



**Saturday, August 17, 2019**

### **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lovells Bridge Walk!**

Please join us for the famous Lovells Bridge Walk at the F-97 & C.R. 612 Crossroads! Begin your day with the Firemen's Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 AM under the pavilion at the Township Hall. This year our friends, Rick & Terry Wright, at Kellogg's Bridge Grocery are generously donating the breakfast foods.

Around 11:30 AM ride the bus to "downtown" Lovells for the Parade and Bridge Walk commencing at noon. After the Bridge Walk, our friends John & Joan Petroff, owners of Dead Bear Brewing Co., have generously agreed to sponsor the Community Luncheon again! They will also be passing out discount tickets to their restaurant.

A five dollar suggested donation will be collected at both the breakfast and the luncheon with proceeds benefiting the Lovells Fire/EMS Department. You may bring a dessert to share at lunch.

There will be two 50/50 drawings (one at breakfast and one at lunch). **Save those raffle tickets after the cash payout** as they will also be **used to award prizes throughout the festivities**. Don't forget to check out the "Silent Auction" with proceeds from the drawings and the auction supporting our volunteer Fire/EMS Department.

Commerative hats and t-shirts will be for sale prior to the event at Kellogg's Bridge Grocery, Caid's Country Store, or Lovells Home Center and also the day of the event at the information booth.

Cheerful Givers will have delicious bake goods and handmade quilts available for sale in the Town Hall, and there will be children's games after the Bridge Walk on the Township Grounds.

*Cynthia Infante-Inman & Denny Inman, Bridge Walk Co-Chairs*



## **Permitting Within Crawford County & Lovells Twp.**

**Gary Neumann, Lovells Township Supervisor**

A question that I frequently get asked at the Township Hall is "What kind of permit do I need to build a .....?" Unfortunately, there is often no simple or singular answer to this question. However, the following should take some of the mystery out of this topic while providing you with a basic understanding of the permitting process.

Lovells Township exercises zoning authority within the township. This function is the responsibility of our Zoning Administrator, Dale Gauthier Jr.: 989-348-7301 or [lovellszoning@gmail.com](mailto:lovellszoning@gmail.com). In accomplishing his duties Dale Jr. follows the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance (LTZO). Generally speaking, Dale Jr. is the place to start, regardless of the project you have in mind or the location of that project. At times it gets complicated because regulations differ based upon the zoning (Greenbelt, Residential, Commercial, etc.) of the parcel where the project is to be accomplished. Dale Jr. often meets with the parcel owner at the parcel, and once he is satisfied that the project meets the requirements of the LTZO he will issue the parcel owner a zoning permit. The current fee for a zoning permit is \$20. It is an important permit because the county will not issue a building permit for work in Lovells Township unless Dale Jr. has issued a zoning permit for the construction.

Crawford County exercises control of general construction throughout the county. Paul Olmstead (989-344-3233 or [palmstead@crawfordco.org](mailto:palmstead@crawfordco.org)) is the county official responsible for this function and his office is in the basement of the county building in Grayling (202 W. Michigan Ave.). Paul is the individual who issues building permits, soil and erosion control permits, and demolition permits. Crawford County permit fees are generally determined by the size of the project, and they will be significantly higher than a Lovells Township zoning permit.

District Health Department 10 (DHD10) exercises control over wells and septic systems within Crawford County. DHD10 is located (501 Norway St.) in Grayling and their phone is 989-348-7800. Arriving at DHD10 with a building permit from Paul Olmstead will, after paying the required fee, get you a permit for a well, a septic system, or both. Again, expect the permit fee to be significantly higher than a Lovells zoning permit. Their main concern with wells is the isolation distance of the well from things like a septic tank or drain field, a dry well, or a sewer line.

Regarding docks on rivers and streams in Lovells Township. No more than one dock per parcel is allowed, and it can be no more than 12 feet in length and 4 feet in width, and it can't extend more than four feet over the water.

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If there is any placement of a dock in a designated "natural river" (such as the North Branch of the Au Sable) a permit will be required from the MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division. The point of contact at EGLE is Matt Kleitch (989-619-2443 or [kleitchm@michigan.gov](mailto:kleitchm@michigan.gov)) and it would be wise to contact him when ANY kind of construction planned in or over the waters of a "natural river".

In closing, feel free to call or email Lovells Township if you have questions that are not answered above. We are also always happy to provide sections of the LTZO should you desire, for example, to become more familiar with the restrictions in a specific zoning category, such as the Greenbelt Zone.

### **IMPORTANT News from our Fire Chief...**



**Lovells's Township Fire and EMS**

**Department will be installing, free of**

**charge, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and will complete a Firewise® inspection. If interested please leave a message with Fire Chief**

**Gary Lewicki at 989-889-9020 .**



### **From Your Planning Commission...**

Lovells Township Planning Commission thanks Melanie Cragg for her years of service and welcomes Jim Shiflett to the team!

Also, your Planning Commission has received several applications for Special Use Permits regarding Short-Term Rentals. If you are renting your home for less than 30 days, you must apply for a Special Use Permit through the PC.

