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Grant will help fund final phase of Valhalla Park upgrades

In some ways it's a good problem to have. The walking trail and new playground equipment at Valhalla Park have attracted many more residents to enjoy the park. But increased use of the park has also underscored the need to replace the current restroom, which is seriously inadequate to serve the number of people using the park and is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Delhi Township has received a grant from Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund that will go a long way toward solving this problem. The \$283,100 grant will be used for the final phase of the upgrades at Valhalla Park—construction of a new restroom/pavilion facility. The new facility will include a family restroom and a pavilion for additional picnicking near the beach.

The grant calls for the township to contribute a 25 percent match, the majority of which township officials hope to meet through in-kind labor, services and donations. Both the walking trail and the new playground equipment installed last year were made possible by grant monies and similar matching from the township and its residents.

Valhalla Park is Delhi Township's largest and most developed park. It offers pavilions for rent, a new ADA-compliant playground for kids of all ages, softball fields, nature trails, the new non-motorized (paved) trail, a beach and swimming.

If you are interested in donating time, equipment or money for the construction of the new restroom/pavilion, please contact Director of Parks & Recreation Mark Jenks at (517) 694-1549.

Holt/Delhi Calendar of Events

- ▶ **May 30 - Holt Memorial Day Parade**, 2:00 p.m., downtown Holt.
- ▶ **June 4 - Delhi Twp. POTW Open House**, Free family fun! Visit delhitownship.com for details.
- ▶ **June 10 - Hersey Track and Field** - 5:30 p.m., Holt Jr High Track. It's FREE! Registration is required at the Parks and Rec. Office - (517) 694-1549.
- ▶ **June 11 - 24th Annual Fishing Derby** - Valhalla Park, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. FREE! Visit delhitownship.com for details.
- ▶ **June 11 - Holt Lions Community Kids Day** - Valhalla Park, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. FREE activities and lunch.
- ▶ **June 18 - Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Holt Lions - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **June 24-25 - Holt Relay for Life**, the American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event, Holt High School. Visit relayforlife.org/holtmi for details.
- ▶ **July 7 - "Music in the Garden" - Root Doctor**, hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council - 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens - FREE!
- ▶ **July 14 - "Music in the Garden" - Zion Lion**, hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council - 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens - FREE!
- ▶ **July 21 - "Music in the Garden" - The Red Sea Pedestrians**, hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council - 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens - FREE!
- ▶ **July 28 - "Music in the Garden" - Orquesta Ritmo**, hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council - 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens - FREE!
- ▶ **August 5 - "Moonlight Movies"** - Title to be announced, hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council and Delhi Parks & Rec. - 9 p.m. or dark, Veterans Memorial Gardens - FREE!
- ▶ **August 12 - "Moonlight Movies"** - Title to be announced, hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council and Delhi Parks & Rec. - 9 p.m. or dark, Veterans Memorial Gardens - FREE!
- ▶ **August 19 - "Moonlight Movies"** - Title to be announced, hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council and Delhi Parks & Rec. - 9 p.m. or dark, Veterans Memorial Gardens - FREE!
- ▶ **August 27 - Holt Hometown Festival**. Visit holtfestival.com for schedule of events.
- ▶ **September 17 - Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Holt Lions - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **September 17 - 'Harvest of the Arts'**, An art fair and more! Hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens.
- ▶ **September 17 - 2nd Annual 'Holt & Spicy' Salsa Competition**, in conjunction with 'Harvest of the Arts', hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council. Veterans Memorial Gardens. Visit holtarts.org for details.
- ▶ **October 13 - Brush and yard waste drop off**, hosted by Delhi Dept. of Public Services - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **October 14 - Brush and yard waste drop off**, hosted by Delhi Dept. of Public Services - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **October 15 - Brush and yard waste drop off**, hosted by Delhi Dept. of Public Services - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **November 8 - Holt Schools Board of Education Election**. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Visit delhitownship.com for details.
- ▶ **November 19 - Brush and yard waste drop off**, hosted by Holt Lions - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd (across the street from the Recycling Center).

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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.

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.



Many activities and programs for Delhi seniors

Have fun, meet people, join in a variety of activities. The Sam Corey Senior Citizens Club is an active group of people who meet at the Sam Corey Senior Citizens Center, 2108 Cedar St. The center is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, and offers planned activities daily. To view the schedule, please visit the Sam Corey Senior Center web page at www.delhitownship.com. If you are at least 55 years of age, we welcome you to become part of our group. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (517) 268-0096.

The Senior Citizen Nutrition Program is open to all who are at least 60 years of age. Weekly Wednesday luncheons are held at the Sam Corey Senior Center.

