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Save the date for family fun

POTW Open House is June 2

The annual POTW Open House has proven to be a hit with local families. Filled with fun and educational activities for all ages, the open house is a great way to 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 2 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 5961 McCue Rd., Holt

Support Holt's Relay for Life June 22-23



Holt's 8th annual Relay for Life will be held Friday, June 22 through Saturday, June 23 at the Holt High School football field.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's main fundraiser, designed to support the many services the organization provides for cancer patients and their families. The Relay is a 24-hour event, with teams camping out at the site so team members can take turns walking the track for the entire 24 hours. Relay for Life brings together cancer survivors, caregivers, and anyone who has ever been touched by cancer. This community event includes cancer survivor and caregiver celebrations, ceremonies remembering loved ones lost to the disease, and programs aimed at ways to fight back against cancer.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Relay. You do not have to belong to a team to participate; however, new teams are always welcome to join! In addition to the Relay, there will be entertainment, games, food, and a silent auction. To find out more, visit www.RelayForLife.org/holtmi, or contact Megan Barrett at 517-664-1343.

Holt/Delhi Calendar of Events

It's time to start enjoying everything that spring and summer has to offer. You'll find more information about many of these events in articles throughout this issue.

- ▶ **May 8 – Election Day** – Sludge dryer vote, polls open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- ▶ **May 11 – Holt Kiwanis Chicken BBQ**
- ▶ **May 12 – Holt Farmers' Market Opens**, 2150 Cedar Street, holtfarmersmarket.org
- ▶ **May 19 – Mission: Play 5K – Valhalla Park**, 8:00 a.m. (visit: runningfoundation.com/Mission_Play5k)
- ▶ **May 19 – Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Competition** – Elliott Elementary, 11:00 a.m. Free! Registration required – call 694-1549.
- ▶ **May 19 – Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Holt Lions – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **May 21 – Hershey Track & Field Meet** – 5:30 p.m., Holt Jr. High
- ▶ **May 28 – Memorial Day Parade** – 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ **June 2 – POTW Annual Open House** – POTW, 5961 McCue Rd, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Information, tours, games, prizes and food. Fun for all ages!
- ▶ **June 9 – 25th Annual Fishing Derby** – Valhalla Park, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. FREE!
- ▶ **June 9 – Holt Community Kids Day** – Valhalla Park, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. FREE!
- ▶ **June 16 – Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Holt Lions – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **June 22-23 – Holt Relay for Life** – Holt High School
- ▶ **July 5, 12, 19, 26 – Music in the Garden** – Every Thursday in July. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 7:00 p.m.
- ▶ **July 27-28 – Holt Lions "Touch a Truck"** – Valhalla Park
- ▶ **August 3, 10, 17 – Moonlight Movies** – Veterans Memorial Gardens, at dark
- ▶ **August 7 – Primary**, polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- ▶ **August 10 – National Night Out**, Veterans Memorial Gardens, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Games, food, fire trucks and more. Hosted by Ingham County Sheriff's Dept. and Delhi Fire Dept. FREE!
- ▶ **August 24-25 – Holt Hometown Festival**
- ▶ **August 25 – Holt & Spicy Salsa Making Competition** – Enter your salsa or come and taste – part of the Holt Hometown Festival.

- ▶ **September 15 – Harvest of the Arts** – Hands-on art activities for all ages. Visit holtarts.org for details.
- ▶ **September 15 – Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Holt Lions – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **October 18 – Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Delhi DPS – 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **October 19 – Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Delhi DPS – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **October 20 – Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Delhi DPS/Holt Lions – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center).
- ▶ **November 6 – General Election** – polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- ▶ **November 17 – Brush and yard waste drop-off**, hosted by Holt Lions – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 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 7:30 p.m.

More brush drop-off events

thanks to “the Lions and the Lambs”

For many years, the township has offered free brush drop-off for our residents in the spring and fall of each year. Beginning last year, members of the Holt Lions Club began volunteering their time on Saturdays in May, June, September, October and November to provide our community additional opportunities for brush drop-off. The Lions’ efforts are very much appreciated, as they cut staffing costs and eliminate the need for residents to stockpile their brush all summer.

Brush is dropped off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which provides an added bonus: The sheep can eat the foliage from the brush. Thanks to the Lions and the “lambs,” we can continue to provide this service more frequently and at a lower manpower cost.

