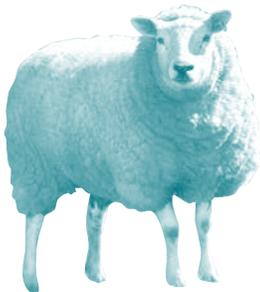


Delhi gets 'gold' for being green!

Delhi Township was recognized for environmental leadership at the Michigan Green Communities conference last fall. As part of the recently expanded Michigan Green Communities Challenge, participating local governments were awarded gold, silver, bronze or member seals of achievement, reflecting community leadership in areas such as natural resource conservation, green economic development and energy efficiency.

Delhi Township achieved Gold status for exemplary action in a variety of categories, including its innovative waste treatment system that results in energy savings of more

than \$70,000 per year for the township. The waste treatment site itself is landscaped in native grasses and uses sheep as a natural alternative to conventional landscape maintenance.



The Michigan Green Communities Challenge is a new tool to help local leaders measure their progress in implementing energy, economic development and environmental improvements. It is supported by the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan



Economic Development Corporation Energy Office, Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association. It uses a rating system to recognize sustainability accomplishments and serves as a guide for community leaders looking to learn from their peers. Participation is free and open to all local governments in Michigan as part of the statewide Michigan Green Communities network that aims to support local sustainability efforts.

Holt/Delhi Calendar of Events

- ▶ **July 11 - “Music in the Garden” featuring J & J Sounds - “little big band.”** 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens. Hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council. FREE!
- ▶ **July 18 - “Music in the Garden”** featuring Joshua Davis - American roots. 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens. Hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council. FREE!
- ▶ **July 20 - Brush and yard waste drop-off,** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center). Hosted by Holt Lions.
- ▶ **July 25 - “Music in the Garden” featuring Detour** - bluegrass. 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens. Hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council. FREE!
- ▶ **July 25 - National Night Out,** 5:00-7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens. Games, food, fire trucks and more. Hosted by Ingham County Sheriff’s Office and Delhi Fire Dept. FREE!
- ▶ **July 29 - Parks & Rec. Youth Flag Football and Soccer Registration begins.** (Registration form available at delhitownship.com or the Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **August 1 - “Music in the Garden” featuring Hullabaloo** - funky pop/ska. 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens. Hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council. FREE!
- ▶ **August 2, 9, 16 - “Moonlight Movies”** 9 p.m. (or dark), Veterans Memorial Gardens. Hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council and Delhi Parks & Rec. FREE!
- ▶ **August 17 - Brush and yard waste drop-off,** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center). Hosted by Holt Lions.
- ▶ **August 23, 24 - Holt Hometown Festival.** Parade, exhibits, vendors, food, games and more! Then concluded with one of the best fireworks displays in Mid-Michigan. Visit holtfestival.com for schedule of events.
- ▶ **August 24 - Holt & Spicy Salsa Making Competition.** Enter your salsa or come and taste. Part of the Holt Hometown Festival (after the parade). Hosted by the Holt Community Arts Council.
- ▶ **September 4 - Harvest of the Arts,** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens. Hands-on art activities for all ages. Visit holtarts.org for details.
- ▶ **September 4 - Parks & Rec. Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick Competition.** Pre-registration required. Visit delhitownship.com or call 517-694-1594.
- ▶ **September 9 - Parks & Rec. Youth Floor Hockey Registration begins.** (Registration form available at delhitownship.com or the Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **September 11 - 9-11 Hero Run,** 5K Run/Walk, 6:30 p.m., Delhi Twp. Fire Dept. Community run/walk and fundraiser for great charities. For details and to register visit: runningfoundation.com/9-11Hero_Run
- ▶ **September 13 - Holt Education Foundation Annual Cookout,** 5:00-7:00 p.m., Holt High School – before the Holt football game.
- ▶ **September 21 - Brush and yard waste drop-off,** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center). Hosted by Holt Lions.
- ▶ **September 27 - Holt Kiwanis Chicken BBQ,** 4:00-7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Aurelius and Holt Rds.
- ▶ **October 5 - Ruth’s Race 5K,** Holt High School. Hosted by H.O.L.T. Scholarship Committee. Visit holthelps.org for details.
- ▶ **October 14 - Parks & Rec. Youth Basketball Registration begins (grades pre-K to 2).** (Registration form available at delhitownship.com or the Parks & Rec. Dept.)
- ▶ **October 17 - Brush and yard waste drop-off,** 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center). Hosted by Delhi DPS.
- ▶ **October 18 - Brush and yard waste drop-off,** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center). Hosted by Delhi DPS.
- ▶ **October 19 - Brush and yard waste drop-off,** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center). Hosted by Delhi DPS/Holt Lions.
- ▶ **October 27 - ‘Trick or Treat’ in the Park,** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens. A safe ‘trick or treat’ alternative for littler kids! Hosted by Holt Lions.
- ▶ **November 16 - Brush and yard waste drop-off,** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. POTW pond area on Grovenburg Rd. (across the street from the Recycling Center). Hosted by Holt Lions.
- ▶ **November 18 - Parks & Rec. Youth Basketball Registration begins (grades 3-6).** (Registration form available at delhitownship.com or the Parks & Rec. Dept.)

