health services include chair massage, foot care, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks. Lunches are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The 39'ers are located in the Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, with office hours Monday-Friday 10am-3pm. Visit the center and use the free treadmill, computers, and lending library. For more information or to receive the quarterly newsletter call 484-5600 or email [ncombs@deltami.gov](mailto:ncombs@deltami.gov).

## Delta Township Aquatics Program



The Delta Township Enrichment Center is home to the Aquatics Office. The pool is located at Waverly East Intermediate School (3131 West Michigan Avenue). Programs offered are: Arthritis Foundation Aquacise; Arthritis Plus; Splash Aerobics; Deep Water Aerobics; lap, adult, and family swims; and swim lessons for both adults and children. For more information, please visit [www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov) or call 484-5600.



## Keep Connected with "Talk of the Township"

Talk of the Township is Delta Township's electronic newsletter sent out at the end of each month and keeps you informed of what is going on in Delta Township. To get signed up, please visit [bit.ly/talkofthetownship](http://bit.ly/talkofthetownship) and fill out the online subscription form.

## Monster Mash

Come to our 9th Annual Monster Mash, a Halloween dance for the entire family. Show off your costumes, dance to your favorite tunes including Halloween favorites, enjoy refreshments, get a picture, and more. The cost is \$7 per person. This fun family event will be held on Tuesday, October 23 from 7-9pm at Tequila Cowboy. There will be no food or alcohol sales at this event. Pre-registration is required. Call 323-8555 or visit [www.deltami.gov/registration](http://www.deltami.gov/registration) to register. No refunds after October 19.



## Trick or Treat Trail

Come walk the trail at Sharp Park on October 9 (rain date October 10), Children will be able to trick or treat at the displays set up by local businesses and groups from 5:30-7:30pm. \$1 fee per child will be collected at the park. We encourage everyone to wear costumes and bring your own trick or treat bag. If you are a business or civic group and would like to have a table, please call us at 323-8555.



## Daddy Daughter and Mother Son Dances

Delta Township Parks and Recreation proudly presents the Daddy Daughter Dance on Monday, February 11 and the Mother Son Dance on Monday, March 4 from 7-9pm. Dance to your favorite tunes in the elegant surroundings of the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. You will also enjoy refreshments, photographs, and more. The dance is open to all young ladies/men and the adult male/female of their choice. The cost is \$10 per person for Delta Township residents and \$12 per person for non-residents. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Register online by visiting [www.deltami.gov/registration](http://www.deltami.gov/registration) or by calling 323-8555.



## Drop-in Pint-Sized Picassos Parent Participation

Let us provide the materials and clean-up while your child provides the creativity. There will be at least



three different projects each week. We will use different types of paints, crayons, glue, collage materials, and more. The easels will also be available every week for the children to use. The cost is \$1 per child, per week, adults are free. No need to register in advance. This program is held in the Delta Township Enrichment Center on Thursdays, September 20-October 25 from 10-11am.



## Sweets & Treats with Santa

Santa Claus will be coming to Delta Township on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1. Come to the Community Center for a visit with Santa, a Christmas craft and small gift

for each child along with some yummy treats. Make sure to bring your cameras to capture all the special moments. There will be two separate sessions available. Please specify either the Friday evening session from 6-7:30pm or the Saturday session from 10-11:30am as space is limited. The fee is \$5 per person Delta Township residents and \$6 per person for non-residents due to space restraints. No refunds after November 21. Pre-registration is required, register by visiting [www.deltami.gov/registration](http://www.deltami.gov/registration) or by calling 323-8555.



## Delta Township Parks & Recreation Athletic Programs

To register please visit [www.deltami.gov/registration](http://www.deltami.gov/registration) or for more information please call 323-8555

### Adult Coed Halloween Kickball Tournament

Come play kickball under the lights. Halloween costume contest, bon fire, team photo, tournament t-shirt, and much more! Only full-team registration will be accepted.

Deadline: Friday, October 5, 2018

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$20 per person, team registration only

Location: Erickson Park

### Adult Coed Indoor Volleyball

Teams play six against six. Each team must have at least three males and three females, twelve players per team limit. Only full-team registrations will be accepted. There are no individual player fees.

