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Fall 2019

Our Schools & Community Provide Global Opportunities



On the Cover:

Thom Soule, mayor of Grand Ledge, presents a proclamation to Tobias Gerdsemeyer, mayor of Lobne, during a visit to Germany while surrounded by students and adults in the Grand Ledge - Lobne Exchange Program.



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The Class of 2019 graduated in June, our Comet Camp summer academic program just finished up, and we are ready to start another great school year at Grand Ledge Public Schools! Kindergarten and elementary open houses are August 15, and the first day of school is August 19.

Grand Ledge Public Schools is a great place to work, and we have hired many new faces. Our new administrators are highlighted on the next page, and you can look for a new photo of the entire 2019-2020 GLPS staff on our social media in the very near future!



Brian L. Metcalf, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Learning and safety will continue to be our priorities this school year, even as bond projects break ground later this fall. After almost a year of designing and planning, visible construction for Phase 1 will begin sometime in late October! It will focus on transitioning Beagle into a 7th and 8th-grade building and on expanding Holbrook to become a kindergarten through 4th-grade elementary school. Completing those two projects will then allow us to implement the district's grade restructuring initiative. Our district will have four elementary schools (K-4) (Holbrook, Delta Center, Wacousta, & Willow Ridge), Hayes Intermediate School (5-6), Beagle Middle School (7-8), and Grand Ledge High School (9-12).

We plan to implement this restructuring initiative in the 2020-2021 school year. The timelines for the bond improvements provided by GMB Architecture & Engineering and Clark Construction allow us to move forward confidently with our planned transition. However, if there are unexpected events that delay the construction process, we can postpone the restructuring initiative to the following school year.

To help with the construction process, this year's school calendar and the 2020-2021 school calendar have created a long summer in 2020. You can find the calendars at www.glcomets.net/calendars.

We thank the community for approving the bond proposals last fall, and we remind taxpayers that Grand Ledge Public Schools still has the second lowest debt millage rate in the region. Our community is investing in our children and our schools while still maintaining a great low tax rate!

You can find more information about the bond improvements on pages 4-5 of this INSIDER or by visiting the district's website at www.glcomets.net/bonds.

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School Board & New Administrators

2019 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Time	Site	Purpose
August 12	6:00 p.m.	Admin. Conf. Room	Work Session
August 26	6:00 p.m.	Sawdon Board Room	Regular Meeting
September 9	6:00 p.m.	Admin. Conf. Room	Work Session
September 23	6:00 p.m.	Sawdon Board Room	Regular Meeting
October 14	6:00 p.m.	Admin. Conf. Room	Work Session
October 28	6:00 p.m.	Sawdon Board Room	Regular Meeting
November 25*	6:00 p.m.	Sawdon Board Room	Regular Meeting
December 9*	6:00 p.m.	Sawdon Board Room	Regular Meeting
January 13, 2020*	6:00 p.m.	Sawdon Board Room	Organizational Meeting

*Only one meeting in November and December due to holidays.

*Due to the January County-Wide Board Meeting, there will only be one meeting in January.



The Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education, pictured together after its February 25, 2019 regular meeting. Back Row (standing): Sara Clark Pierson, Trustee; Jarrod Smith, Trustee; Jonathan Shiflett, Trustee; Kim Mulvenna, Trustee. Front Row (seated): Ben Cwayna, Secretary; Denise DuFort, Vice President; Patrick McKennon, President; Dr. Brian Metcalf, Superintendent

Meet Our New Administrators



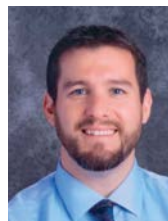
Dr. Bill Barnes is the new Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services for Grand Ledge Public Schools. Dr. Barnes graduated from Grand Ledge High School before getting his undergrad degree from Western Michigan University. He also has a Masters in K-12 Educational Administration and an Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership, both from Michigan State University. Dr. Barnes has been a successful principal at Charlotte High School for the last eight years and is excited to have moved from serving as a building-level leader to a central office administrator. Dr. Barnes officially began with the district in July. That's also when Dr. Steve Gabriel officially transitioned into the Office of Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations while Dr. Mike Johnson began enjoying his retirement!



Mr. Bill Albrecht is the new Principal at Beagle Elementary School. Mr. Albrecht earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Olivet College, and he earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Michigan State University. Mr. Albrecht served Beagle as the Dean of Students for two years, and then was one of its 1st grade teachers for three more years. Mr. Albrecht left GLPS to be a building administrator the last two years -- first as an assistant middle school principal in Olivet and then as an elementary school principal in Lakeview. Now Mr. Albrecht has returned to Beagle and will lead it through both its construction and its transition to Holbrook.



Mrs. Teresa Dyer is the new Principal at Delta Center Elementary School. After 14 years as a classroom teacher for Grand Ledge Public Schools, Mrs. Dyer will continue serving GLPS with the new title of Principal. Mrs. Dyer earned her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, and she earned her first Master's Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix. Currently, she is finishing up a second Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University. Mrs. Dyer has already demonstrated her leadership as a school improvement building leader, a district (and building) math leader, and PBIS team member.



Mr. Eric Leopold is a new Assistant Principal at Hayes Middle School. Mr. Leopold grew up in Michigan and earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Michigan University. He earned his first Master's Degree in Education, Curriculum, & Instruction from National Louis University in Florida, and he earned his second Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida. Mr. Leopold taught middle school for nine years and served as a middle school assistant principal for three years -- all with Pinellas County Schools just outside Tampa, Florida. He has returned to Michigan and now serves as an instructional leader for GLPS.

Bond Improvements in Three Phases

PROPOSAL ONE School Improvements

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



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

What is the District's Grade Restructuring Initiative?



The grade restructuring made possible by passing the bond proposals will have many positive effects. The grade restructuring initiative is set to begin in the 2020-2021 school year, but it can be postponed if unexpected events delay construction.

Creating K-4th grade elementary schools will mean fewer students in buildings. Kindergartners will 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 will 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 will 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 will create a secondary school campus with proximity to the high school. Both middle school and high school students can take advantage of the broader curriculum offerings and student services.