Latest Fire Protection Agreements a Significant Step Forward

in Regional Delivery of Fire Services

Six municipalities from Lansing, East Lansing, Meridian Township, Lansing Township, Delta Township and Delhi Township have announced three new shared service agreements to enhance the delivery of fire services to the region.

The agreements announced include:

- ▶ An agreement between Meridian and Delhi to provide emergency services to Alaiedon Township
- ▶ An agreement between Delhi and Lansing to collaborate on service provision near their border
- ▶ An agreement between Lansing and East Lansing to provide service to MBI Technology Building on Collins Road

“These service agreements represent a spirit of collaboration that is moving us in a positive direction and continuing to improve the efficiency and quality of fire services in the Greater Lansing region,” said Randy Talifarro, fire chief, Lansing and East Lansing. “We are moving forward in a way that would not have been possible as cities and townships acting alone.”

The first announcement made Monday, June 10, concerned fire departments from Meridian and Delhi Township, which have made an agreement regarding emergency services to Alaiedon Township. The agreement provides full fire service by Meridian Township Fire Department on those properties which are on and north of Sandhill Road in Alaiedon Township.

“Delhi and Alaiedon have had a formal fire agreement since 1997,” said Rick Royston, fire chief, Delhi Township. “But passing the northern area of Alaiedon Township off to Meridian Fire Department is an effort to provide more effective fire service to the area.”

“We’re all looking for the most efficient service we can offer citizens of this region,” said Fred Cowper, fire chief, Meridian Township. “This decision represents a regional campaign dedicated to delivering the very best form of public safety.”

An agreement between Delhi Township Fire Department and Lansing Fire Department to collaborate on service provision near their border was a part of a second agreement announced Monday. This joint

response will result in a higher level of first response for all residents of the region.

“Joint responses, like the ones happening in Delhi

and Lansing, are programs that exemplify the great strides and achievements made when the Greater Lansing region collaborates,” said Virg Bernero, mayor, City of Lansing. “As a result of the trust and cooperation between the Metro Lansing Fire Departments, phenomenal progress is being made regarding the efficiency of the region’s fire services.”

“The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce has been working closely with the private and public sector in advocating for more regional collaborations that will improve efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of government services,” said Tim Daman, president and CEO of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. “It is rewarding to see the effort that the six municipalities are putting into the Shared Fire Services Initiative is producing such significant progress.”

