



# Newsletter

## August 2020

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### Township Calendar

Primary Election.....	Aug 4 – 7:00 a.m.
Board of Trustees.....	Aug 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Aug 10 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Aug 11 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Aug 17 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board.....	Aug 18 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Aug 24 – 7:00 p.m.
Labor Day.....	Sep 7 – Twp Closed
Board of Trustees.....	Sep 8 – 7:00 p.m.
DDA.....	Sep 9 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Sep 14 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Rec Board.....	Sep 15 – 7:00 p.m.
ZBA.....	Sep 21 – 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission.....	Sep 28 – 7:00 p.m.

**Per Executive Order #2020-154, all public meetings are currently being held electronically in response to health and safety concerns associated with COVID-19.**

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## Election Day



The Primary Election is Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

### **Voting in Person:**

There are three different ways to find your precinct location:

1. Go to the Voter Information Page on our website (<http://www.lyontwp.org/vote>) and view the Precinct map (one of the Election Documents at the bottom of the page).
2. Go to <http://michigan.gov/vote> and search for your voter information, which will include your precinct location. This link will also allow you to check if you are registered.
3. Call our Clerk's Office at 248-437-2240.

### **Voting Absentee:**

The Clerk's Office is open on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. This is the last day that a ballot can leave the office. You must complete an application to receive a ballot and provide photo ID for your ballot to be issued. You can only pick up your own ballot; each member of your household wishing to vote absentee must get their own ballot.

You may also come into the office on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and vote an absentee ballot until 4:00 p.m. You must vote the ballot in the office. Please be advised that due to social distancing, we need to limit the amount of people in the office and voting at the same time, so there may be a wait.

If you have an absentee ballot that you need to turn in, please make sure it is signed, dated, and sealed and return it to the Clerk's Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>). We are located at 58000 Grand River Avenue in New Hudson. You can bring it into the office or place it in the drop box on the circle drive in front of the building by the flagpole.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Clerk's Office by calling 248-437-2240.

## Show Your Love for Lyon Campaign



In an effort to support our local small business owners, the Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority, in cooperation with the City of South Lyon Downtown Development Authority and the Kensington Valley Chamber of Commerce, have developed a marketing and promotions campaign that brings attention to the importance of shopping and dining locally, especially as our business owners work to recover and manage through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The “Show Your Love for Lyon” campaign will include placement of feather flags along the sidewalk in the downtown and commercial area of both communities with alternating colors of teal and yellow that read “Dine Local” and “Shop Local,” as well as the placement of banners on select streetlight poles. The plan is to create a festive atmosphere and remind people to

support local businesses. In addition, yard signs and “Shopped Local” and “Dined Local” stickers will be distributed to businesses to help spread the campaign message.

Business owners are encouraged to use the “Show Your Love for Lyon” slogan, and both businesses and customers can post photos of the slogan to their social media pages and use the **#showyourloveforlyon** hashtag whenever shopping or dining at one of our local retailers and restaurants, as well as the “check-in” feature on local business Facebook pages to share photos.

For more information, please contact our Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority Coordinator, Tina Archer, at [carcher@lyontwp.org](mailto:carcher@lyontwp.org).



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Retirement for John Bell



John Bell first retired from Ford Motor Company where he traveled the world visiting manufacturing and assembly plants, addressing quality control issues. Now, he is retiring from his activities at Lyon Township.

John has announced that he will be stepping down from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board where he has served since its inception and where he has been the Vice Chairperson. In addition to filling that position, John has been a volunteer with Lyon Township for over 20 years.

On September 8, 1980, the Lyon Township Board of Trustees appointed John to the Planning Commission. While serving on the Planning Commission, John would produce the Commission's year-end report. On February 21, 1995, he was elected Planning Commission Vice Chairperson. Bell held that position until October 1, 1998. He was also a member of the Cable TV Committee, the Library Board, and the Park Commission. He was appointed to the DDA on January 5, 2009 where he served until announcing his retirement this year. On August 13, 2013, the DDA appointed Bell to serve as the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. In April of 2015, John was honored by the local chamber of commerce with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

John is the founder of the Annual Lyon Township Kite Festival, which was first held in 2009. He has also been instrumental in planning a number of other Township events and festivals over the years, such as Summerfest and Winterfest. He is also a founding member of the Lyon Events Organization (LEO), where he served as the Secretary and worked to establish the group as a non-profit organization. He is also a member of the AmVets organization and has been instrumental in helping to establish a Southern Command at Abbey Park, where he was in charge of identifying speakers to come and present to the group of veterans.

John proudly served in the Navy during the Korean War. He has always been a man of great ideas and action and has spent many 40-hour work weeks volunteering at the Township. One of John's greatest accomplishments was co-authoring the Lyon Township history book. He is known as our local historian and preservationist and has made numerous presentations to Township clubs and groups interested in learning more about the history of our community.

There are no words that can fully express Lyon Township's gratitude for having had someone as extraordinary as John Bell help to shape the Township into the wonderful community it is today. Thank you, John! We wish you nothing but the best!