PROPOSAL TWO Community, Athletics, & Fine Arts Improvements

Proposal Two will provide \$29,485,000 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 competition pool, new community 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

Why are the bond improvements being completed in three phases?

- Keeps millage rate low
- Maximizes planning time
- Provides adequate time for construction
- Adds technology in all three phases
- Adds buses & transportation improvements in all three phases



Phase 1



Major Projects for Phase 1

- Transition to Beagle Middle School for Grades 7-8
- Transition to Holbrook Elementary for Grades K-4
- Build New Competition Pool & New Community Pool
- Add M-43 Connection

Phase 2



Major Projects for Phase 2

- Improvements at Grand Ledge High School for Grades 9-12
- Build a New Wacousta Elementary for Grades K-4
- Improvements at Delta Center Elementary for Grades K-4
- Remodel Old Pool into Walking Track & Multipurpose Space

Phase 3



Major Projects for Phase 3

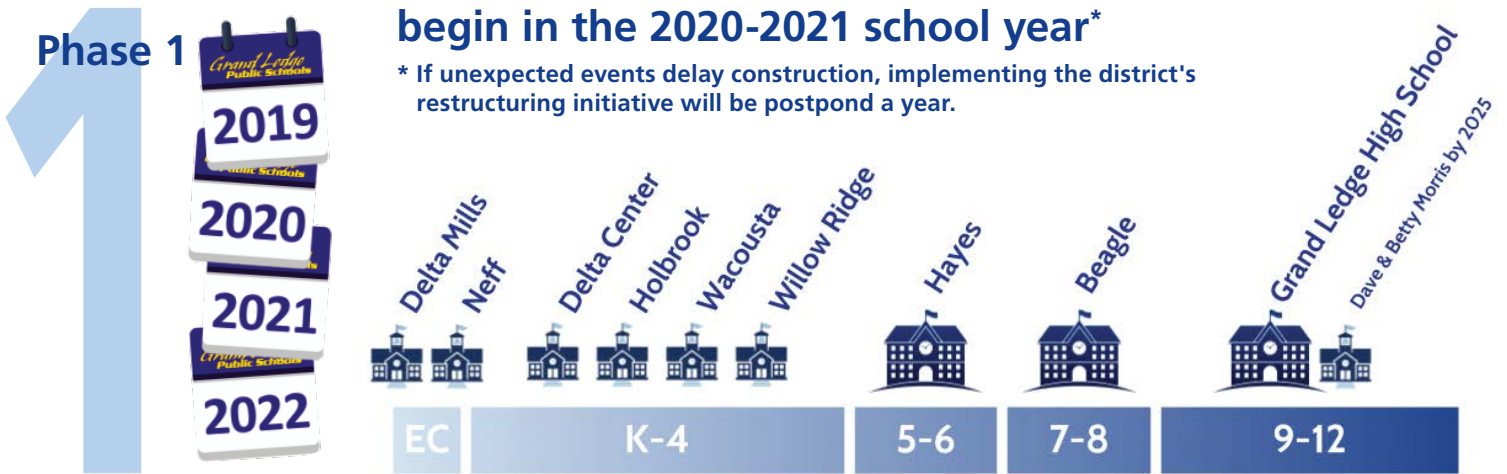
- New Dave & Betty Morris Building (completed by 2025)
- Improvements to Hayes Intermediate for Grades 5-6
- Improvements to Willow Ridge Elementary for Grades K-4
- Improvements to Neff Early Childhood Center



Phase 1 of Bond Improvements

Phase 1 will focus on Beagle and Holbrook so the district's restructuring initiative can begin in the 2020-2021 school year*

* If unexpected events delay construction, implementing the district's restructuring initiative will be postponed a year.



Transition to Beagle Middle School

Beagle will have a 16-classroom wing added to it in order to accommodate all the students in 7th and 8th grade. A secure entry will be created for the building. The kitchen, serving area, and cafeteria will be remodeled. The gym will be enlarged, plus a new band room and new choir room will be added. There will also be mechanical and electrical system upgrades for efficiency along with restroom and technology infrastructure upgrades.

Add M-43 Connection

A connecting road will be built from M-43 to our secondary campus of Beagle Middle School and Grand Ledge High School. It will be designed to improve traffic flow as well as help with drop-off and pick-up. Some challenges in building this road are Michigan Department of Transportation bureaucracy, access to a GLPS Operations building, and relocating an athletic facility.



Transition to Holbrook Elementary

Holbrook will have eight outdated classrooms remodeled and eight new classrooms added. A secure entry will be created for the building. Parking and drives to support both buses and parents will be constructed. A multipurpose room will be added. There will also be mechanical and electrical system upgrades for efficiency along with technology infrastructure upgrades.

Competition & Community Pool

A portion of Proposal Two is for building a new cold-water competition pool, a new warm-water community pool, and support spaces. The decision was made to begin the pool project in Phase 1 because construction was already going to be happening at Beagle. The competition pool will have eight lanes so it can be used for league meets and state tournament events.

Phase 1 Planning & Groundbreaking

Numerous planning and design meetings have happened since the November 6, 2018 election, and groundbreaking for Phase 1 is scheduled for late October in 2019.

For more information

Contact Dr. Brian Metcalf at 517-925-5401

metcalfb@glcomets.net

www.glcomets.net/bonds



Integrated Pest Management Program

Grand Ledge Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **DOES NOT** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1.) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2.) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

PLEASE NOTE that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Operations Department at 517-925-5430 or sending an email to conleye@glcomets.net.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first-class USPS mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact Operations at the following number 517-925-5430. Please give your name, mailing address, phone number, and what school(s) your child or children attend, and they will put your name on the advance notification by USPS list.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the months when school is not in regular session (summer), those parents who requested advance notice by mail, will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods identified above.



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.

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, and drama playbills as well as for publications and other media.

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

Grand Ledge Public Schools
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Grand Ledge, MI 48837

or via email to GolubD@GLcomets.net
prior to 4:00 pm on Friday, September 27, 2019.



