

# **NEWSLETTER**

July, 2017

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## HERBISON ROAD REPAVING AND PATHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

As a reminder, the boundaries for the paving portion of the project are from Old US-27 to Turner Road; and, for the new 10-foot wide pathway, the boundaries are from Old US-27 to the Sports Park. The project will be constructed similarly to the 2016 Schavey Road project.

The original plan was to begin construction of the project in June. Unfortunately, because of delays in grant funding, we have not been able to hit that target date. The new timeline for the project is an anticipated start date of late July or early August. Due to the delay in funding, the project will not be completed by the time school begins in the fall. We are currently in discussions with DeWitt Schools to address any transportation issues.

We understand that Herbison Road is a major connector in the Township. Please plan ahead during this upcoming construction season. Last year, we had a few close calls on the Schavey Road project with drivers disregarding signage and safety considerations.

During the summer, plan to avoid this area and take alternative routes around the community as the road will be closed during part of the project. If you live in a subdivision off of Herbison Road, please use an alternative access, even if this increases your commute time.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns during the project, your best contact is Dan Armentrout, Chief Engineer for the Clinton County Road Commission. His number is 989-224-3274.

## **DEWITT TOWNSHIP POLICE/FIRE CITIZEN ACADEMY**

Do you have an interest or curiosity as to what the police and fire service is all about? Then the Police/Fire Citizen Academy is for you. Applications for the fall academy (beginning 9/5/17) can be found on the Township's web site at <a href="https://www.dewitttownship.org">www.dewitttownship.org</a>.

The academy is eight weeks long, meets one day a week, and covers many subjects:

- how to properly use a fire extinguisher and how a fire grows
- how police officers handle a hostile situation
- how a K-9 and handler work together
- > what happens when you call 911

Get these answers and more! Be the one in the know and fill out the application today!

#### FIGHTING CONSUMER FRAUD

It seems that every year the thieves and con artists come up with new ways to cheat Michigan residents out of their hard earned money and personal information. According to the Attorney General's Office, consumer fraud costs Michigan consumers and businesses billions of dollars, and the dramatic growth of the internet provides scammers with a new place to take even more money away from Michigan residents. DeWitt Township residents have made police reports for Identity Theft and Fraud Complaints; and unfortunately, a few have fallen for scams and given out large amounts of money.

Re-occurring Scams: Someone calls and says your grandson is in a foreign country, he got into trouble and you should send money quickly. Don't fall victim to this scam. He is not in a foreign country and he did not get into trouble. You SHOULD NOT send any money anywhere to get him out of jail. Also, if you won something and you have to send money to someone to claim your prize---you didn't win. Hang up.

The Attorney General's Office has 10 tips to help protect you from fraud and they make good sense:

- 1. Wiring money is like sending cash: The sender has no protection.
- 2. Don't agree to deposit a check from someone you don't know and then wire money back, no matter how convincing the story.
- 3. Don't pay an advance fee to a mortgage foreclosure rescue or loan modification company.
- 4. NEVER provide personal information to anyone that calls or emails you out of the blue.
- 5. Don't play a foreign lottery---NO--You didn't WIN.
- 6. Don't send money to someone you don't know.
- 7. Avoid debt elimination schemes.
- 8. There's no such thing as a sure thing.
- 9. Invest in registered securities only through registered professionals.
- 10. During a time of crisis, give to established charities.

For more information, you can check all these tips out by going to the Attorney General's web page, <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/ag">www.michigan.gov/ag</a>. And, did you know, the Attorney General's Office has free programs on Consumer Education? They won't come to your house, but they do speak to civic organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary, as well as churches, businesses, and schools. Here is their contact information:

Department of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division PO Box 30213 Lansing Michigan 48909 Telephone <u>1-877-765-8388</u> (Toll Free) www.michigan.gov/aq

## IF YOU VOTE IN DEWITT TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 1 OR 2, YOUR PRECINCT IS MOVING

Currently, voters who live in Precincts 1 or 2 vote at Herbison Woods School. This summer, every voter in Precinct 1 & 2 will get a new voter card with one or both of the following changes:

- 1) These Precincts will soon be voting at the DeWitt Junior High School, using the south entrance of the building, entering just east of the Administration Offices.
- 2) Some voters in Precinct 1 will be moving to Precinct 2.