The collaborative agreements announced in June are the latest of many steps the Shared Fire Services Initiative will make in the future. One program that will launch in months to come is the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), which will solidify collaborative response times, foster more efficient use and deployment of critical resources, ensure safer, more effective responses to all-hazard response emergencies, reduce duplication of services, and accelerate regional automatic mutual aid agreements.

Another program that will be implemented in the future is the Arson Task Force agreement, whose purpose will be to share, assist, and enhance previously established resources between the Metro Lansing Fire Departments to reduce costs by sharing equipment purchasing services.

The regional effort to collaborate on fire services among the six municipalities in the Greater Lansing region is the largest undertaken and the only to include a metropolitan community in the State of Michigan.





Use fireworks safely and appropriately- it's the law!

On January 1, 2012, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act went into effect, which regulated the sale and use of consumer fireworks in the state of Michigan and included the stipulation that consumer fireworks could be discharged on the day before, the day of and the day after a national holiday.

Last summer, staff and members of the Township Board of Trustees began receiving complaints from residents regarding firework use on any random day. To that end, the Board discussed the need to develop an ordinance that regulated the use of fireworks in Delhi Township. Ordinance No. 124 was drafted, mirroring the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act with regards to consumer fireworks.

Essentially, consumer fireworks can only be discharged in Delhi Township on the day before, day of and day after a national holiday. Any discharge of a consumer firework other than those days is considered a misdemeanor and subject to a \$500 fine.

This ordinance also stipulates that it is illegal to use fireworks on public property, school or church property or private property without prior permission of the property owner, and it is illegal to use consumer fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Fireworks can be discharged the day before, day of and day after the following national holidays:

- ▶ New Year's Day, January 1
- ▶ Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the third Monday in January
- ▶ Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February
- ▶ Memorial Day, the last Monday in May
- ▶ Independence Day, July 4
- ▶ Labor Day, the first Monday in September
- ▶ Columbus Day, the second Monday in October
- ▶ Veterans Day, November 11
- ▶ Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November
- ▶ Christmas Day, December 25

To read the fireworks ordinance in its entirety, go to the township web site at www.delhitownship.com.

To get to the other side...

You may have noticed new “mid-block” pedestrian crossings located in the Township. There are two to help walkers and bikers utilize the new trails—one on Keller Road and one on Willoughby Road near Maple Ridge Cemetery. Two more are located on Cedar Street. One is in the vicinity of Edru Skating Rink, and the other near the Sam Corey Senior Center. Yet another is located on Holt Road near Tamarack Apartments.

These crosswalks allow people using the sidewalk or trail to cross the road in a safe and convenient manner. It is important that all drivers understand that they must stop for any pedestrian either in the crosswalk or approaching it. The pedestrian always has the right-of-way and the driver must yield. As we strive to make Delhi more walkable and continue new phases of the trail system, you’ll see more of these “mid-block” pedestrian crossings. Please be aware of these new crosswalks in the community and drive appropriately.



HOLT COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

Music in the Garden: free family entertainment

This summer, enjoy Music in the Garden, the sixth season of free outdoor concerts presented by the Holt Community Arts Council. Local and nationally renowned musicians will be featured and you can hear big band, bluegrass, funky pop, roots and more!

The concerts will be held every Thursday at 7 p.m. from July 11 through August 1 at Veterans’ Memorial Gardens (behind the Delhi Township Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt). Bring the kids! And while you’re there, shop the Holt Farmers’ Market.

2013 MIG lineup:

July 11 – **J & J Sounds** features local music stalwart **John Dale Smith**, who is known for his work with the Lansing Symphony Big Band. J & J Sounds will entertain with a “little big band” sound.

July 18 – **Joshua Davis** returns to Holt with his original take on American roots music. Perhaps better known as the front man for Steppin’ In It, the singer-songwriter will perform songs from his new CD, *“A Miracle of Birds.”*

July 25 – **Detour** is a critically acclaimed bluegrass sextet that has played popular festivals in Michigan, like Wheatland and Dunegrass, as well as Virginia Public Television’s concert series, *Song of the Mountains*.