School Calendar & Staff Recognition

2019-2020 Student Calendar

August 15, 2019	Open Houses Kindergarten (4:00 - 6:00 pm) Elementary (5:00 - 7:00 pm) NO Open Houses for 7-12
August 19, 2019	Students Begin School - ½ Day
August 30 - September 2, 2019	No Students - Labor Day Weekend
October 1, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 pm)
October 2, 2019	STUDENT COUNT DAY
October 3, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 pm)
October 4, 2019	½ Day for Students
November 1, 2019	½ Day for Students End First Trimester (K-8)
November 4, 2019	Begin Second Trimester (K-8)
November 5, 2019	Middle School Conferences (4:00- 7:00 pm) Kdg & Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 pm)
November 6, 2019	Kindergarten Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 pm)
November 7, 2019	Middle School Conferences (4:00 - 7:00 pm) Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 pm)
November 8, 2019	½ Day for Students Kdg, Elem & Middle School Afternoon Conferences - After Lunch 3 hrs. End of First Trimester (9-12)
November 11, 2019	No Students
November 12, 2019	Begin Second Trimester (9-12)
November 25-29, 2019	No Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 2, 2019	Classes Resume
December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020	No Students - Winter Break
January 6, 2020	Classes resume
January 14, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 pm)
January 16, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 pm)
January 17, 2020	½ Day for Students
January 20, 2020	No Students - MLK Day
February 12, 2020	STUDENT COUNT DAY
February 17, 2020	No Students - Presidents' Day
February 21, 2020	½ Day for Students End Second Trimester (K-8)
February 24, 2020	Begin Third Trimester (K-8)
February 25, 2020	Middle School Conferences (4:00 - 7:00 pm) Kdg & Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 pm)
February 26, 2020	Middle School Conferences (4:00 - 7:00 pm) Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 pm)
February 27, 2020	Kindergarten Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 pm)
February 28, 2020	½ Day for Students Kdg, Elem & Middle School Afternoon Conferences - After Lunch 3 hrs. End of Second Trimester (9-12)
March 2, 2020	Begin 3rd Trimester (9-12)
March 27 - April 3, 2020	No Students - Spring Break
April 6, 2020	Classes Resume
April 10, 2020	No Students - Good Friday
April 21, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 pm)
April 23, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 pm)
May 22, 2020	Last Day of School for Class of 2020
May 25, 2020	No Students - Memorial Day
June 3, 2020	½ Day for Students / Last Student Day End of Third Trimester
June 5, 2020	GLHS Class of 2020 Graduation @ MSU Breslin Center

Staff Recognition for Years of Service (through June 2019)

35 YEARS

Wayne Pratt

30 YEARS

Christine Chapman
Lynn Davis
Terrie Westman

25 YEARS

Sylvia Chemacki
Jennifer Deja
Paula Hoffman
Laticia Janes
Kathryn Jennings
*Beth Johnston**
Kimberly King
*Terrie Kosbar**
*Lynette Levi**
Ann Manning
Teresa Miller
Marcia Pogoncheff
Erika Rothwell
Shawne Stone
Gordon Tallman
Cinda Wilmore

20 YEARS

continued

Mark Buckland
John Ellsworth
Alice Gutzki
Lisa Henning
Michelle Knauff
Tim Madden
Jeannine Marsh
Michelle Martin
Renee Martin
Angela Mullins
Melissa Neff
Julia Schieding
Don Starr
Julie Taylor
Cindy Way
Sara Zeko

15 YEARS

Michelle Blackshaw
Brian Clifford
*Dawn Kennaugh***
Mandy Leik

20 YEARS

Traci Asman
Sheila Bell
Jennifer Bouck
Kim Browning

10 YEARS

Jennifer Haakenson
Christopher Peabody
Katherine Staperfenne

** Retired at end of 18-19*

*** Left for new position at end of 18-19*



To register for any of our programs or for the most up-to-date list of our program offerings, please visit our website at grandledgecomets.org. Click on the Community Recreation tab at the top

Aquatics

We offer a variety of Swim Lessons ranging from Parent-Tot to Level 6: Personal Water Safety, Fundamentals of Diving, and Fitness Swimmer. Please visit our website at grandledgecomets.org for a full list of class descriptions, lessons being offered, and fees. The Aquatics page is under the Community Recreation tab at the top.

Fall Swim Lessons

Session 1 - Registration Begins:

8/16/19 at 9:00 am

Wednesdays: 9/4 – 10/23 (8 classes)

Saturdays: 9/7 – 10/26 (8 classes)

Session 2 - Registration Begins:

10/27/19 at 9:00 am

Wednesdays: 11/6 – 12/18, Not 11/27

(6 classes)

Saturdays: 11/2 – 12/14, Not 11/30

(6 classes)

Winter Swim Lessons

Registration Begins: 12/19/19

at 9:00 am

Wednesdays: 1/8/20 – 2/26/20 (8 classes)

Saturdays: 1/11/20 – 2/29/20 (8 classes)

Spring Swim Lessons

Registration Begins: 3/1/20 at 9:00 am

Mondays: 4/13/20 – 5/18/20 (6 classes)

Wednesdays: 4/8/20 – 5/13/20 (6 classes)

Saturdays: 4/11/20 – 5/16/20 (6 classes)

Open/Lap Swim Schedule

Saturdays: 9/7/19 – 5/16/20

Time: 1:15 – 2:45pm

No Swim: 11/30, 12/21, 12/28, 3/4, 3/7,

3/14, 3/21, 3/28, & 4/4

Open/Lap Swim Fee

\$3 per person

\$10 per family of 4 (same household)

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 as well as the Grinch in our Whooville town (parents bring your own camera).

Registration will begin on 10/7/19.

Pre-Registration is required.

Date: Saturday, 12/7/19

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: High School Cafeteria

Fee: \$12/person (Fee applies to Adults and Children) ~ Infants are Free (under 1 yr. old)



Snow Ball ~ Daddy Daughter Dance

This whimsical snow-themed event will be sure to create memories that will last a lifetime! The night will include music, dancing, refreshments, and a special snow ball gift for each young lady plus a professional photo taken by Hoffman Photography to bring home as a perfect keepsake. Please note there is a limited amount of registrations per night.

