

## Fire, EMS and Police: Delhi Township Ballot Proposal

In 1990 Delhi Township contracted with Ingham County and the Ingham County Sheriff for the police services of seventeen (17) sworn deputies to protect a population of 19,190. We increased the number of sworn deputies from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) in 1999 due to an increase in population which peaked at over 25,000 in 2007. However, due to declining revenues we have reduced that number back down to eighteen (18) sworn deputies in 2010 to save over \$330,000 annually. By contracting with the Ingham County Sheriff we are able to provide police services at a low cost of \$104.16 per capita while the area average is approximately \$163 per capita (based on 2008 audited figures).

In 2003 Delhi Township transitioned from a part-time to a full-time fire/EMS department to provide the personnel needed to respond timely to the increase in fire/incident and EMS calls. While the cost of operating the department increased due to this transition, Delhi Township strives to provide quality fire/EMS services at a minimal cost of \$85.58 per capita which is the lowest in the area averaging at approximately \$161 per capita (based on 2008 audited figures) for full-time departments.

In 2003 and subsequent years, Board members have discussed the need for a millage to fund the increasing costs for both fire/EMS and police services and chose the option of using Fund Balance to support those services as long as possible.

Since 2003 we have used over \$2,115,036 from Fund Balance while continuing to secure grant monies to stretch our limited dollars. Since 2000 we have secured over \$1.5 million in grants. In addition, we have decreased overall Township expenditures by :

- 1) Eliminating 12 full-time positions since 2003 from seven departments, including 3 police officers (over \$1.5 million saved).
- 2) Forfeiting all 2010 wage increases (\$100,000/year savings).

- 3) Transitioning from a traditional health care plan to a high-deductible/health savings plan in 2008 which will save over \$100,000 annually by the fiscal year 2011.
- 4) Eliminating employer-provided retiree health care effective in 2010 for all new hires, and
- 5) Postponing Capital Improvement expenditures (over \$500,000 saved).

We are coming to the end of using Fund Balance and the continued decrease in expenditures will not be sufficient to fund our current level of police protection or a full-time fire/EMS department in 2011. Exhausting our Fund Balance along with declining revenues from State Revenue Sharing and declining property taxes have led the Board to place ballot proposals of 1.5 mills for fire/EMS and 1.5 mills for police to close the gap in order to maintain the current level of services and the high quality of life residents have come to expect. These millage proposals will each add \$112.50 to the typical home valued at \$150,000. However, their actual cost for each will be less than \$100 due to the expiration of the debt millage on town hall in 2011.



# Holt Community Food Bank Helps Our Neighbors

Hunger isn't a problem that only happens "somewhere else."

The Holt Community Food Bank serves an average of 150-200 families each month. And even with a 38% increase in the number of clients served in the past year, the Food Bank has been able to continue providing for them—thanks to the generosity of the community.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, the Food Bank is funded by community donations from individuals, businesses and organizations, and grants. It also receives strong support from local food stores.

Nearly 20 local businesses have agreed to place donation canisters in their establishments. Since all other monetary donations go directly to food purchases, the canister money allows the Food Bank to purchase basic personal care items—such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and soap—for clients.

## How you can help

- Drop some extra money in the canisters at local businesses, or donate online at [www.holtfoodbank.org](http://www.holtfoodbank.org)
- Donate food. Food donations can be dropped off at Kroger (corner of Willoughby & Cedar) and L & L (S. Cedar).
- Donate your time. Volunteers are always needed, whether you can give just a little time or a lot. To find out more, call 694-9307.



