

## Free Family Entertainment in Holt

### Music in the Garden

The Holt Community Arts Council announces its 2nd annual Music in the Garden concert series. The line-up has been increased to five shows for 2009, and features popular first-rate acts from Michigan. And all concerts are free! The Arts Council is, and hopefully always will be, a grassroots, community endeavor. Music in the Garden's success largely depends on its volunteers. If you would like to help staff the concerts, please email the Arts Council at [holtarts@holtarts.org](mailto:holtarts@holtarts.org).

#### **Root Doctor 7/16 - 7:00 p.m.**

A perennial Blues Music Awards nominee, this internationally-acclaimed, locally grown group plays a mix of classic soul, R&B, and blues.

#### **Kathy Ford Band 7/23 - 7:00 p.m.**

Named "Best of the Best" for the past eight years by Lansing State Journal readers, this local favorite plays a wide range of music from rock to jazz, blues and country.

#### **The Clarksons 7/30 - 7:00 p.m.**

A wildly popular Michigan group that plays a mix of Cajun, classic country and Texas swing.

#### **YellowSub Marines 8/6 - 7:00 p.m.**

A flat-out fun Beatles tribute group. Dressed in either their black suits or Sgt. Pepper garb, the YellowSub Marines perform with the passion of the Beatles' early days. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. for the 2nd annual community cookout to benefit the Arts Council.

#### **Stage 1210 Acoustic Showcase 8/13 - 7:00 p.m.**

The vibrant indie-acoustic music scene from Old Town Lansing comes to Holt!

### Moonlight movies, too!

We're pleased to announce that Friday night Moonlight Movies are also returning to Veterans Memorial Gardens in August. All will be family-friendly—and, yes, free!

#### **Fantasia 2000 8/7 - 9:00 p.m.**

#### **Babe 8/14 - 9:00 p.m.**

#### **WALL-E 8/21 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Rd., Holt.**



## Holt Hometown Festival

**August 28-29**

This year's Festival marks 11 years of family fun! From the Friday night outdoor movies to Saturday's big parade, kids' activities, vendors, events and entertainment, to the spectacular fireworks finale, there's truly something for everyone to enjoy. And it's all free!

The Holt Hometown Festival is a great way to wrap up the summer and to celebrate our hometown! For a complete list of Festival events and activities, visit [holtfestival.com](http://holtfestival.com).

# Holt/Delhi Calendar of Events

- ▶ **July 16 - Music in the Garden** - 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, Root Doctor
- ▶ **July 23 - Holt Kiwanis Blood Drive**
- ▶ **July 23 - Music in the Garden** - 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, The Kathy Ford Band
- ▶ **July 30 - Music in the Garden** - 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, The Clarksons
- ▶ **July 31-August 1 - Holt Kiwanis Newspaper Drive**
- ▶ **August 3 - Youth Soccer and Flag Football registration begins** (register at Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **August 6 - Holt Community Arts Council 2nd annual community cookout** - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens (concert follows at 7:00 p.m.)
- ▶ **August 6 - Music in the Garden** - 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, YellowSub Marines.
- ▶ **August 7 - Moonlight Movie** - 9:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, Fantasia 2000
- ▶ **August 13 - Music in the Garden** - 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, Stage 1210 Accoustic Showcase.
- ▶ **August 14 - Moonlight Movie** - 9:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, Babe

- ▶ **August 21 - Moonlight Movie** - 9:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, WALL-E
- ▶ **August 28-29 - Holt Hometown Festival.** Visit [www.holtfestival.com](http://www.holtfestival.com) for schedule of events
- ▶ **September 9 - Punt, Pass and Kick competition**, 5:00 p.m. Holt Jr. High Troost Field. (register at Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **September 14 - Youth Floor Hockey registration begins** (register at Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **September 17 - Holt Kiwanis Blood Drive**
- ▶ **September 18 - Holt Kiwanis Chicken BBQ**
- ▶ **September 18 - Holt Education Foundation Annual cookout**, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Holt High School. Varsity football Holt vs. Jackson.

## Delhi Township is now on Facebook and Twitter!

Now it's easier than ever to connect with Delhi Township. Join our Facebook group and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on Township news and events.



## Delhi Township Board

**Stuart Goodrich**, Supervisor

**Evan Hope, CMC**, Clerk

**Harry Ammon, CPFA**, Treasurer

**John Hayhoe**, Trustee

**Jerry Ketchum**, Trustee

**Derek Bajema**, Trustee

**Roy Sweet**, Trustee

**The Township Board of Trustees** meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Delhi Charter Township Community Services Center Board Room (2074 Aurelius Road). Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Township website, [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com).

**The Parks Commission** meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

**The Township Planning Commission** meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

# How About Those Roads?



During and after each winter season, our residents ask, “Why are the roads going from bad to worse?” The reason is simply that revenues from gas tax and license fees do not keep pace with the rising costs of road maintenance and repair. The main culprit is the high price of oil, which leads to both declining revenues (as people cut back on driving) and the high cost of repair (materials costs as well as equipment fuel costs). According to MDOT, the 2008 revenues were the same as in 2001.