Date: Thursday, 2/20/20 OR

Friday, 2/21/20

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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 and remember this fun-filled Irish night! Don't forget to wear something green!

Date: Thursday, 3/12/20

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Grand Ledge Opera House

Fee: \$10/person

Youth Sports

Parent-Child Basketball Camp

Boys & Girls 1st – 6th Grade

Date: Sunday, 10/27/19

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: High School Main Gym

Fee: \$40 – 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 Basketball

Instructional Camp for K-2nd Grade

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

Girls K-2nd Grade:

Dates: Saturdays 10/26 – 11/23 (5 weeks)

Time: Saturday Mornings

Kindergarten at 9:00 am

1st Grade at 10:00 am

2nd Grade at 11:00 am

Location: Beagle Elementary

Fee: \$50 – includes a shirt

Boys K-2nd Grade:

Dates: Saturdays 1/11/20 – 2/15/20
(6 weeks)

Time: Saturday Mornings

Kindergarten at 9:00 am

1st Grade at 10:00 am

2nd Grade at 11:00 am

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 on a 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.

Grand Ledge Community Recreation

Youth Basketball continued...

Girls League:

Practices: Start week of 10/14/19

Games: Saturdays 11/2 – 12/14

(No Games 11/30)

Time: Saturday Mornings (Exact Time TBD)

Location: High School Main Gym

Fee: \$60

Boys League:

Practices: Start week of 1/6/20

Games: Saturdays 1/18 – 2/29

Time: Saturday Mornings (Exact Time TBD)

Location: High School Main Gym

Fee: \$60



Youth Wrestling

Beginner Wrestling

This program is for wrestlers with little experience (0-2 years) and/or under 8 years old. The age range for the beginner program is 5-8 years old. There is a minimum of 2 scrimmages scheduled with other wrestling clubs that will allow participants a chance to test their skills learned in practices.

Practices: 12/3/19 – 1/23/20, Tue. & Thur. (6 weeks), No practice over the holiday break

Times: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Location: High School Wrestling Room 119

Fee: \$45

Advanced Wrestling

This program is for wrestlers with some previous experience (3+ years) and/or 8-14 years old. Practices are designed to get wrestlers ready for competitions. Wrestlers will have the option to attend weekend tournaments that are scheduled through the GL wrestling club.

Practices: 12/3/19 – 1/23/20, Tue. & Thur. (6 weeks), No practice over the holiday break

Times: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: High School Wrestling Room 119

Fee: \$80

Parent Information Meeting: Tue. 11/19 at 6:00 pm High School Cafeteria



Youth Spring Soccer

Practice Start: Week of 4/6/20

Games Start: Saturday, 4/11/20 (6 weeks)

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

Late Fee: \$10 after 3/1/20

Registration

Deadline: 3/1/20

(Late registrations will be accepted if space permits)

Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, 3/18/20



Mini Comets – 3 & 4 year olds (Age as of 4/11/20)

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.

Kindergarten Little Comets

1st Grade Little Comets

Junior Comets – 2nd & 3rd Grade

Golden Comets – 4th & 5th Grade

One practice per week (day, time & location chosen by volunteer coach at the coaches meeting).

Youth Volleyball Clinic, 3rd – 6th Grade

This clinic is for girls in the 3rd – 6th 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: Exact Days TBD - Spring 2020 (8 sessions)

Times: 5:30 – 6:30 pm (3rd/4th)
6:30 – 7:30 pm (5th/6th)

Fee: \$50 – includes a t-shirt

Location: High School Main Gym

Middle School Tennis

This program is for 6th – 8th graders (boys & girls) who attend a Grand Ledge School. The team plays against nine other schools in the area. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the organization that runs the league. No tennis experience required; beginners welcome.

Practices: Start week of 4/6/20

Practice Times: Mondays & Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Location: GLHS Tennis Courts

Matches: Saturdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (exact dates & times TBD)

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from each match.

Middle School Competitive Cheer

6th – 8th graders that live in the Grand Ledge Community are welcome! Cheer is very dependent of each

member on the team. It's important that each athlete is committed to attending every practice and competition. This program runs 10 weeks. For more information please visit the 6th – 8th grade cheer page on our website grandledgecomets.org

Informational Meeting: Tuesday, 9/24 at 6:00 pm Admin Conference Room, Sawdon Bldg

Open Gym: Starts in October, exact days TBD (evenings)

Official Practices: Start the week of 11/4 (evening practices)

Competitions: Held on the weekend.

The team typically attends 4 or 5 competitions in the season. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from each competition.

Fee: \$450 (Includes: registration fee, competition fees, tumbling fees, shoes, & bow)



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City of Grand Ledge



Grand Ledge City Council

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Clerk Department / Cemetery 622-7920

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

Economic Development 627-2149

Adam Smith, City Manager

Police Department 627-2115

Thomas Osterholzer, Police Chief

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

Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent
Dave Gutchess, Public Services Superintendent . . 627-5744

Zoning 622-7928

Sue Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator



Mayor Thom Sowle presenting Mayor Tobias Gerdesmeyer with a proclamation recognizing 38 years of the Grand Ledge - Lohne [lo-nah] Exchange Program

LOHNE, GERMANY - JUNE 21, 2019



In June, I had a unique opportunity to support a friendship that is 38 years in the making traveling, at no cost to the city, with the Grand Ledge High School (GLHS) German Club to Lohne, Germany. The City of Grand Ledge and GLHS have had a special relationship with Lohne since 1981 when teachers Jackie Jancek and Peggy Rosier forged a partnership allowing students and teachers to experience home life, education, and culture in an exchange program. To date more than 500 GLHS and Lohne students have participated in the program.

Lohne is much like Grand Ledge, a picturesque city comprised of hard-working, kind people who want to make their city the best it can be. Like us, Lohne encourages their young citizens to be informed about how government works, volunteer to support their community, and when they are old enough - to vote!