HOLT COMMUNITY  
food bank

## Holt/Delhi Calendar of Events

- ▶ **July 22 – Pre-Concert BBQ at the Farmers' Market** - 4:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner at the Farmers Market before "Music in the Garden".
- ▶ **July 22 – Music in the Garden** – 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens (VMG), Blue Coyote Band
- ▶ **July 29 – Pre-Concert BBQ at the Farmers' Market** - 4:00 p.m.- 6:30p.m. Dinner at the Farmers' Market before heading to "Music in the Garden"
- ▶ **July 29 – Music in the Garden** – 7:00 p.m., VMG, Sunny Wilkinson and Ron Newman Jazz Band
- ▶ **August 2-13 – Youth Soccer and Flag Football Registration** begins (Registration form available at [delhitownshi.com](http://delhitownshi.com) or the Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **August 3 – Election Day** – Primary. Polls are open 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Visit the township web site for polling locations, and election information
- ▶ **August 3 – Ingham County Sheriff's Office/Delhi Division National Night Out/Neighborhood Watch Party** – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., VMG
- ▶ **August 5 – Holt Community Arts Council 3rd Annual Community Cookout**, 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Holt Farmers' Market (concert follows, 7:00 p.m. at VMG).
- ▶ **August 5 – Music in the Garden** – 7:00 p.m., VMG, Sea Cruisers
- ▶ **August 6 – Moonlight Movie** – 9:00 p.m. (or dark), VMG, title TBA
- ▶ **August 12 – Pre-Concert BBQ at the Farmers' Market** - 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner at the Farmers Market before "Music in the Garden"
- ▶ **August 12 – Music in the Garden** – 7:00 p.m., VMG, Those Delta Rhythm Kings
- ▶ **August 13 – Moonlight Movie** – 9:00 p.m. (or dark), VMG, title TBA
- ▶ **August 20 – Moonlight Movie** – 9:00 p.m. (or dark), VMG, title TBA
- ▶ **August 27-28 – Holt Hometown Festival**. Visit [www.holtfestival.com](http://www.holtfestival.com) for schedule of events
- ▶ **September 8 – Punt, Pass and Kick Competition** – 5:00 p.m. FREE, pre-registration required. Call Parks & Rec. Dept. at 694-1549 to register.
- ▶ **September 10 – Holt Education Foundation Annual Cookout**, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Holt High School — Holt vs. East Lansing
- ▶ **September 13-24 – Youth Floor Hockey Registration** begins. (Registration form available at [delhitownshi.com](http://delhitownshi.com) or the Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **October 2 – Friends of the Library Used Book Sale** – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ **October 4 – Last Day to Register to Vote** for the November general election

## Music in the Garden 2010...



The Holt Community Arts Council announces its 3rd annual Music in the Garden concert series. The free, family friendly concerts will take place in July and August at Veterans Memorial Garden Amphitheatre in Holt. Not only has Music in the Garden been a tremendous success—it's already become a beloved and much-anticipated summer tradition in Holt.

**Mark your calendars now. All concerts are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

### July 22 - Blue Coyote Band

These talented Lansing musicians will entertain you with Top 40 country and new original songs. They have opened for Tim McGraw, Travis Tritt and LeAnne Rimes, among others.

### July 29 - Sunny Wilkinson and Ron Newman Jazz Band

Sunny Wilkinson and Ron Newman are local jazz legends. Vocalist Sunny Wilkinson performs regularly at jazz festivals and clubs across the country. She has sung with the Count Basie Band, Rob McConnell, and the Boss Brass.

### August 5 - Sea Cruisers

For more than 25 years, the Sea Cruisers have been performing music from the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Their unique take on rock 'n' roll makes them a local favorite.

### August 12 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings

Focusing on jump blues and the little big band sound of the 1940s and beyond, the Kings play the music of legends like T-Bone Walker, Roy Brown, and B.B. King along with original compositions and modern classics.

We hope to see you there! For more information about the concerts or the Holt Community Arts Council, visit [holtarts.org](http://holtarts.org).

## ...and 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! The movies will be August 6, 13 and 20 and begin at dusk.

## H.O.L.T. Scholarship Provides Free LCC Tuition

Advanced education may make the difference between success and struggle in life. Yet kids who are already "at risk" are more likely not to complete high school, let alone go on to college.

The H.O.L.T. Scholarship Program is designed to help these students stay in school, and to remove some of the financial obstacles to an advanced education.

A collaboration between Delhi Charter Township and Holt Public Schools officials and supported by donors, the H.O.L.T. Scholarship Program provides eligible students two years' free tuition at Lansing Community College. Here's how it works:

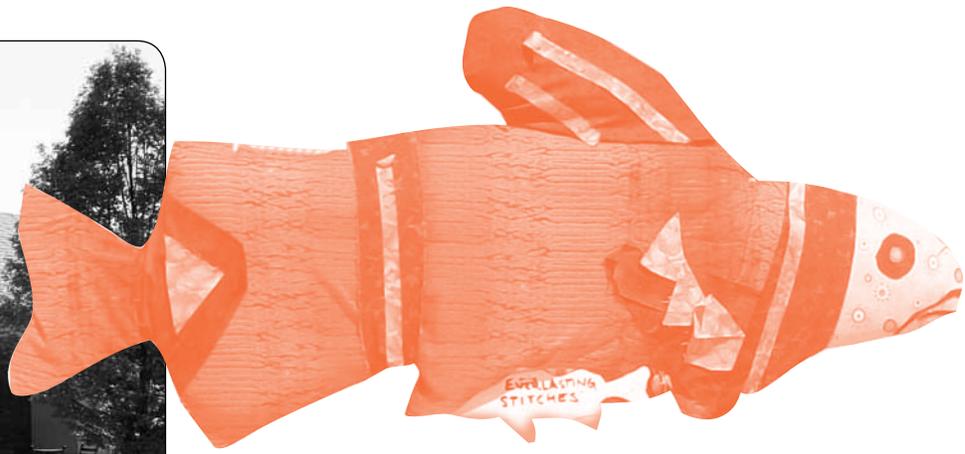
- Student eligibility is based on specific criteria for at-risk students
- Students are initiated in the fall of 7th grade
- Students and parents sign a contract agreeing to the requirements and responsibilities of the program
- Students promise to graduate from Holt High School in exchange for two years of free tuition at Lansing Community College

You can help! Your gift to the H.O.L.T. Scholarship is tax-deductible, and contributing offers you the maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law, and through the Michigan Tax Credit. For more information about the H.O.L.T. Scholarship, call (877) 840-HOLT or visit [Holthelps.org](http://Holthelps.org).