For a \$3.00 suggested donation, the nutrition program features a delicious meal and presentations, activities, or entertainment. Reservations for the week's luncheon must be made by that Tuesday at 12 noon. Call Joyce Dunn at (517) 694-8047.

Run, swing, kick, score

Delhi Parks & Recreation announces summer and fall programs



For details and registration forms visit delhitownship.com

Hershey Track & Field - Date: June 10, 5:30 p.m., Holt Jr. High track - dashes, runs, relays, standing long jump and softball throw (for students born in the years 1997-2002). FREE, but registration is required. Call (517) 694-1549.

Youth Tennis Lessons - Starters (ages 4-6), Hitters (ages 7-11), Stokers (ages 12-17), Competitors (Ages 9 -17). Session I - June 20-July 1; Session II - July 11-22; Session III - July 25-August 5.

Adult Tennis Lessons - Beginners and Intermediate/Experienced - Session I - June 6-23; Session II - June 27-July 14.

Holt Junior Open Tennis Tournament - July 15-17. Ages 18 & under.

Holt Adult Open Tennis Tournament - July 8-10.

Youth Soccer League (Ages 4 & 5 and GRADES K - 4) - Soccer skill development, rule explanation and game play. Registration: August 1 - August 12.

Youth Flag Football (Ages 4 & 5 and GRADES K - 4) - Five person flag league. The program is a non-pad, non-contact sport. Registration: August 1-12.

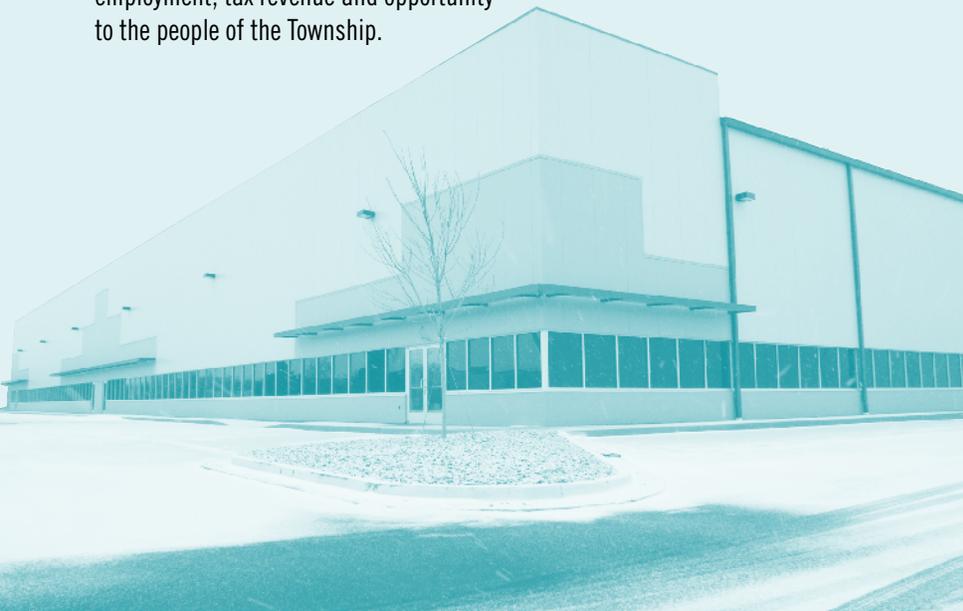
MSU spinoff businesses locate in Delhi Township

Founded by MSU Professors John Frost and Karen Draths in 2005, Draths Corporation was formed to commercialize the process of taking raw natural materials and converting them into the building blocks necessary to manufacture plastics. The process was developed in the two professors' laboratory at MSU.

Draths Corporation moved into a new 30,000 square foot facility in Delhi Township in September of last year, and the company plans to hire new staff and make significant capital investments. The company expects continued growth.

Another MSU spinoff company, XG Sciences, Inc., provides commercialization of nanoparticle technology developed at the College of Engineering. The company manufactures graphine particles which can be used to improve electrical, thermal, barrier, or mechanical properties of other products. XG Sciences has also chosen a Delhi Township location for their expansion.

Delhi Township is proud of the fact that these innovative and important businesses are choosing to grow within our community. Their investments bring quality employment, tax revenue and opportunity to the people of the Township.



Sweet sounds of summer

Music in the Garden returns

The Holt Community Arts Council is already gearing up for summer as it plans its fourth consecutive season of Music in the Garden.



The local non-profit organization will present four concerts in Delhi Township's beautiful Veterans Memorial Gardens, right behind The

Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road in Holt.