This trip gave me time to reflect on my past year as Mayor of Grand Ledge and I couldn't be more proud of all we have accomplished. Grand Ledge is remarkable because of the dedicated and determined people who live and work here. Thank you to all of you who make a difference each day. I'm proud to serve as your Mayor.

Focused on keeping Grand Ledge "Naturally Grand" -

Thom A Sowle Jr

Mayor Thomas J. Sowle, Jr.



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ALERTS SIGN UP TODAY!
Text "GLAlerts" to 67283

STAY INFORMED • STAY SAFE



Election Information 2019

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

REGISTER TO VOTE

- If you are not registered, you may do so on Election Day at City Hall (310 Greenwood St.) with proof of residency. Once registered, you are eligible to immediately obtain an absentee voter ballot and mark it in the City Clerk's office. If time permits, you may choose to return to the polling place to vote.

SKIP THE LINE & VOTE BY MAIL

- Any registered voter can vote using an absentee voter ballot - no reason required. You may request an application to receive an absentee voter ballot before every election or you may request to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list and automatically receive an application for a ballot every election.
- If you need help or have questions while voting, ask a poll worker. You also have the right to bring someone with you to help you vote!
- After completing your ballot, but before casting it, confirm your vote selections are correct.

Verify Voter Registration, Know Where to Vote,
Know the Ballot, Have the Right Identification

Michigan Voter Information Center
www.Michigan.gov/vote

After Election Day, official results may take a few days, or even weeks to become available. For the most accurate results, check Michigan Secretary of State or Eaton County Clerk websites. Voters may check the status of their provisional ballot or absentee voter ballot by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center online.

FALL UPDATES & REMINDERS

LEAF PICK-UP

City-wide leaf pick-up begins late in the fall season. Residents are asked to place their leaves in the right-of-way or the curb during their scheduled pick-up time. Please **do not push leaves into the street** as this poses safety hazards for vehicles and pedestrians. The pick-up schedule will be posted on Facebook and online at:
CityofGrandLedge.com/Residents/2019LeafPick-up



STORM DRAINS

Please consider adopting a storm drain near your home! In the fall, storm drains become easily blocked by leaves. Keeping storm drains clear ensures proper water runoff from the streets and keeps our infrastructure running well!



HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City will be hydrant (or water main) flushing again this fall. Flushing is necessary to test hydrants for proper pressure and flow, in addition to removing any sediment from the water lines which improves quality and clarity. A daily schedule of flushing areas will be posted at:

CityofGrandLedge.com
> Residents
> HydrantFlushing

COMPOST CENTER

The Grand Ledge Compost Center is a great option for disposing of yard waste and debris. City residents and non-residents can obtain the required annual pass at City Hall.

METER CHANGE-OUTS

The City's Department of Public Services is in their fourth year of a seven year plan to equip all homes with a new water meter. The new meters use radio-read technology, provide faster leak detection, and eliminate the need for estimated reads on utility bills. Learn more about the program at:

CityofGrandLedge.com/MyUtilities



Ofc. Black

Ofc. Devereaux

Ofc. Black

Ofc. Thie and Lt. Blievernicht

GRAND LEDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT - BIKE PATROL UNIT



Officers Devereaux, Black, and Thie
New Members of the GLPD Bike Patrol Unit

After successfully completing training led by Lt. Blievernicht and the Eaton County Sheriff's Office, GLPD welcomed the newest members of the Bike Patrol Unit in June 2019. Training included legal, slow speed skills, maintenance, road/trail riding, and patrol tactics.

THANK YOU - SPONSORS OF THREE NEW BIKES!

Grand Ledge Chamber, Trek Store of Grand Ledge, Transfast Trucking, Hedlund Plumbing, Walter Eschtruth, Myers Plumbing & Heating, and Draves Family Restaurant (McDonald's)



Back to School Safety Reminders from the Grand Ledge Police Department

It is STATE LAW that vehicles must stop for pedestrians within the crosswalks and when school bus lights are flashing red.

For a designated Safe Routes to School map, please visit:

[CityofGrandLedge.com/How Do I/Find/Safe Routes to School](http://CityofGrandLedge.com/HowDoIFindSafeRoutesToSchool)



A Note to Residents and Visitors to Jaycee Park:

THANK YOU!



GETTING CLOSER!



Performance Shelter Venue



COMPLETE!



Universally Accessible Splashpad



ALMOST!

Connecting Trail



For many months of patiently enduring the construction at Jaycee Park, we thank you! We hope you will take pride in the tremendous improvements that are now (finally) ready for you to use and enjoy.

#NaturallyGrand



SO CLOSE!

Accessible Kayak/Canoe Launch

For construction updates on projects in the City please visit:



CityofGrandLedge.com

JAYCEE PARK | E. RIVER ST.
GL SPLASHPAD
 OPEN MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY | 10 AM - 8 PM

GL SPLASHPAD RULES

PLEASE USE CAUTION AND PLAY SAFE!
 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1

- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- No scooters, skateboards, or rollerblades in the splashpad area.
- Bathing, soap, detergent, or shampoo is not allowed.
- Animals are not allowed in the splashpad area at any time.
- Those engaging in unsafe or disruptive behavior will be asked to leave.
- The splashpad is a tobacco-free zone; no smoking, chewing, or vaping.
- No food, drinks, or glass containers on the concrete of the splashpad.
- Infants and toddlers must wear swim diapers.
- No climbing on the fence.
- Alcohol is prohibited.

The City of Grand Ledge
 CITYOFGRANDLEDGE.COM/SPLASHPAD

Grand Ledge Area District Library

GLADL Library Resources

Tutor.com

- All students in grades K-12 with a library card can use this free service to get help with homework, class projects, papers, and test preparation. Teens and adults can get help with resumes and career coaching.
- **Tutor.com** provides personalized student support on-demand with certified teachers, engages the student one-to-one, and helps build a positive impact on student achievement.
- Use your GLADL library card to get access 7 days a week between the hours of 3pm – 10pm!