Your new voter card, which will arrive in the mail, will show your new Precinct location, and in some cases, your new Precinct number. These changes will affect more than 3,200 DeWitt Township voters. The changes are being made for several reasons. Although Herbison Woods School has served DeWitt Township voters well for 30 years, the location does not allow us to sequester voters from students, and the security of the students is of utmost

importance. Also, busses have been challenged to drop off and pick up students on Election Day when the parking lot can be full at Herbison Woods. If you have been voting at Herbison Woods, you have noticed that due to growth, Precinct 1 is now much larger than Precinct 2. Along with the relocation of the Precincts, we are moving some voters from Precinct 1 into Precinct 2 in an attempt to provide more equality in the number of voters. Election law dictates specifics about Precinct boundaries; however, the proposed changes should provide some relief to lines you might have experienced in Precinct 1 during large elections.

In summary, if you voted at Herbison Woods, you will now be voting just across Pride Drive at the south entrance (Administration Wing) of the DeWitt Junior High School. You may also be voting in Precinct 2 instead of Precinct 1. Check the Precinct number on your new voter card when it arrives within the next 90 days. On Election Day (not currently scheduled until August of 2018), both locations will be marked with signage and a large "VOTE HERE" sign will be visible at the entrance of the new voting location.

#### PEDDLERS & SOLICITORS IN DEWITT TOWNSHIP

The Township regulates most peddlers or solicitors who come to your door. Applicants are screened with criminal history background checks and vehicles used within the community are documented. If a peddler or solicitor comes to your door, and you decide to answer your door, always ask to see a Peddlers/Solicitors Permit, issued by the Township. If the person at your door has no permit, politely tell them you are not interested in their product/issue and close and lock your door. Do not be confrontational. Then call 911 to report this activity. Never let a stranger into your home, and always report suspicious activity to the police by calling 911. Children fundraising, political activity, and religious affiliation door-to-door activity is exempt from Township Ordinance.

NEW: We now have active permits listed on our website's (www.dewitttownship.org) home page under News. You can check to see which vendors/solicitors have an active permit.

#### FIREFIGHTER COMMITMENT

What does it take to become a DeWitt Township Firefighter/Medical First Responder?

Becoming a Firefighter starts with six months of fire school. The classes are generally held Monday and Thursday nights as well as every other Saturday; and, 170 hours of training is required. The next three months consist of Emergency Medical Responder training. A minimum of 60 hours of training is required.

After you become a Firefighter and Medical Responder, time is not just spent on responding to fires or medical calls. A significant amount of training continues every year. Additionally, our firefighters attend many community functions and provide education opportunities within the DeWitt area.

Most of our Firefighters work another traditional job in addition to their work here at the Township. In 2016, the Fire Department responded to 1,343 calls for service. Not surprising, this makes the DeWitt Township Fire Department the busiest fire department in Clinton County.

It is truly a commitment to the Township and the community to be one of the approximately 30 paid-on-call staff that provides medical aid and firefighting skills to assist in a time of need. We appreciate everything they do!

#### **NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE**

With the mowing season in full swing, the Township would like to draw your attention to our Noxious Weed Ordinance. If the weeds and/or grass reach 8" in height, the Township may issue a non-compliance letter to the property owner, who has 10 days to comply. If a property owner fails to comply, the lawn will be cut by the Township at the property owner's expense.

Residents may file a complaint regarding unmowed weeds and grass by calling the Township's Building Department at 517-668-0278.



#### MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE UPDATE



In the past, one inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle could be parked, kept or stored outside of an enclosed structure. The new amended language adopted by the Township Board last March now states that inoperative, dismantled or unlicensed motor vehicles shall be stored inside of a completely enclosed structure.

As a reminder, automobiles, RVs, and/or other operating motor vehicles shall not be parked within the public road right-of-way for more than five (5) days during a one (1) month period.

Residents may file a complaint regarding motor vehicles by calling the Township's Building Department at 517-668-0278.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT INFORMATION

All building and trade permits for the Township are processed directly through the Township's Building Department. Permit applications can be obtained in person at the Township Hall or on our website at <a href="http://www.dewitttownship.org/DocumentsForms.aspx">http://www.dewitttownship.org/DocumentsForms.aspx</a>. Please do not perform a google search for the forms. A google search will bring up an outdated form and it is extremely important to submit a current form so as not to delay the processing of the permit. If you are unsure about whether or not you have an up-to-date application, please contact the Building Department at 517-668-0278.

In addition to building and trade permit applications, there are links to specification sheets on our website that should be used for building projects such as decks, pole barns and residential additions. Please contact the Building Department should you have any questions about what forms are required when applying for a building permit.