Lansing's own Root Doctor leads the lineup with the season's first show on Thursday, July 7. The award-winning group plays original blues as well as classic R & B and soul. Led by the charismatic Freddie Cunningham, this group is always a crowd pleaser.

Zion Lion takes the stage on Thursday, July 14. This group's members call Kalamazoo home, but you'll hear the sounds of the Caribbean, Latin America, and Africa in their infectious rhythms.

The Red Sea Pedestrians bring their unique sound to Holt on Thursday, July 21. These multi-talented musicians play high-energy original songs. They describe their sound as "a warped and beautiful blend of Klezmer, Greek, Gypsy, Celtic, Jazz, and American roots."

The series concludes on Thursday, July 28, with a return performance from local legends Orquesta Ritmo. With their hot brass and lively percussion, the 11-member Latin jazz and salsa band never fails to please.

All of the shows begin at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available. For more information about Music in the Garden or the Holt Community Arts Council, visit www.holtarts.org.

Music in the Garden is made possible in part through a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Greater Lansing Arts Council.

New GIS viewer website wins award

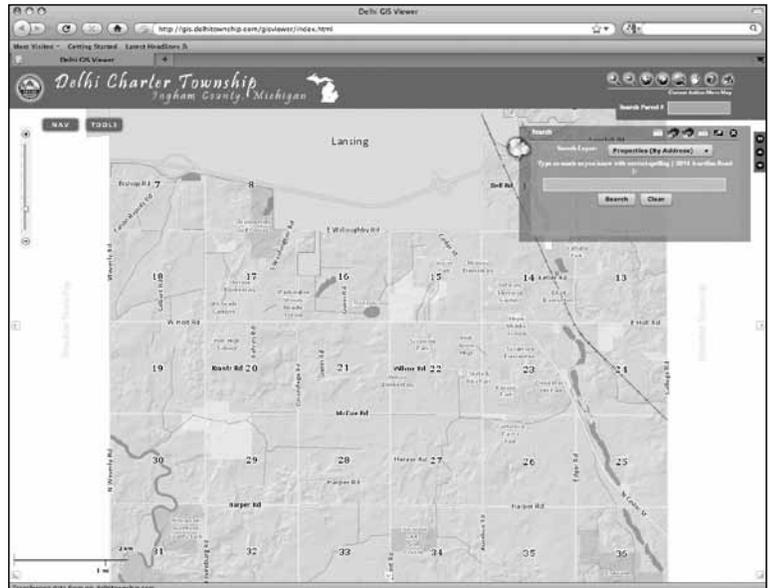
You'll want to check out the new Geographic Information Systems (GIS) viewer on the township website. Not only does GIS provide information from simple mapping to more complex use of geographical data, but our GIS viewer site is now an award-winner.

Delhi Township has been chosen to receive the "Special Achievement in GIS" award from ESRI, makers of the software that runs most of the world's GIS. The staff of ESRI nominated our viewer site from among more than 100,000 users worldwide because it is fast and responsive, data rich, uses the business analysts' tools and is maintained by existing staff without the use of a full-time computer programmer. There are only about 75 recipients of this award per year, so being selected as outstanding from such a huge pool of users is very exciting.

What is GIS? GIS is an acronym for geographic information systems or geographic information science. People most commonly think of maps when they hear the term GIS, but it's much more than maps. GIS helps us answer questions and solve problems by looking at data in a way that is quickly understood and easily shared.

The power of place: Hidden in most data is a geographical component: an address, postal code, census block, city, county, or latitude/longitude coordinate. Computer information systems and their data, combined with the geographic component, often provide information otherwise left undetected. GIS allows users to view, understand, interpret and visualize data in ways that reveal relationships, patterns and trends. Often the results are displayed using maps, reports, or charts.

What is GIS used for? Often it is used for rather simple tasks. For example, GIS could be used to show wetlands on a map; help a



homeowner find their approximate property boundaries and dimensions; or help a prospective property buyer find out how the property is zoned.

GIS is also used to answer more complex questions or understand more complex situations. For example, using GIS, we can find the number and names of people who could potentially need aid in a community that was in the path of a recent tornado; find the best location for placing or expanding a business; or determine specific properties that are potentially affected by a 100-year flood event.

Go to delhitownship.com to start using the GIS viewer to make your own maps or find data you've been looking for.

Conservation meets convenience: choose paperless sewer bills

How can you save yourself and the township time and money? *And* help the environment? It's easy—sign up for direct debit and sewer e-bills today! No more waiting in line. No postage. No late fees. And less mail! You'll get a sewer e-bill emailed each month and your account will be deducted automatically.