Brush must be no longer than eight feet long and no more than 12 inches in diameter. Yard waste, leaves, compost, and root balls no larger than 15 inches in diameter will be accepted free of charge only during the brush drop-off events.

Yard waste in plastic bags must be dumped at the compost site and the bags properly disposed of. Due to facility restrictions, vehicles with trailers no larger than 7’ x 12’ will be allowed. **Trailers larger than 7’ x 12’ will not be accepted into the facility.**

Again in 2012, the Holt Lions club is teaming up with Delhi Township to provide residents with more brush drop-off days. All drop-off events will be held at:

Delhi Publicly Owned Treatment Works - Pond Area

Grovenburg Road (across from recycling center, just south of McCue Road) on the following dates and times:

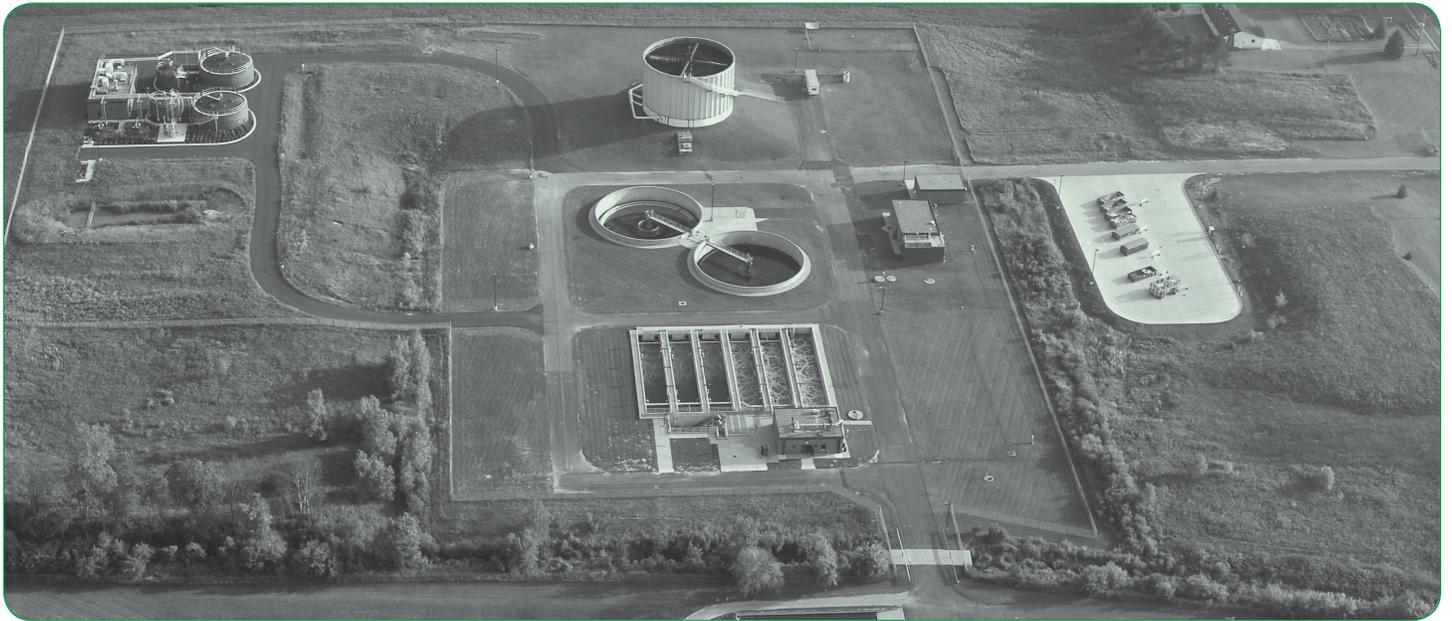
| Day | Date | Time | Hosted By |
|----------|---------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday | May 19 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Holt Lions |
| Saturday | June 16 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Holt Lions |
| Saturday | Sept 15 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Holt Lions |
| Thursday | Oct 18 | 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Delhi DPS |
| Friday | Oct 19 | 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Delhi DPS |
| Saturday | Oct 20 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Delhi DPS/Holt Lions |
| Saturday | Nov 17 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Delhi DPS |

Proof of residency is required. You must be a Delhi Township resident to take advantage of the brush drop-off. Please note: Lions Club personnel will not assist with unloading brush. It is a self-serve event; brush and yard waste must be properly stacked in designated areas only.



Pizza crust power!