#### **HERBISON WOODS EARNS STATE HONOR**



Herbison Woods has become the first school in Clinton County history to receive the Michigan Green School Award for their dedication in environmental stewardship. To qualify, schools must earn points for various environmentally friendly activities during the school year. Led by science teacher Kari Roy, the students easily surpassed the 10 point requirement, earning 20 points and the highest Green School Award designation of "Evergreen Status" for their dedication to their school and community during the 2016

- 2017 academic school year. Highlights of their effort include expanding school

recycling, starting a student run vegetable garden, raising Chinook salmon, maintaining the DeWitt Nature Center, and hosting environmental speakers.

To view more pictures and a complete list of the activities the students accomplished, visit <a href="https://www.clinton-county.org/536/Michigan-Green-Schools">https://www.clinton-county.org/536/Michigan-Green-Schools</a>.



#### **UPDATING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

In June, the assessing office staff began visiting commercial properties to verify property records and to take new digital photographs. The last commercial photos were taken in 2010. After updating the commercial photos, assessing staff will begin visiting various residential neighborhoods to also update records and photos. There are approximately 5,100 residential parcels so the project is an on-going process that occurs over the summer months, weather permitting. Assessing staff will be driving a Ford Taurus with the Township's logo on each door and will always carry photo ID that identifies them as Township employees.

## SIGN PERMITS AND WHEN THEY ARE REQUIRED

DeWitt Township regulates signage under the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The intent and purpose of regulating signs is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by establishing reasonable standards for the design, placement, size, and maintenance of all exterior signs and sign structures.

DeWitt Township requires a sign permit any time a sign or sign structure is erected, replaced, structurally altered, enlarged, illuminated, changed, or relocated unless specifically exempted under the Ordinance requirements. Examples of exempted signage includes: signs located in the interior of buildings, community oriented events,

historical markers, and agricultural seed/fertilizer advertising signs on farms. For a complete list of exemptions, please stop by the Planning Department or visit us online at <a href="www.dewitttownship.org">www.dewitttownship.org</a> and navigate to the Planning Department's webpage. The Zoning Ordinance is located in Chapter 42 of the Codified Ordinance and Sign regulations are listed under Article VIII.

The Township also permits temporary signs, such as feather banners for a period of 30 days and are renewable up to 3 times per year provided certain conditions are met. Signs that are placed within the road right-of-way are not permitted and will be removed by the Township.



If you are thinking about putting up a sign, please contact the Township's Planning Department at 517-669-6576 to ensure that your signage complies with the Township's requirements.

#### ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND FENCE PERMITS

DeWitt Township regulates accessory structures (e.g. storage sheds) and fences under the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Building Codes. The intent and purpose of regulating accessory structures and fences is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by establishing reasonable standards for the design, placement, size, and maintenance of all accessory structures and fences.

Building permits are required for the construction of all residential accessory structures in excess of 200 square feet and fences in excess of 7 feet in height. Residential accessory structures must be setback at least 5 feet from the side and rear property lines, and meet the front setback requirement for the Zoning District where the property is located. In addition, if an accessory structure is located closer to the road right-of-way than the principal structure, it must be constructed of similar materials as the principal structure it is accessory to.

Fences placed in a front yard closer to the road right-of-way than the principle structure shall be decorative in nature. However, privacy fencing shall be permitted closer to the road right-of-way than the principle structure in the following circumstances:

- 1. For corner lots, privacy fencing shall only be permitted to encroach in a front yard area that is located opposite from the primary building entrance along secondary street frontage.
  - a. Privacy fencing shall not extend beyond the front of the home where the primary building entrance is located.
  - b. Privacy fencing shall meet the minimum front yard setback from the secondary street front lot line
- 2. For through lots, privacy fencing shall be permitted in the yard area with secondary street frontage. Secondary street frontage shall be opposite from the designated front lot line and be considered a rear lot line.

If you are thinking about constructing an accessory structure or installing a fence, even though a permit may not be required, please contact the Township's Planning Department at 517-669-6576 to ensure that the accessory structure or fence complies with the Township's requirements.

Just a reminder - in Clinton County, 911 is for both emergency and non-emergency calls.

## **DEWITT DISTRICT LIBRARY (DDL) NEW SERVICES AND EVENTS**

#### **DDL Hotspots**

Library cardholders who are 18 years of age or older can now check out the Internet from the DeWitt District Library and take it anywhere! The DDL Hotspot is an easy-to-use, mobile hotspot, that keeps your wifi enabled devices connected to the internet and it's FREE with your library card.

#### **Reserve the Woodruff Annex**

The DeWitt District Library is now accepting reservations for the use of our meeting room. The Woodruff Annex provides an opportunity for bringing together resources of the library and the activities of the community for educational, cultural, civic, and charitable purposes.

The Annex meeting space is approximately 750 square feet and can accommodate up to 50 people depending upon room set-up. The room includes an LCD projector and screen, sound system, and 6' folding tables and chairs.