Start streamlining and go green! Just go to delhitownship.com to find out how.



Delhi Township Wins Blues Community Challenge

This past February, a cry went out to all residents to help Delhi Township win grant money for our parks system by participating in the second annual Blues Community Challenge. This event, held in conjunction with the Blues' annual Winter Warm-up program, is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in an effort to promote health and fitness in their communities. Nine local communities vied for grant money in this year's Community Challenge, which began on February 12 and ran through April 1. Participating community residents supported their local team by keeping track of their physical activity throughout the Challenge.

Delhi Township's response was overwhelming. The Delhi team consisted of 451 active participants who together logged

38,734.54 miles—the equivalent of 1,484 marathons. Everyone's participation helped Delhi Township soar to the top and win the first place prize of \$3,000. This money will be used to help build a new restroom/pavilion facility at Valhalla Park which is being predominately paid for with grant money (see cover story). Each participating community was a winner and earned a portion of the total \$10,000 grant money from sponsor Blue Cross Blue Shield.

A special thanks to those Delhi residents who signed up and logged their physical activity. Your hard work really paid off! This year the Delhi Team doubled in number, and with everyone's enthusiasm, maybe 2012's team will be even larger. Thanks again, and be sure to stay healthy and active!

Delhi Township Fire Department Collaborating in Area Fire Needs Study



Delhi Township Manager John Elsinga and Fire Chief Richard Royston have, for the past several years, been involved in meetings with leaders from six jurisdictions in the Lansing area. These collaborative efforts are being put forth in an attempt to provide the most efficient and effective fire protection and EMS to area residents.

As a prelude to these meetings, area fire chiefs have been meeting to discuss methods by which fire departments can jointly improve their service delivery through joint purchasing, joint training, mutual aid participation and other joint programs. These earlier meetings resulted in the Lansing Metro EMS Training Consortium, from which Delhi Township Fire Department, Lansing Fire Department, Meridian Township Fire Department, East Lansing Fire Department, Lansing Township Fire Department and Delta Township Fire Department reap the benefit of joint training for EMS personnel.

Recently, as a result of these meetings, the collaborative group has formulated a proposal to request funding for a regional fire study. This study, if funded, will incorporate several goals, up to and including regionally based fire-EMS-rescue agencies.

Delhi Township has a long tradition of regional cooperation with area Fire and EMS agencies. This tradition will continue to examine methods by which our fire/EMS services can be improved.

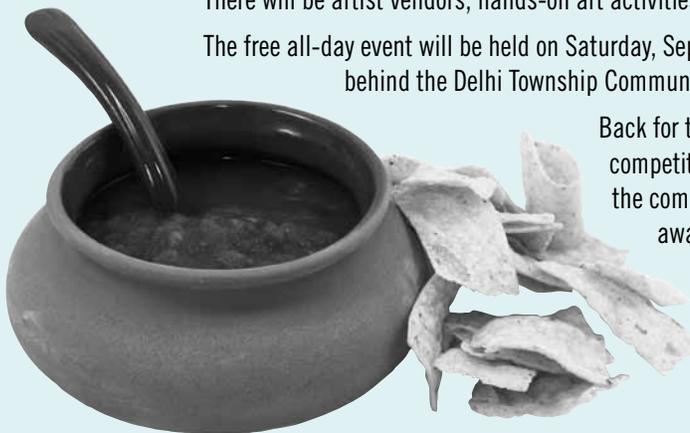
Arts Council's "Harvest" is a bumper crop of family fun

In its fourth year, the Holt Community Arts Council's "Harvest of the Arts" offers something for just about everyone. There will be artist vendors, hands-on art activities, presentations and more!

The free all-day event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Gardens behind the Delhi Township Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road.

Back for the second year will be the "Holt & Spicy" salsa-making competition. Last year the Delhi Township Fire Department's team swept the competition, winning both the Judge's Choice and People's Choice awards.

For more information, to show or sell your art or to enter the salsa-making competition, visit the Arts Council's website at www.holtarts.org.



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Save the date for family fun

POTW Open House is June 4

The date of the annual POTW Open House has changed, but the fun and educational activities remain! The open house has been a hit each year, so bring the family and get a “behind the scenes” look at how our township cares for our water and our environment.

- ▶ See the famous Delhi Sheep!
- ▶ Games, prizes, face painting and more
- ▶ Hands-on fish release
- ▶ Information booths
- ▶ Snacks
- ▶ Facility tours of the award-winning treatment plant



POTW Open House • Saturday, June 4 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 5961 McCue Rd., Holt