## Stay Connected with Delhi Township



Now it's easier than ever to connect with Delhi Township. Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on Township news and events. If you'd like to be quickly notified by text message of area emergencies and other important information—for example, an unexpected road closure or a public safety alert—you may now subscribe to the Delhi Township Nixle site. There is no cost for this service. Any interested Delhi Township resident may subscribe by going to [nixle.com](http://nixle.com).



## Did You See the Paint Job on That Fish?

There was something a little fishy about the way the Delhi POTW promoted their spring open house. Armed with wooden fish shapes and a large helping of fun, the POTW invited businesses to participate in a fish painting activity. The creative competition was designed to promote the open house and show support for the POTW's efforts to improve water quality.

The 18 participating businesses were instructed to paint their fish in any way they wished, then display them at their place of business. POTW also supplied the businesses with informational flyers to give to customers.

The painted fish were displayed at the water treatment plant on open house day, and attendees voted for their favorite. Quality Dairy's fish garnered the most votes, with second place going to Everlasting Stitches and third to Buddies Grill.

The winners received "Delhi Bucks" to be redeemed at the Holt Farmers' Market.



### CLOCKWISE FROM LOWER LEFT:

Krystal Rademacher of Quality Dairy won 1st place with her "Cow Fish;" the 18 entries for the 2010 POTW fish painting contest; Brandon Henderson of Buddies Grill with his 3rd place winner; 2nd place winner by Pamela Henrys of Everlasting Stitches.

# Placemaking & Economic Development in Delhi Twp.



The Lansing Economic Area Partnership, Inc. (LEAP) serves as the “front door” to our region for economic development and provides a number of services and initiatives related to business growth and regional stability. In 2009 LEAP, in partnership with the Land Policy Institute at Michigan State University, lead the preparation of a 10-year regional strategic plan. This plan creates a road map to improve the region and secure prosperity by attracting and retaining talented employees, supporting business and entrepreneurship and creating a sense of place, among other things.

This road map is important to Delhi Township because it supports our efforts to create a sense of place within the community and explains why having a quality community is vitally important. In fact, research conducted by the Land Policy Institute at MSU has found that “placemaking” is so important to economic success that without it, no community or region can thrive.

So, what is placemaking? It's hard to define or quantify, but basically it can be summarized by the idea of putting people first. This includes creating and maintaining quality public places such as libraries and parks, providing superior public services such as infrastructure, police/fire service and accessible government, good sidewalks and pedestrian amenities, excellent schools and opportunities for people to interact, just to name a few. These are all things that Delhi Township currently does well, but now is not the time when we can sit back and rest. We must continue to ensure that our current assets are protected and that new placemaking attributes are incorporated into the community.

Delhi Township's economic development policy is based on the concept of placemaking to ensure that Delhi Township remains a place that people want to live, work and do business. By consistently reaching for this goal in everything we do, economic recovery and stability will be achieved. With this in mind, we will all continue to embrace our community, protect what we currently have and build upon our sense of place.

For more detailed information on placemaking, visit:  
[www.landpolicy.msu.edu](http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu), view the Plan for Regional Prosperity at:  
[www.greaterlansingnext.com](http://www.greaterlansingnext.com).

# Delhi Charter Township Community Recreation Plan 2010-2015

When we were kids, we played simply because it was fun. But as a society, we are increasingly aware that open space and recreation provide physical and psychological benefits at every stage of life.

The Delhi Township Parks & Recreation Department's primary goal is to promote these benefits for our residents' well-being, providing them with opportunities to further healthy lifestyles and improve their quality of life.

Businesses are also drawn to communities where their employees can enjoy quality lifestyles. This grows the local economy, which in turn helps make the goal of quality lifestyles sustainable. Thus it's important to plan for the future parks and recreation needs of Delhi Township—to ensure that we can continue to provide the availability of open space and recreational opportunities.