The Annex meeting room is available to any individual, group, or organization with an active DDL card that is in good standing. Visit our website

(www.dewittlibrary.org) for more information about the Annex fee schedule and reservation policy.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Family Magic with Jason Abbott -Monday, July 10th @ 11:00 am

A full 45 minute action-packed, family magic show - entertaining for all ages. Registration is required.

#### Wildlife Safari - Tuesday, August 1st @ 10:30 am

Guests will see and touch creatures both great and small from around the world through this special adventure story presentation like no other. Registration is required.

Contact the DeWitt District Library at 517-669-3156 or visit <a href="www.dewittlibrary.org">www.dewittlibrary.org</a> to learn more about library programs and services. The library is located at 13101 Schavey Rd. in DeWitt next to the Schavey Road Shopping Center.

#### **DEWITT AREA CHAMBER UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Annual Classic Car Cruise-In and Art Fair at Riverside Park, downtown DeWitt, Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Art Fair will be from 3-8 pm and the Classic Car Cruise-In from 5-8 pm. The first 100 car participants will receive a free goody bag and event t-shirt. Pre-registration is not required. The evening will include beautiful cars, awesome handcrafted items, entertainment by the Exit 86 Band, food concessions by Family Tree Café, and a 50/50 raffle. Come to the park and participate in the fun! Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Chamber Office at 517-624-2953.

The DeWitt Chamber is also hosting a trip to Comerica Park, Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at which time the Detroit Tigers will be playing the Houston Astros. Tickets are \$60 per person and include luxury bus transportation, ticket to the game, and a box lunch on the bus. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber Office located at 113 S. Bridge Street, DeWitt.

#### **GUNNISONVILLE COMMUNITY HISTORY & CEMETERY WALK EVENT**

Gunnisonville was established in 1835 when Elihu Gunnison first settled near the four corners of Wood and Clark Roads in DeWitt Township. This was two years before Michigan officially became a state! Gunnisonville once boasted a post office, general store and band shell, along with the church and school which still stand today. Come learn more about the historic Gunnisonville Community. There will be an Open House on August 12<sup>th</sup> in the 129 year old Gunnisonville United Methodist Church on the corner of Wood and Clark Roads. The event will begin at 1:00 pm in the barrier free Fellowship Hall. Local historians will be on hand to discuss events and the history of the community. There will be a cemetery tour in the Gunnisonville Cemetery that will focus on Gunnisonville's early history. Refreshments will be available. Event sponsored by the Gunnisonville United Methodist Church and Gunnisonville Historical Community Preservation.

#### DARA RECREATION NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) is located at the DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906. Information regarding any event or program can be obtained by calling the DARA office at 517-482-5117. You may register for programs in person at the DARA office, the DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt) or DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main Street, DeWitt).

Program Name	Actual Dates	Time of Program Operation	Registration Dates	Age or Grade	Cost (Res/Non-Res)
Summer Fun Club & Double Digit Day Camp	6/12-9/1 (12 weeks)	7:30 am – 5:30 pm	Begins 4/3 & open until full	5-9 yrs. 10-14 Yrs.	\$115/res per week \$130/non-res per week
Adult Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun Ongoing	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Drop in	18 yrs. & Up	\$2 per visit
Coed Softball (Sunday nights) & Men's Softball (Monday nights)	Coed: 8/13-9/17 No games on 9/3 Men's: 8/14-9/18 No games on 9/4	Coed: 4:00-6:00 pm (times vary) Men's: 6:00-8:00 pm (times vary)	7/7-8/7	Coed: 16 yrs. & up Men's: 18 yrs. & up	\$240 team fee + Ump Fee+ Individual Player Fees: \$5 res/\$20 non-res
4v4 Basketball	9/12-11/7	6:45-10:00 pm (times vary)	7/22-9/4	18 yrs. & up	\$100 team fee + \$10 Ref Fee per game + Individual Player Fees:\$5 res/\$20 non-res
Little Kickers Soccer League	9/9-10/14	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	4 years old	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
Kindergarten Soccer League	9/9-10/14	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	Kindergarten	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
1st Grade Soccer League	9/9-10/14	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	\$34/res;\$49/non-res
2nd-3rd Grade Soccer League	9/9-10/14	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	\$40/res;\$55/non-res
K & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Flag Football League	9/9-10/14	1:00 pm-5:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Flag Football League	9/9-10/14	1:00 pm-5:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Flag Football League	9/9-10/14	1:00 pm-5:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
Spirit Squad	9/9-10/14	1:00 pm-5:00 pm (time varies)	7/22-8/20	K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
Sports Starter	10/21-12/2	10:00 am (3 year olds) 11:00 am (4 & 5 year olds)	9/1-9/29	3-5 yrs.	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Leagues	11/14-12/19	5:30-7:30 pm (time varies)	10/3-10/24	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
Basketball University (2 sessions)	Session 1: 9/7-10/5 (no class 9/14) Session 2: 10/12-11/2	5:45-6:45 pm (1st &2nd grade) 6:45-7:45 pm (3rd-7th grade)	Session 1: 8/3-8/31 Session 2: 9/7-10/5	1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$35
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball League	10/21-12/2 No games 11/25	9:00 am-1:00 pm	9/1-9/29	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball League	10/21-12/9 No games 11/25	9:00 am-1:00 pm	9/1-9/29	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$50/res; \$65/non-res
Drop Your Kids Off	9/15, 10/13, 11/17	6:00-11:00 pm	Registration due one week before event	4-12 yrs.	\$15/child; \$10/each additional child
Preschool Science	10/5-10/26	9:15-10:00 am and 6:30-7:15 pm	9/1-9/25	2-5 yrs.	\$25/res; \$40/non-res
Preschool Cooking	11/2-11/30 No class 11/23	9:15-10:00 am and 6:30-7:15 pm	10/1-10/23	2-5 yrs.	\$25/res; \$40/non-res
Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt	10/17	6:00-7:30 pm	9/1-10/10	3-10 yrs.	\$5/res; \$10/non-res
Haunted Halloween Tour	10/20	7:00 pm-12:00 am	9/1-10/16	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$45