Deadline: Friday, December 21, 2018

Dates: Tuesday, January 8-February 26, 2019

Times: 6 or 7pm

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$125 per team (8 matches)

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School



### Youth Coed Basketball Camp

High-intensity multi-tasking drills will be used to increase mental and physical speed of play. Basketball University will supply the instructors and equipment. No refunds after 10/2.

Deadline: Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Dates: Wednesdays, October 3-24, 2018 (make-up date 11/7)

Grade/Time:

1st/2nd – 5:45pm

3rd/4th – 6:45pm

5th/6th – 7:45pm

Fee: \$30 Res/\$35 Non-Res

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

### Youth Basketball

An eight-week instructional program which stresses the fun and fundamentals of the game. Practices and games are held on Saturdays within a one-hour time block. Referees/coaches are parent volunteers.

Deadline: Friday, December 7, 2018

Dates: Saturdays, January 5-February 23, 2019 (make-up date 3/2)

Age:

5/6 coed

7/8 boys, 7/8 girls

9/10 boys, 9/10 girls

Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res

\$10 late fee after 12/9, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)

\$15 for athletic jersey, if needed

Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

### Youth Coed Spring Soccer

Participants have the choice of playing traditional or micro soccer.

Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2019

Practices: Begin the week of April 15, 2019 on a weekday chosen by the coach and last for 8 weeks

Games: Saturdays, April 27-June 8, 2019 (make-up date 6/15).

Age: 4-10 as of April 27, 2019

Fee: \$40 Res/\$45 Non-Res

\$10 late fee after 3/29/19, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)

\$15 for athletic jersey, if needed

Locations: Waverly High School, Delta Mills

### Itty Bitty Kickers – 3 year-old Soccer

Practices and games are held on Saturdays within a 40-minute time block. Micro soccer rules and size 3 soccer balls will be used.

Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2019

Dates: Saturdays, April 27-June 1, 2019 (make-up date 6/8).

Age: 3 as of April 27, 2019

Fee: \$25 Res/\$30 Non-Res

\$10 late fee after 3/29/19, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)

\$15 for athletic jersey, if needed

Locations: Waverly High School, Delta Mills

### Show & Tell Nature Walk

Join us for a participatory nature walk as we explore the plants and wildlife in Delta Township Parks. The walk will have a leader but we invite all walkers to be active participants and share their knowledge. Please wear good walking shoes and bring water. Walks will start promptly at the scheduled time and will last approximately an hour. Walks are suitable for the entire family and children will be given a nature log to record their findings. In case of inclement weather, the walk will be cancelled. The walk will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2pm at Hawk Meadow Park.

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## From the School Board President



Go Comets! We finished the 2017-18 school year in June and immediately got to work on the 2018-19 school year.

Last year the district continued to show increases in academic achievement. GLPS continues to outpace most districts for Advanced Placement scores as we saw another year of increases in standardized test score and graduated another class of future leaders. More than 1 in 4 of our 2018 seniors graduated having earned a 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam. This kind of success does not happen without everyone working together. Parents, teachers, administrators, staff and the community working together like this will ensure our

students have the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

Our extracurricular activities were, once again, outstanding. Two great musicals, many division I ratings for our choir and band students and several CAAC championships in sports including: Football, Baseball, Softball, Girls' Swimming, Girls' Cross Country, Wrestling and Boys' Lacrosse.

The district continues to be good stewards of our financial resources and ended the year with an increase to our fund balance for the fourth consecutive year. The continued fiscal responsibility allowed the board of education to authorize a 2% bonus to all GLPS employees during the 2017-2018 school year, and we hope we will do so again this year. More important, the district did not have to borrow money in order to make summer payroll for the first time in 20 years. Twenty years ago the state shifted when schools receive funding from July, when the school year begins, to October when the fiscal year begins. This allowed the state to save several million dollars in a one-time cost shift. Unfortunately, this forced most districts into a short-term loan cycle to cover summer payroll costs. As the economy continues to recover, interest rates are starting to climb. Not having to borrow to pay the summer payroll saves the district upwards of a \$100,000 in interest every year. It's been a goal of the board to increase our fund balance to ensure we never have to borrow for summer payroll again, thereby keeping dollars in the classroom where they belong.

But we're not going to rest on our laurels. The 2018-19 school year will be even better.

It is truly an honor and privilege to serve this community on the board of education. If there is anything the board can do for you, please do not hesitate to email, call, or come to a board meeting to share your thoughts and/or concerns.

Thank you,

Jon Shiflett, President  
Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education