Holt Public School students at Horizon Elementary are turning waste into fuel! “Scrappy” now resides in the Horizon Elementary cafeteria, and he’ll be coming to the other elementary schools soon. After lunch, students empty their food scraps (such as apple cores, pizza crusts and banana peels) into a “Scrappy” container. The containers are then taken to the Delhi Township Wastewater Treatment Plant where the food scraps are added to the digesters. The bacteria break down the food waste and create a gas – methane. The methane is collected, purified and used to generate electricity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It’s all part of the township’s Biomass to Energy Project called “Poo to Power.” So instead of sending several trash cans of food scraps to the landfill, “Scrappy” turns the waste into fuel. Scrappy says, “Turning waste into fuel is cool.”



Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements with grants will go to vote

Since 1977, Delhi Township has made significant capital investments in wastewater treatment system. These upgrades and expansions were required to meet the needs of a growing community and produce cleaner water for discharge into the Grand River.

The solids, or sludge, left behind were also in need of an upgrade/expansion which the Board approved in 2007. Phase I was the construction of a "Class A" digestion process that produces high-quality liquid sludge that can only be disposed of on farmlands.

Phase II will be put to a vote of Delhi Township residents on May 8, 2012. This phase involves a sludge dewatering/solar drying process that includes the following benefits:

- ▶ Receive \$2.9 million in grant monies
- ▶ Reduce transportation costs to haul liquid sludge
- ▶ Reduce operational costs
- ▶ Produce electricity as a fuel (coal substitute)

- ▶ Reduce the environmental impact of sludge disposal
- ▶ Turn a current liability into an asset
- ▶ Reduce the Township's carbon footprint
- ▶ Increase sewer rates \$1.20 per month per residential unit
- ▶ Use solar instead of natural gas dryers
- ▶ Payback may be less than 20 years

To not do the sludge dewatering and solar drying will:

- ▶ Lose \$2.9 million in grant monies
- ▶ Subject the Township to increased transportation costs
- ▶ Subject the Township to increased operational costs
- ▶ Continue to produce a liability with liquid sludge which has only one disposal method – land application

- ▶ Increase sewer rates \$0.20 per month per residential unit to pay for the loss of grant monies that would have been used to reimburse the Township for design and engineering already completed

Polls are open May 8, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The ballot will read as follows:

Shall the Charter Township of Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,100,000) and issue its limited tax revenue bonds therefor, for the purpose of: acquiring, constructing and installing improvements to the Township's sanitary sewer system to dewater and dry the Township's sludge to reduce transportation and disposal costs, as well as all other necessary and related improvements?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The Township's bonds are eligible for a 50% reduction, or principal forgiveness, through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as a qualifying "green" project. This will result in the Township being responsible for repaying one-half (\$2,550,000) of the principal amount of the proposed bonds, plus interest. The estimated monthly cost for Delhi Township sanitary sewer system customers to retire this bond debt is \$1.20 per residential unit. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years.

For more information about this project visit the Township website at www.delhitownship.com.

Rain barrels and compost bins available

Want to conserve water, or start nourishing your lawn and garden naturally? Delhi Township's Department of Public Services is selling System rain barrels and The Earth Machine compost bins. The items are sold at cost.

| System Rain Barrel | The Earth Machine Compost Bin |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 34" overall height | 33" overall height |
| 26.1" diameter | 33" diameter |
| 55 gallon capacity | 80 gallon capacity |
| \$46.00 | \$42.50 |

Rain barrels and compost bins are available at the Delhi Department of Public Services, 1492 Aurelius Road, Holt. For more information please call (517) 699-3874.



5K race for Mission: Play

The City Rescue Mission provides shelter and meals for women and children. The South Lansing Kiwanis is sponsoring a 5K run/walk on Saturday, May 19, to raise funds to provide a playground at the Mission. The race will begin at Valhalla Park at 8:00 a.m. All age groups are welcome to race and there will be prizes. For more information or to register, visit: runningfoundation.com/Mission_Play5k.



Healthy Lifestyle Ambassador Award recipient Jennifer Miller (left) with Team Coordinator/Deputy Supervisor Tricia VanderPloeg (right).

Community Challenge team wins \$1,000 for Delhi

In January of this year, a cry went out to all residents to help Delhi Township win grant money for our parks system. Delhi answered the call, and participated in the third annual Blues Community Challenge, vying with eight other local communities to win grant money. The Challenge is held in conjunction with Blue Cross Blue Shield's annual Winter Warm-up Program in an effort to promote health and fitness in their communities.