To address these issues and opportunities and guide the decision-making process, the Parks Commission recently adopted the Delhi Charter Township Community Recreation Plan 2010-2015. This plan will enable the Parks & Recreation Department to provide the programs and facilities necessary to sustain the quality of life our residents have come to expect. The plan inventories existing parks and recreation programs, as well as projected needs for neighborhood parks, supporting facilities, trailway/greenway systems, and recreation programs for 2010-2015. Community support for the implementation of this plan is vital in our efforts toward creating a “sense of place,” making Delhi Township a place where people want to live, work and play.

For further information on the Delhi Charter Township Community Recreation Plan 2010-2015, visit the township web site at [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com).



## The Second Generation of POTW Natural Lawn Care Has Arrived!

Delhi Township POTW welcomes the offspring of the sheep purchased last year to “mow” the property.



## Did you know you can vote absentee?



Going to be out of town? Physically unable to get to the polls or stand in line? Are you 60 years of age or more?

If you have any doubt about making it to the polls for the August 3, 2010 primary or the November 2, 2010 general election, call the Clerk's office at 694-2135, or email [clerk@delhitownship.com](mailto:clerk@delhitownship.com) for an absentee ballot application. But please act now. And you can track your absentee ballot online! Visit [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com) to see that we received your ballot.

**Avoid the line. Avoid the pressure. Take your time and vote at home!**

## Fall Sports Registration

Registration begins soon for Delhi Township's fall sports programs:

- ✓ **Adult softball**
- ✓ **Youth soccer**
- ✓ **Youth flag football**
- ✓ **Youth floor hockey**

Visit [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com) for registration dates. 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.





## Old Electronics, Laundry Jugs Will Help Gill

Have old cell phones, MP3 players and computer equipment that you don't know how to dispose of? Here's a way to recycle them and help give Holt's famous Gill a facelift. (If you don't have old electronics, read on—we need laundry jugs too!)

- Gather the old electronics (cell phones, MP3 players, dvd players, etc.) you want to recycle. Go to [www.delhitownship.com](http://www.delhitownship.com) to indicate what you have to recycle and get a free postage paid box.
- Once your box arrives, mail your electronics in the postage paid box.
- Proceeds from the value of the electronics will be used to build "Gill-again," the newly refurbished version of our favorite finned buddy, and to support the Delhi Charter Township Recycling Center.

Holt's favorite fish on four wheels was developed by the Delhi Charter Township Public Services Department to promote recycling awareness. In collaboration with the Holt Community Arts Council, this temporary sculpture—a colorful, three-dimensional bluegill—came to life at the 2008 Water Quality Awareness Week open house held at the Delhi Township Recycling Center. Open house visitors helped attach approximately 2,500 empty laundry detergent bottles to a pre-built frame 25 feet long and 15 feet high.

Now, Gill is two years old—still as popular as ever and with a growing facebook fan page, but starting to show his age. You can help re-build him as "Gill-again"! Drop off your empty laundry jugs at the Delhi Charter Township Recycling Center (south of the POTW so Gill can get some new scales. Just put your jug in the box for the corresponding color.

Gill was a winner in the recent Tri-County Waste Reduction Awards Program. The mission of WRAP is to publicly acknowledge residents, businesses, governments, educational institutions and non-profit organizations in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties that have exemplary waste reduction and recycling practices and encourage others in the community to increase their efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle.

## Happy Trails

### Delhi non-motorized pathway progresses

Soon Delhi Township residents will be able to walk, ride or run on paved trails all the way from Mason to Michigan State University and all points in between!

Delhi Township has completed construction of the first segment of its non-motorized pathway system. This segment stretches between Holt and Willoughby Roads, running through Valhalla Park. A second segment currently exists on Cedar Street from Dallas Avenue to Holbrook Drive. This summer a road crossing will be constructed to take the trail to the north side of Willoughby Road.

In addition, the Township is currently pursuing grant funding that would allow for the construction of an additional trail segment north from I-96 to the Lansing River Trail at Jolly Road. Plans are also underway for additional trail construction in 2011 and 2012 which, once completed, would connect all the trail segments to create a contiguous pathway from Jolly Road to Holt Road.

The current pathways have been very popular with residents, especially the segment through Valhalla Park which winds through the woods and along the lake. If you have not been out on the trail, make a point to do so and enjoy our community from a scenic new perspective!



# delhi neighbor!

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## Holt Hometown Festival is August 28

Join in the fun of celebrating our hometown! The 12th annual Holt Hometown Festival is Saturday, August 28, but warms up on Friday night with Family Night activities and a softball tournament.

Saturday features the big parade, kids' activities, vendors, events and entertainment. There will also be activities at the Farmers' Market and Sam Corey Senior Center throughout the day. And, of course, there's the spectacular fireworks finale at dusk. There's truly something for everyone to enjoy. And it's all free!

For more information, visit [holtfestival.com](http://holtfestival.com).

### Delhi Township Board

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**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.