Research in Context & Kids Infobits

- Reliable, authoritative, grade-level appropriate newspaper & magazine articles, reference sources, biographies, audio files, and images for exploring a multitude of subjects.
- Save to Google Drive for faster access to your collected notes.
- Easy browse feature helps aid your research.
- Get unlimited usage with your GLADL library card!

Grandledge.lib.mi.us

- Search for great books, eBooks, magazines, CDs, or DVDs in our collection! If we don't have it, search **MelCat** and request it from one of our partner libraries today.
- Browse our collection of online materials for free digital entertainment from Libby or Hoopla (eBooks/audio books), **rbDigital** (magazines), and **Kanopy** (films).
- Explore the world - **Mango** teaches over 70+ languages and **World Trade Press** offers maps, travel guides, and recipes from all across the globe.
- Visit the **Events** page on our website to register for programs. Questions? Call 517-627-7014.

Early Literacy

Enriching programming for young children!

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays 11am - 11:45am

PJ Storytime (Sensory Friendly)

1st & 3rd Thursdays 6pm - 6:30pm

Paws for Reading*

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm

Sing, Dance & Move Storytime

2nd Sat. of the Month, 11am – 12pm

Clay Play*

Oct 7th, 6pm – 7pm

*These programs require registration.

Kids & Teens

Engaging programming for youth!

Break-It, Make-It Tech Teardown!*

Sept. 16th, 6pm – 7pm

Slime Time!*

Sept. 25th, 6pm – 7pm

How to Adult*

Sept. 28th, 11am – 1pm

Harry Potter Quidditch*

Sept 28th, 2pm – 4pm

Pumpkin Party*

Oct. 16th, 6pm – 8pm

Babysitting Workshop*

Oct. 19th, 10am – 4pm

Adults & General

Informative / entertaining programming!

Pet Adopt-a-thon

Sept. 7th 11am – 4pm

Creating a Poem Workshop*

Sept. 14th & Sept. 21st, 1pm – 3pm

Great Costume Swap

Sept. 28th – Oct. 5th, 11am – 1pm

Haunted Lansing Book Talk

Oct. 10th, 6pm – 8pm

True Crime Civil War*

Oct. 14th, 6:30pm – 8pm

Crafting for a Cause

1st & 3rd Thursdays 4pm - 5:30pm

Grand Ledge Area District Library
131 E. Jefferson St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
grandledge.lib .mi.us

Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm
Friday & Saturday 10am – 5pm
Sunday 1pm – 5pm
517-627-7014

Delta Township District Library

Youth Events

Registration for some programs is required. Please visit dtdl.org/events or call the Youth Desk at 517-321-4014 x3 for more information.

Storytimes

Weekly Storytimes

Fall storytimes will run from September 10-November 22.

Stories & Crafts (ages 3-5):

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

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

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

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

PJ Storytime

**September 12, October 10, November 14
Thursdays, 6 p.m.**

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

Sensory Storytimes

**September 18, October 16, November 20
Wednesdays, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

All ages. This sensory storytime is geared toward people 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! Registration required.

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. Registration required.

Homeschool Connect

**September 30, October 28, November 25
Mondays, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

All ages. All homeschooling families are welcome for this program. There will be educational and fun activities for kids around a different theme each month. It's also a great opportunity for parents to connect with one another.

Family Movie Matinee

**September 28, October 26, November 30
Saturdays, 1 p.m.**

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

Big Playdate: All About Animals

**Saturday, September 21
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

All ages. Join other animal-loving kids at our Big Playdate! Play veterinarian like Doc McStuffins, be an animal trainer, explore underwater creatures, and more.

American Girl: Journey Through Time

**Saturday, November 9
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Ages 5-12. Intrepid journalist Kit Kittredge needs your help! Decipher the clues relating to the historical American Girl dolls to solve the mystery. Explore the past with crafts, activities, and a scavenger hunt.

Twins

Tween Book Club

**September 18, October 16, November 20
Wednesdays, 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

Ages 9-12. We'll read and discuss a different book each month, plus have activities and snacks. Registration begins August 12. Receive a copy of the month's book at the Youth Desk.

Twins: Bad Art

**Thursday, September 26
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Ages 9-12. We'll provide the art supplies, you create something terrible. Use your imagination and creativity to draw, paint, or sculpt without worrying what it looks like – the tackier the better! Register by September 25.

Tween Books & Bites

**Friday, October 18
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Ages 9-12. Join us for fun with food and sample some great books! Learn to make a few simple recipes, challenge your taste-testing skills with Pop-Tart tasting, and learn about the newest titles for kids. Register by October 16.

Gaming

Minecraft Game Night

**Friday, September 20
5:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

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. Registration begins August 12.

Mario Kart Tournament

**Saturday, October 12
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Ages 8-18. Compete for prizes in our Nintendo Switch tournament. All skill levels are welcome! Pre-registration is required. Register by October 10.

Teens

Teen Art Night

**Friday, September 13
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Ages 13-18. We'll have a variety of fun and unique art projects, including doll art, Project Runway-inspired creations, and Bob Ross painting. Register by September 11.

Teen Fandom Fest

**Friday, October 25
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

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 trivia, food, fan fiction & art, and more. Cosplay welcome!

Adult Services

Starting a Business

Tuesday, October 1, 6 p.m.

Considering self-employment? This session helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Presented by the Small Business Development Center. To register call 517-483-1921 or visit www.dtdl.org/biz.

Writing a Business Plan

Tuesday, October 15, 6 p.m.

Designed for individuals who want to increase their chances for self-employment success, this course covers business planning in detail. Specifics of marketing, finance, legal, regulatory issues, operations, market research and management are key components of this workshop. Presented by the Small Business Development Center. To register call 517-483-1921 or visit www.dtdl.org/biz

Volunteer Fair

Wednesday, September 25, 6 p.m.

Find out about volunteer opportunities from over 30 Lansing area organizations. Visit dtdl.org/vol-fair for a list of participating organizations.