The Challenge began on January 21 and ran through March 10. Residents were encouraged to register to participate on their local community's team by keeping track of their physical activity.

Delhi Township's response this year was again overwhelming. The Delhi team consisted of 531 active participants—nearly 100 more than last year—who together logged more than 39,000 miles. Delhi Township placed third in the competition, winning \$1,000 in grant money from Blue Cross Blue Shield. This money will be used to help fund the North Connector Trail which will connect our current non-motorized trail on Willoughby Road to

the Lansing River Trail on Jolly Road. Each participating community was a winner, and earned a portion of the total \$10,000 in grant money from sponsor Blue Cross Blue Shield.

New this year was the Healthy Lifestyle Ambassador Award, which was awarded to one team member in each community who displayed, or inspired others to join in, healthy practices; realized significant personal goals; or facilitated unique and fun healthy lifestyle events. Delhi Township's award winner was Jennifer Miller. Jennifer is instrumental in promoting healthy lifestyles among the students at Horizon Elementary School. As the Walking School Bus Coordinator, Jennifer promotes children walking to school each day, and she is also the Winter Breakfast Club coordinator, helping to administer Horizon's morning mileage club. She is a great advocate of healthy lifestyles and well deserving of this award. Congratulations, Jennifer!

A special thanks goes out to those residents who signed up and logged their physical activity. Your hard work really paid off. Thanks again and be sure to stay healthy and active.

Holt Community Arts Council presents 5th season of Music in the Garden

The Holt Community Arts Council is celebrating Music in the Garden's 5th birthday in July with a month of first-rate, family-friendly musical entertainment – their gift to you! The shows take place on Thursday evenings in July. The fun starts at 7 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt (right behind the Delhi Township Community Services Center).

July 5 – The Lash – Celtic Mayhem (Celtic Rock)

July 12 – Frank-o and the Americans (New Age Acoustic)

July 19 – Hullabaloo (11-member Original Roots/Ska)

July 26 – Delilah DeWylde and The Lost Boys (Rockabilly)



Parks & Recreation Programs

Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run

Pitch, Hit & Run is intended to encourage participation and emphasize the “fun” element of baseball/softball competition. Every child 7-14 years of age is eligible to compete free of charge. Boys and girls compete separately in each of the three events and accumulate a total score based on his/her performance.

WHEN: Saturday, May 19 - 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Elliott Elementary Field #6

WHO: Boys & girls ages 7-14 (age determined as of 7-17-12)

EVENTS: Batting, pitching and base running

COST: FREE!

REGISTRATION: All participants must pre-register by contacting Delhi Parks & Recreation Department at 694-1549.

Hershey Track & Field

This competition is for students born in the years 1998-2003 and will be held May 21, 5:30 p.m., at Holt High School. Contestants may enter as many as three events from the following list (please note age limitations on some events). If three events are chosen, they must include both a running and a field event.

50 Meter Dash (for students born in '02-'03)

1600 Meter Run (for students born in '98-'99)

100 Meter Dash (all ages)

4X100 Meter Relay (all ages)

200 Meter Dash (all ages)

Standing Long Jump (all ages)

400 Meter Dash (for students born in '00-'03)

Softball Throw (all ages)

800 Meter Dash (for students born in '98-'01)

There are separate boys' and girls' divisions. Tennis shoes, shorts and T-shirt are the only required clothing. Winners of the local meet advance to the state finals. To pre-register for the event, call 694-1549. The event is FREE.

25th Annual Fishing Derby

For ages 15 and under. The fishing derby and casting contest will be held at Valhalla Park Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Meet at the South Pavilion. FREE.

Picnic Pavilion Reservations

Reserve one of our five pavilions for family or group use. Reservations should be made as soon as possible because of high demand. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED. Cost ranges from \$50-\$100.

Valhalla Beachfront

The swimming season at Valhalla Park is April – September, contingent on weather. Swimming is at your own risk during posted hours. There will be no lifeguards on duty.

Fall Sports Registration

Registration for fall programs begins in July. Visit the township website at delhitownship.com for registration information for youth soccer and youth flag football (ages 4 & 5 and grades K-4).



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Community Kids Day

Free family fun for kids ages 15 and under!
The Holt Lions Club and Delhi Parks and Recreation are hosting the annual Community Kids Day Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Valhalla Park. There will be games, prizes, lunch, raffles, rides and more. And it's **ALL FREE!**