DARA Mission: DARA promotes community and quality of life through leisure services provided for the residents of the DeWitt Area. You can register for most DARA programs online by visiting their website at <a href="www.dewittrecreation.org">www.dewittrecreation.org</a>. DARA accepts Visa and MasterCard payments for online registrations. You may also print a registration form by clicking on the newsletter link from the home page and then mail it with payment to 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820. Follow DARA on Facebook at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/dararecreation">http://www.facebook.com/dararecreation</a> to receive the most up to date information.

**DEWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP 1401 W HERBISON ROAD DEWITT MI 48820-7900** 

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#### TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

#### **NEWS BITES**

TRASH DUMPING - Please make sure that you dispose of your unwanted items properly. If you have unwanted items, contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management (517-224-5186) for options. Do not throw it on the side of the road.

MERCURY HEALTH THERMOMETER EXCHANGE - The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management accepts old mercury health thermometers year round at their office located at 1307 E. Townsend Road, Suite 102 in St. Johns (MMDHD Building). Residents are encouraged to transport their old mercury thermometers in a plastic Ziploc baggie. The DWM will exchange your old mercury health thermometer for a new digital thermometer. You can also drop off your mercury thermometers at the Township Hall Clerk's Office and exchange it for a digital one. Limit one digital thermometer per person.

PUBLICATIONS - DeWitt Charter Township publishes legal notices in the DeWitt-Bath Review. Occasionally, when a weekly publication is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the law, the Lansing State Journal is utilized for a publication. Legal notices, such as a Notice of Public Hearing, can also be found on the Township's website www.dewitttownship.org.

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GUNNISONVILLE AND HURD CEMETERIES can be found on the Townshio's website at www.dewitttownship.org under the Clerk's Department. If you plan to do any planting or "sprucing up" of your cemetery plot, it is a good idea to first refer to these rules and regulations. Every year someone spends hours putting down mulch and edging, only to find out that something they have done is not allowed and must be removed. Checking the rules and regulations prior to working in the cemetery can save you time, money and heartache.

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY** - In an effort to increase transparency and accountability, the Township has created a number of systems and documents that are designed to visually review the status of our government. It is intended to help the user quickly evaluate key indicators. Over time, it helps citizens, business owners, staff, and elected officials measure and monitor the overall health and direction of our local government. These documents can be found on the Township's website at www.dewitttownship.org/OurDepartmentsServices/ManagersOffice/TownshipFinances.

**COMMUNITY INPUT -** If there is an issue/topic you would like us to address in future Newsletters and/or the E-News, contact the Manager's Office at 517-668-0270 with your request.

PROTECT OUR WATERSHED - There are many ways to ensure that the Looking Glass and Grand River watersheds are free of pollutants. One of the easiest is to use phosphorus free fertilizer. For more tips and information, visit http://www.mvwatersheds.org.

**TOWNSHIP E-NEWS** – You can sign up to receive the Township's E-News which provides monthly Township and community news. Register your e-mail address at www.dewitttownship.org.

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