In Delhi Township, all public roads except state highways are under the jurisdiction of the Ingham County Road Commission. We have almost 100 miles of local roads (subdivisions and connector routes), whose repair and resurfacing costs have been shared equally between the County and the Township through special assessment districts. The County Road Commission’s annual budget of less than \$70,000 represents less than ten percent of what is needed to keep our local roads in good repair.

Until revenues keep pace with the costs for good roads, our roads will continue to degrade even further. Therefore, the state of Michigan needs to consider alternative revenue sources that can keep pace with the cost of maintaining roads in good condition.

**For more information on road/transportation funding visit [www.michigan.gov/tf2](http://www.michigan.gov/tf2).**



## A Balancing Act



The long recession in Michigan has taken its toll on both business and government. The State of Michigan has been challenged every year since the beginning of this decade to balance the state budget. As a result, they have “robbed Peter to pay Paul,” and gradually reduced the revenue sharing payments that were owed to local governments.

This year, in Delhi Township, our annual revenue sharing payments are estimated to be \$600,000 less than the all-time high of \$2,300,000 we received in 2001. Our response to this significant reduction of General Fund revenue has included the following actions: 1.) attrition of staff through vacancies; 2.) reduction of staff through layoffs (two in 2005, two in 2007, four in 2009 and recommending three in 2010); and 3.) replacing full-time with part-time staff.

At the same time that our general fund revenues are decreasing due to declining state revenue sharing, our expenses are increasing. This is primarily due to the high cost of health care premiums for our employees. To effectively address this concern, we were able to transition from a traditional plan to a high-deductible (\$2,000/\$4,000) health savings account plan for all of our full-time employees.

We are grateful to our employees who understood the long-term benefit of this plan for both them and their employer, Delhi Township. As our budget continues to be challenged by reduced revenues and increased costs we will continue to meet the challenge of adopting a balanced budget.

# New Senior Center is Delhi's first "green" building

It's a "win" for everyone. Local seniors have a beautiful new gathering place, and Delhi Township has its first building constructed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification standards.

The new Sam Corey Senior Center employs many energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly features. These include a geo-thermal heating and cooling system, and a "live" roof planted with drought-tolerant succulent plants that will provide insulation and filter rain water before it reaches the storm sewers.

The 7,700 square foot center provides seniors a place to host meals, performances and programs, or simply to relax and read, use a computer or gather with friends.

But why just read about the center when you can tour it? You are cordially invited to stop in at 2108 Cedar Street—or take the 360° virtual tour online!

To take the virtual tour, visit [delhitownship.com/parks-SeniorCenter.htm](http://delhitownship.com/parks-SeniorCenter.htm).



## Firefighter positions available

The Delhi Township Fire Department is continually seeking qualified individuals interested in being members of the paid, on-call fire department.

Members of the fire department receive \$15 per hour for all work required as members of the department. Members are expected to participate in monthly training sessions requiring approximately 8 hours of commitment per month.

Additionally, persons interested should be willing to participate in 8 to 10 hours per month associated with fire and rescue calls. Paid, on-call members must be trained to Firefighter II and HazMat Operations qualifications. Apply at the Delhi Township Fire Department, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, MI, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies must be provided of all certifications along with a copy of current driving record from the Michigan Secretary of State office.





## Rain barrels and compost bins available soon

At the POTW open house in May, environmentally-conscious Delhi residents bought every last rain barrel available for sale—and requests for them have continued ever since!

Because of the high demand, the Public Services department will soon have rain barrels and compost bins available for purchase year-round. Earth Machine compost bins will sell for \$49.50 each, and System rain barrels will be \$54.50.

Why compost or capture rainwater? Composting reduces landfilling by diverting waste, and compost is a clean, natural way to make your lawns and gardens healthier. Capturing rainwater reduces household water consumption (and water bills!), reduces water pollution and storm water runoff, and is also an excellent source for watering lawns, plants and gardens.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Services at 699-3874

## Township receives award for financial reporting

Delhi Charter Township has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and attaining it represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Delhi Township's CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program. These include demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.



## Sign up your young sports!

Youth sports registration for fall begins soon!

- ▶ Soccer and flag football - registration begins August 3
- ▶ Floor hockey - registration begins September 14

You may register at the Delhi Township Parks & Recreation office, 2074 Aurelius Road. Youth sports programs are open to all students (subject to age requirements) living in Delhi Township and/or the Holt Public School District.

For more information, visit [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com), or call 694-1549.