ACCOUNTING/TREASURER DEPARTMENT 323-8510

Water/Sewer Bills
Tax Collections
Dog Licenses

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT..... 323-8520

Property Information/Assessed Valuations
Weed Ordinance Enforcement

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

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



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Many Delta Township Projects Coming To Fruition

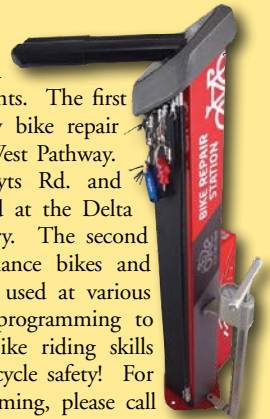
This summer was an important summer for adding amenities to Delta Township for both our residents and the greater region to use. As summer winds down, we have completed or are in the process of completing several important projects including:

- Mt. Hope Park (Mount Hope Hwy. and Nixon Rd.)– NEW park with soccer fields, ballfields, pathways, a pavilion, and playground equipment.
- Old River Trail Pathway – A new pathway connecting Delta Mills Park and Hunters Orchard Park.
- Willow Canoe Launch and Delta Mills Canoe Launch – Two new fully accessible kayak/canoe launches.
- Old Lansing Road bike lanes – Non-motorized bike lanes from Waverly Rd. to Creyts Rd.

We hope that residents take time to enjoy these new additions. Projects such as these often take years of behind the scenes work to bring them to a reality. All of these projects also received federal or state grants to make them possible. We will continue to look for funding opportunities to add projects that directly enhance the quality of life in the Township. For more information on these projects, please visit our website at deltami.gov.

Bicycling News

Delta Township received two bicycling related grants. The first grant will add two new bike repair stations along the East/West Pathway. One will be near Creyts Rd. and the other will be located at the Delta Township District Library. The second grant was for eight balance bikes and helmets. These will be used at various events and for special programming to allow kids to acquire bike riding skills and learn appropriate bicycle safety! For information on programming, please call Lee Miller at 517-323-8555.



Many Delta Township Projects Coming To Fruition continued...

Delta Township Comprehensive Master Plan

The Township has been continuing work on updating its Comprehensive Master Plan. Over the summer, we have received substantial public input through surveys, feedback booth at Delta Rocks! Family Festival, and through stakeholder meetings. A draft plan should be presented soon with public hearings to follow. For information, please call Gary Bozek at 517-323-8560.



Delta Township 39'ers Programs (Age 50+ Group)

Learn to Knit – All Levels

Monday, 9/9-10/21, 7 Classes, \$28
Monday, 10/28-12/16, 7 Classes, \$28
(No class 11/25)
Room 302; Enrichment Center

Learn to Crochet – All Levels

Friday, 9/13-10/25, 6 Classes, \$24
(No class 10/11)
Friday, 11/8-12/20, 6 Classes, \$ 24
(No class 11/29)
Room 302; Enrichment Center

Genealogy

Learn how to get started in genealogy, various resources, and how to preserve your information.

Tuesday, 9/17-11/12, 1-3 p.m., 8 Classes, \$32
Tuesday, 9/17-11/12, 3-6 p.m., 8 Classes, \$32

Day Class in room 302/ **Evening Class** in Activity Room;
Enrichment Center

Tai Chi

Qigong Shibashi

Thursday, 9/19-11/7, 10:10-11:10 a.m., 8 Classes, \$48
Thursday, 11/14-1/9, 10:10-11:10 a.m., 8 Classes, \$48

Beginning

Thursday, 9/19-11/7, 10:10-11:10 a.m., 8 Classes, \$48
Thursday, 11/14-1/9, 10:10-11:10 a.m., 8 Classes, \$48
Room 303; Enrichment Center

AARP Smart Driver

By taking the AARP Smart Driver course you'll learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. After taking this class, you may even be eligible for a discount on your car insurance (participants should consult their auto insurance agent for details). Registration is required.

W & Th 9/25 & 9/26, 1-5 p.m., \$18 AARP Member/\$23 Non Member
Room 302; Enrichment Center

Pilates For Everyone

Pilates is a form of exercise developed 100 years ago by Joseph Pilates. Join us to strengthen the muscles used for posture and balance. Pilates can help you move with greater ease, efficiency, and awareness during everything you do. (cont. below)

Wednesday, 9/4-12/18, 5-6 p.m., \$3 drop in fee
Room 304; Enrichment Center

No Fear - Computer Classes (Free)

Basics:

Wednesday, 8/8-9/18, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-2:30 p.m., 7 Classes

Beyond the Basics:

Wednesday, 8/8-9/18, 3-4:30 p.m., 7 Classes

Advanced:

Wednesday, 8/8-9/18, 6-7:30 p.m., 7 Classes
Room 301; Enrichment Center

Mexican Train Dominoes

1st Friday, 12:30-3:30 p.m., \$.50 per person

Bingo

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 1-3 p.m., \$1 per person, 12 Cards

Cribbage

Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., \$1.50 per person

Mah Jong

2nd & 4th Friday, 12-3 p.m., \$.50 per person

Pinochle

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$1.50 per person

Scrabble

Thursday, 1-3 p.m., \$.50 per person

Euchre

Monday, 6-9 p.m., \$1.50 per person
Thursday, 6-9 p.m., \$3 per person

Bridge

(Social/Contract)

Monday, 1-4 p.m., \$1.50 per person

Special Events and Classes

Daddy Daughter, Mother Son, and Mother Daughter Dances

Delta Township Parks and Recreation proudly presents the **Daddy Daughter Dance on Monday, February 3, the Mother Son Dance on Monday, March 9 and the Mother Daughter Dance on Monday, April 13 from 7-9 p.m.** Dance to your favorite music 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 or call 323-8555.