August 1 - **Hullabaloo** is a high-energy, 11-member group, featuring a horn section and a fun, eclectic repertoire of pop, funk, and ska that will make you want to dance. The group is an Ann Arbor Summer Festival favorite.

Prevent septic system failure

EMERGENCY! Your septic system just failed. Your basement is flooded with sewage and soapsuds; foul-smelling water is puddled in the yard...and you could have prevented it!

Don't let this happen to you. If you are not on a municipal sewer system, then you have an on-site septic system. A well-maintained septic system protects your investment in your home. If properly maintained, your septic system can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater.

Signs of septic failure:

- ▶ Pooling water or muddy soil around your septic system
- ▶ Water backing up into your basement
- ▶ Your toilet or sink backing up when you flush or do laundry
- ▶ Strips of bright green grass over the drain field



What Can I do?

- ▶ Don't use excess water. Using too much water is the single biggest reason for system malfunction.
- ▶ Don't add additives, they only harm your system.
- ▶ Don't damage it. The septic system is buried just beneath the ground surface and can be damaged if you pave over it, drive over it or park on top of it.

- ▶ Don't direct excess rain water to the area where the septic system is buried. Water from the septic tank travels through the laterals to drain through the soil. If the soil is already wet, the water may back up in your system or pool on the ground. Make sure downspouts and yard drainage are directed to other areas of your yard.

- ▶ Do install risers and inspection ports. Because the system is buried, it is difficult to inspect to check for problems leading to a malfunction. Small inspection ports are easy to install and can allow inspectors to easily check your system.

- ▶ Do get a yearly inspection. An annual inspection of the lateral lines will reveal possible problems.

- ▶ Do check septic tanks for damage every three years and pump out solid material when needed.

Save Money

If your septic system isn't maintained, you will need to replace it, costing you thousands of dollars. And, if you sell your home, your septic system must be in good working order.

Protect the Environment

Proper maintenance of your septic system prevents the spread of infection and disease and protects water resources. Inadequately treated sewage from failed septic systems can cause groundwater contamination, posing a significant threat to drinking water. Improperly treated sewage that contaminates nearby surface waters also increases the chance of swimmers contracting a variety of infectious diseases.

Who do I call?

Consult your local telephone directory or www.septicyellowpages.com. The Septic Yellow Pages provides listings by state for professional septic pumpers, installers, inspectors, and tank manufacturers and will answer simple questions about your septic system.

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean waterways provide recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, and add beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water—and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater clean. For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit www.mywatersheds.org.

Fun stuff!

Updates from Parks & Rec.

Picnic Pavilion Reservations

Reserve one of our many 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 and Winter Sports Registration

Youth soccer and flag football - July 29

Youth floor hockey - September 9

Youth basketball (grades pre-K to 2) - October 14

Youth basketball (grades 3-6) - November 18

Visit the township website at delhitownship.com for complete registration information and mail-in forms. You no longer need to come to the office and wait in line! Just fill out the form, print and mail it with your check.



So much more than books

The Holt-Delhi Branch of the Capital Area District Library has more than just books! The library's many activities include:

- ▶ Movers & Readers Playtime (Ages 1-3)
- ▶ Computer classes for adults
- ▶ Used book sales
- ▶ Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)
- ▶ Book discussions
- ▶ And more!
- ▶ Evening Storytime
- ▶ Magician performance
- ▶ Film Series for adults
- ▶ Crafts

Find all the activities of the Holt-Delhi branch library at cadl.org or call (517) 699-3874.

Join us at the Market

Holt Farmers' Market not only offers the best in locally-grown, locally-prepared foods, it has become a popular community gathering place. We'll see you there!

Saturday Markets

Open through November 16th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thursday Markets

(Veterans Memorial Park only, during 'Music in the Garden')

July 11, July 18, July 25 & August 1, 6:00-8:30 p.m.



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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.

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