## Swimming at Valhalla!

Now that the long, cool spring has turned into hot, sticky summer, remember that swimming is available at Valhalla Park! The swimming beach has lifeguards and is open from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

# Time Well Spent

## Holt-Delhi Branch Library Schedule July & August, 2009

### CHILDREN

#### REGULAR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**Movers and Readers Play Group** (Babies 1-3)  
Tuesdays, July 21 & 28 & Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25 – 10:30 am

**Summer Preschool Storytime** (Ages 3-5)  
Tuesdays, July 21 & 28 & Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25 – 11:15 am

**PJ Storytime** (Families with young children)  
Wednesdays, July 8 & 22 & Aug. 12 & 26 – 7:00 pm

**Pizza and Pages** (Ages 8-12)  
Thursdays, – 4:15 pm

**Aug. 6: *Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide*** by Toni DiTerlizzi  
*Registration required. Call (517) 694-9351, ext. 3*

#### SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

**Science Alive** (All Ages)  
Wednesday, July 22 – 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm  
*Registration required by calling (517) 694-9351 ext. 3. Registration opens two weeks prior to program date.*

**Wind Chime Making** (Ages 7-12)  
Thursday, July 23 – 4:30 pm  
*Make a wind chime to take home! Registration required by calling (517) 694-9351 ext. 3. Registration opens two weeks prior to program date.*

**Baffling Bill** (All Ages)  
Wednesday, Aug. 5 – 2:00 pm  
*Registration required by calling (517) 694-9351 ext. 3. Registration opens two weeks prior to program date.*

**End of Summer Reading Party**  
Thursday, Aug. 13 – 7:00 pm  
*Join us for a party to reward those children who have finished the SRP at Holt. There will be games and prizes, fire trucks, and even a petting zoo! A ticket is required for entry.*

### TEENS

#### REGULAR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**Teen Wii Game Night** (Ages 13 and up)  
Friday, July 17 & Aug. 21 – 4:30 pm  
*Come play the Wii and hang out with friends on a Friday afternoon. Registration required by calling (517) 694-9351 ext. 3.*

**Teen Bloodsuckers Book Group** (Ages 14 and up)  
Friday, July 24 & Aug. 28 – 4:30 pm  
*Read the hottest teen books about vampires and the paranormal, then chat about them over pizza.*

**July 24: *Vampire Kisses* by Ellen Schreiber**

**Aug. 28: *Evernight* by Claudia Gray**  
*Registration required by calling (517) 694-9351 ext. 3.*

#### SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

**CD Clock Making** (Ages 13 and up)  
Tuesday, July 14 – 4:30 pm  
*Make a cool wall clock using old CDs. Registration required by calling (517) 694-9351 ext. 3. Registration opens two weeks prior to program date.*

**Ashnu Varma** (Ages 13 and up)  
Wednesday, July 29 – 2:00 pm  
*Registration required by calling (517) 694-9351 ext. 3. Registration opens two weeks prior to program date.*

### ADULTS

**Non-Fiction Book Discussion**  
Tuesday, Aug. 4 – 1:00 pm

***Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life* by Steve Martin**

**Fiction Book Discussion**  
Wednesdays, July 15 & Aug. 19 – 6:30 pm

**July 15: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks**

**Aug. 19: *The Spellman Files* by Lisa Lutz**

# Not BAAAAAAD!

## Township Saves with Natural Lawn Care

It seems it's true that, eventually, everything old is new again.

Sandra Diorka, Delhi Township's Director of Public Services, hit upon an old idea recently—and the results are now grazing on two large plots of township land.

"Instead of paying to have the land mowed, I thought, why not get sheep?" she said. So, with an okay from the township trustees, Sandra went sheep shopping. Her purchases are now contentedly munching the lawn near the wastewater treatment plant and public services offices—under the watchful eye of the llama that protects the sheep from coyotes and wild dogs.

In the past, the township has paid a seasonal laborer to mow the property for six months out of the year, at a cost of approximately \$11,800. Sandra estimates that the natural approach to lawn care should save approximately \$10,000.

Not only that, instead of consuming gas and polluting the air with fumes from power equipment, the township will actually have something useful when the sheeps' work is done: wool.



"We'll have the sheep sheared and send the wool to Frankenmuth to be processed and made into socks," Sandra says. "We'll sell the socks as a fundraiser, with the proceeds going back to the sheep project." Of course, there may also be another by-product of the project: lambs. Diorka says they'll offer any offspring to local kids in the 4-H program.



# Holt Farmers' Market Re-Opens

The Holt Farmers' Market was an immediate success when it opened for its first season last summer. Now it's back, open Thursdays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at 2150 Cedar Street.

Manager Chuck Grinnell reports that in addition to many favorite vendors returning, there will also be several new ones. "We're really going to kick it up a notch," he says. "It's going to be a really good year."

The indoor/outdoor market is open rain or shine, and strives to offer a variety of locally grown and produced fruits, vegetables, meats, baked goods, gourmet coffee, sauces and ethnic cuisine. Flowers and original works by area crafters are also available.

**Holt Farmers' Market is at 2150 Cedar St. in the former fire department building, and is open rain or shine.**



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