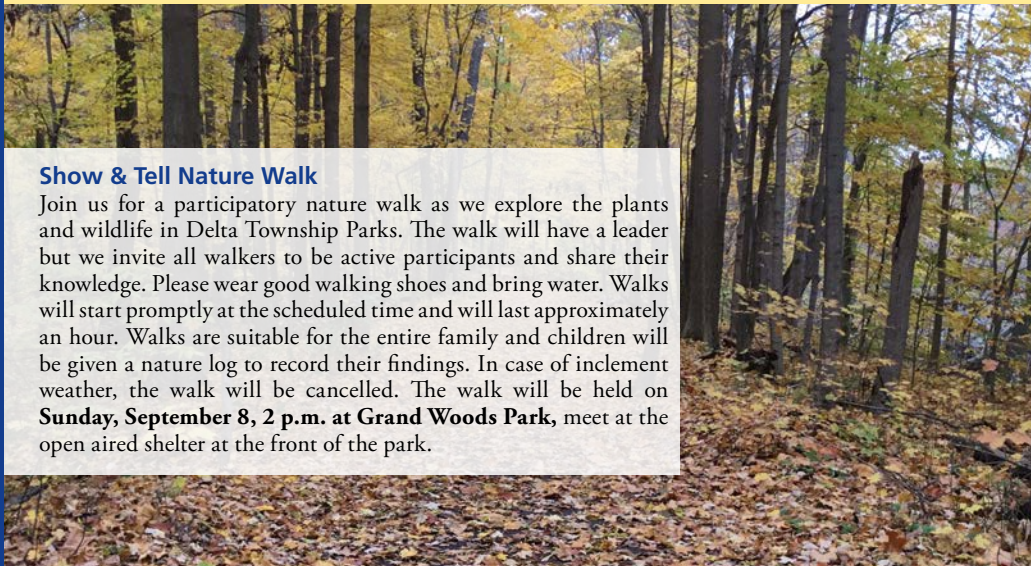
Drop-in Pint-Sized Picassos – Parent Participation

Let us provide the materials and clean-up while your child provides the creativity. There will be 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 19-October 24 from 10-11 a.m.**



Trick or Treat Trail

Come walk the trail at **Sharp Park on October 8** (rain date October 9), Children will be able to trick or treat (while candy supplies last) at the displays set up by local businesses and groups from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** \$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.



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 8, 2 p.m. at Grand Woods Park**, meet at the open aired shelter at the front of the park.

Passports

The Delta Township Clerk's Office accepts passport applications during regular office hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. year around.

Please visit the U.S. Department of State website for documentation requirements, fees and applications at www.travel.state.gov. Two payments will be required: (1) Payable to U.S. Department of State for processing of your passport, and must be a personal check or money order as the payment is mailed with the passport application to the U.S. Department of State and (2) Payable to Delta Township for the acceptance fee and pictures, if the picture is purchased through Delta Township. One official passport quality photo is required when submitting a passport application (Form DS-11 ONLY) and can be obtained at the Clerk's Office for a \$12 fee per applicant. The fee(s) due to Delta Township can be by cash, check or credit/debit card. For questions or further information please call the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 323-8500.



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 and fill out the online subscription form.

2019 Delta Township Community Awards Reception

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 5:30-8 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 Creyts Rd.

The Delta Township Community Awards Committee is currently accepting nominations for the 14th Annual Delta Township Community Awards event. This event celebrates the accomplishments of Delta Township organizations, businesses, and citizens who are doing great things in our community.

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 26, at 5 p.m. Nominations may be submitted online at bit.ly/DeltaCommunityAwards. A printable PDF version of the application is also available. Please note that if you choose to fill out a hard copy nomination form it must be returned via email at awards@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 all while 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 to read about our wide range of sponsorship opportunities. For questions or more information contact us at awards@deltami.gov or at 517-323-8590.



Delta Township Parks & Recreation Athletic Programs

To register please visit 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 4, 2019

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019

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 20, 2019

Dates: Tuesday, January 7-February 25 2020

Times: 6 or 7 p.m.

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 10/1.

Deadline: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Dates: Wednesdays, October 2-23, 2018

(make-up date 10/30)

Grade/Time:

1st/2nd – 5:45 p.m.

3rd/4th – 6:45 p.m.

5th/6th – 7:45 p.m.

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 13, 2019

Dates: Saturdays, January 4-February 22, 2020
(make-up date 2/29)

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 (10x10) or micro (4x4) soccer.

Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2020

Practices: Begin the week of April 13, 2020 on a weekday chosen by the coach and last for 8 weeks
Games: Saturdays, April 25-June 6, 2020
(make-up date 6/13).

Age: 4-10 as of April 27, 2019

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

\$10 late fee after 3/27/20, if space permits

(late fees are not refundable)

\$15 for athletic jersey, if needed

Locations: Mt. Hope Park

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 27, 2020

Dates: Saturdays, April 25 - May 23, 2020
(make-up date 6/6).

Age: 3 as of April 25, 2020

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

\$10 late fee after 3/27/20, if space permits

(late fees are not refundable)

\$15 for athletic jersey, if needed

Locations: Mt. Hope Park



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 or call 484-5600.

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From the School Board President



Welcome back fellow Comets! We have a lot to look forward to as students, teachers, staff, and administration gear up for another successful year at GLPS.

My hope is that students and staff took some time during the summer to rest and relax as well as travel, attend camps, spend time with family and friends – and continued to read! Studies have shown that reading throughout the summer can help diminish the effects of the summer slide. There is nothing better than a good book on a summer day!

For most of this summer, select Grand Ledge staff and administration have worked with engineers, gone on site visits, and collaborated with other districts to create blue prints for additions to what will be Beagle Middle School and Holbrook Elementary School. The addition of classrooms and gym space to these buildings will allow for Holbrook to serve as the in-town elementary school and Beagle to serve as our district's Middle School (7th and 8th grade). We will also be adding two pools to Beagle. One will be the competition pool for our swim team, and the other will be a community pool. These projects are scheduled to be completed in January of 2021 (the middle of the 2020-2021 school year).

During this construction time our district administrators and staff will work diligently to make sure students have minimal distractions during instruction and parents have minimal inconveniences during drop off and pick up times.

Over the summer we also have hired several new administrators, teachers, and staff members. We would like to welcome them to the Comet family and look forward to working with them to make the 2019-2020 school year the best yet.

#proudtobeacomet

Patrick McKennon, President
Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education