Thanks,

***Working for you and our township...***

***Denny Inman-PC Chair***

### **Generous Donation-LED Lighting!**

Special thanks to Lovells Resident, John Petroff, and crew for their generous donation of new LED lighting in the Township Hall and the Fire Barn this past January! John and his crew, Jerry Dickenson and Bill Chouina, donated their time and labor too! We noticed immediately a BIG drop in our electric bills....saving our taxpayers money. When you see John, Jerry, and Bill about town, please thank them for their generous donation!

# Inside Lovells Township

## **Hello Fellow Lovells Township Taxpayer,**

Over the past 18 months your township board has discussed the possibility of creating an access site to the North Branch of the Au Sable River. The site would be on state owned land at the NW end of the Lovells Bridge on County Road 612 (CR 612). It would consist of a graveled parking area for a dozen vehicles with a hard surface foot path to the river.

Your board has also been adamant that no township funds should be spent on this project. Consequently, last March an application was made to the MI Natural Resources Trust Fund for a grant to completely pay for the access site. Sometime late this fall we will learn if the application is successful.

There are two major reasons your board believes that an access site at this location would be a major plus for the township. The first is the safety of the river users who now access the river along the right of way of CR 612 at the bridge. Since there is only shoulder of the road parking and CR 612 is a major artery for all types of traffic, the historical way of accessing the river at the NE end of the bridge is simply an accident waiting to happen. Secondly, the proposed access site would eliminate a perennial pollution issue at the location where river access has historically been made at the NE end of the bridge.

Your township board is sincerely interested in YOUR opinion of the proposed access site. Below this article you'll find a short survey. Please complete it, and return the survey with your summer tax bill payment. Many thanks, from your township board, for doing so! Of course, if you have questions about the access don't hesitate to call or email the township.

☐ **YES** With no township funds being spent and major improvements to the safety of river users and to the health of the river, I support an access site that would provide for off the road parking and a foot path to the river.

☐ **NO** I do not support the creation of a access site at the Lovells Bridge over the North Branch.

## *A Message from Your County Commissioner...*

Thank you for electing me as YOUR commissioner. I am humbled and honored to be YOUR voice at the table. I will work diligently with fellow board members and department heads to meet public needs, enhance services and enable tax savings to YOU. I am dedicated, determined and responsible.

*Sherry Powers-*

District 6 County Commissioner

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## **News from Lovells Twp. Historical Society:**

The permanent 'Art Neumann Rod Shop' was built and installed over the past winter in the Trout Fishing Museum of the Lovells Township Historical Society. The effort was funded by over 50 contributors and led by LTHS board members Richard Perry and Steve Johnson, with considerable volunteer help from Eric Bankhead, Tom McKinney, Roger Popp, John Porteous, and Jim Shiflett. Thanks to Schreiber Construction for building the shell, Milltown Electric for wiring, and Bob Bumgardner for preliminary plans.



Come visit Art in his Rod Shop this summer, the museums are open 11am – 4pm Fridays and Saturdays through Sep-

## *Just a Reminder...*

We do not accept building materials at our transfer station, those items need to be taken to the landfill on Sherman Rd. We don't have curbside pickup, so please don't place furniture or other items along the road, large item tickets can be purchased at the township hall or the store for \$5.00. And, as always, the transfer station attendant has the right to refuse to accept something you may want to put into compactor for any number of reasons.



## **Lovells Township**

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## **Township Board Meetings**

Held at the Township Hall Every Second Tuesday of Each Month at 10 AM

## **Lovells Township Reading and Media Room**

Hours Tue-Thur 9am-3pm

Phone: (989) 348-9215

## **Township Board:**

Supervisor: Gary Neumann

Clerk: Cynthia Infante-Inman

Treasurer: Ann Duby

Trustee: Cheryl Hopp

Trustee: Heather Lovell

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Assessor: Jamie Houserman [lovells.assessor@yahoo.com](mailto:lovells.assessor@yahoo.com)

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Zoning Enforcement: Ron Tallieu (989) 889-0228

Liquor Inspector: Ben Duby (989) 348-3501

Fire Chief: Gary Lewicki 989 348-1621

**FOR EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911 FIRST!!!**

## **Commissions & Other Boards**

### **Planning Commission**

Chair: Denny Inman

Vice Chair: Tamara Kengel

Secretary: Sally Brand

Member: Jim Shiflett

Ex-Officio: Cynthia Infante-Inman

**\* NEW! District 6 County Commissioner**

**Sherry Powers: [spowers@crawfordco.org](mailto:spowers@crawfordco.org)**

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Richard Perry (Chair)

Sally Brand

Darby Kuenzel (Alternate)

Steve Johnson (Alternate)

Gary Neumann

(Secretary & Ex-Officio)

### **Board of Review**

Dale Gauthier Jr.

Tamara Kengel

Denise Long

Gary Neumann (Secretary)

Martin (Marty) Pawlowski

(Alternate)