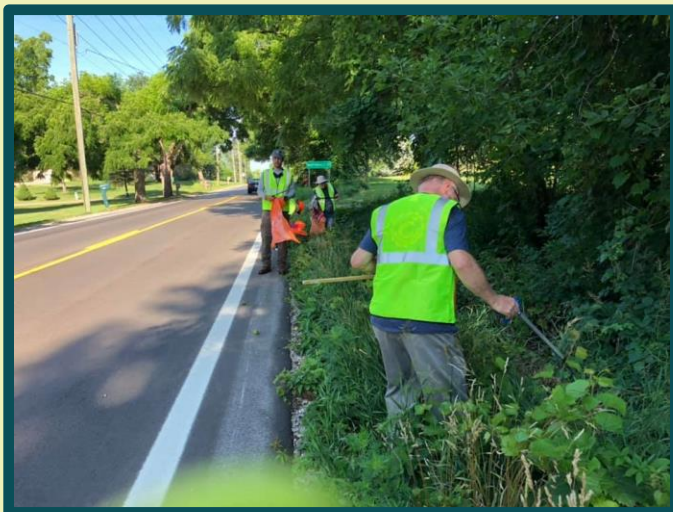
*Photos by Jane Purslow*

## Local MDOT Adopt-A-Highway Clean Ups



Lyon Township would like to recognize and thank the **Kensington Valley Citivan Club** and Oakland County Commissioner **Phil Weipert** for their clean-up efforts made in conjunction with MDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program. The Kensington Valley Citivan Club cleaned up a 2 mile stretch of Pontiac Trail. Phil Weipert cleaned up a 2 mile stretch of I-96.

Thank you for helping keep our community beautiful! Your efforts are appreciated by all.



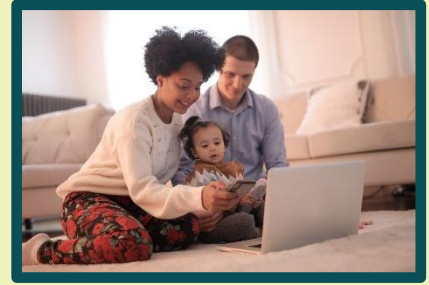
# Lyon Township Public Library

## Library News and Information



### August at the Lyon Township Public Library

All library events are virtual, conducted through Zoom online (unless otherwise noted) and require registration through the online calendar at: <https://www.lyon.lib.mi.us/ltpl-calendar-of-events>.



## Upcoming Events



### LIVE Toddler and Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (August dates: 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup> only)

Join Ms. Jocelyn or Ms. Melissa for stories, songs, and lots of fun! This program is designed to encourage a love of language, learning, and reading while practicing listening. For children ages 1-6 and their families. Register to join the live sessions at <https://www.lyon.lib.mi.us/ltpl-calendar-of-events>.



You can also watch previous storytimes:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEn6k2D9x4AqBmvNuRy8ajQ>

(we are slowly adding closed captioning to all of your videos on YouTube.)



### Virtual Tech Help - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. (by appointment only)

While the library is closed, we will still be providing virtual technical support services via Zoom. We can provide assistance to access or learn how to use our electronic resources, or with another technology need. Please review the available slots on the library's event calendar (<https://www.lyon.lib.mi.us/ltpl-calendar-of-events>) and click on the link to sign up. You will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link for your session. You will need to be registered for a free Zoom account prior to your session. If you would like to schedule an appointment at a different time, please email [mdixon@lyon.lib.mi.us](mailto:mdixon@lyon.lib.mi.us).



### Virtual Genealogy Help - Thursdays at 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., & 2:00 p.m. (by appointment only)

While the library is closed, we will still be providing virtual genealogical support services via Zoom. We can provide assistance with genealogy research and using genealogy websites. Please review the available slots on the library's event calendar (<https://www.lyon.lib.mi.us/ltpl-calendar-of-events>) and click on the link to sign up. You will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link for your session. You will need to be registered for a free Zoom account prior to your session. If you would like to schedule an appointment at a different time, please email [ccottone@lyon.lib.mi.us](mailto:ccottone@lyon.lib.mi.us).



### Seed Saving with Ben Cohen – Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

<https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6854251>




### Virtual Books & Brews Book Club – Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a virtual book discussion! This month, we are reading *Bearskin* by James McLaughlin. The book is available as an ebook from Hoopla and in ebook and audiobook from OverDrive. Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/5714474>.




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 **LIVE Virtual Origami – Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**


Join us for a step-by-step tutorial of origami! We will do 3 different folds, if there is enough time: tissue holder, flower, and maybe a Star Wars-themed fold! Origami paper and guides will be available as Grab & Go kits (as supplies last) for curbside pickup. Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6788867>.



 **Author & Illustrator Visit with Ryan Estrada & Hyun Sook Kim – Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**


Join the married authors of *Banned Book Club*, a brand new graphic novel that tells the story of Hyun Sook's years as a South Korean college student under the brutal military regime of the early 1980s. She was thrilled to be invited to a student reading club by the school's cute newspaper editor, but it soon led to being forced into hiding under threat of arrest or worse by the repressive government at war with the freedom to read just about anything. Ryan and Hyun Sook will be telling us all about the process of writing the book and answering any questions that you have. This program is geared towards teens and adults. Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6779443>.



 **Paint your Favorite MI College or Pro Sports Team Logo (or your initials) – Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**


Show your team spirit through art! The library will supply everything you need to have a great time. No experience required! Kits will be made available to the first 15 registrants who request them by email, for curbside pickup starting the week before class. Please include the name of your favorite sports team that you would like to paint! Katie will create a template for you to use during the class. Email [krothley@lyon.lib.mi.us](mailto:krothley@lyon.lib.mi.us) to request a kit and include your sports logo or initials, as you'd like to paint them. Please use, "Sports Logo and Painting Kit request" as your subject header in the email. Don't worry if you've already registered, Katie will send out an email to confirm. Please register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6383251>.



 **Young Writers Club Zoom – Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

Calling all young aspiring authors! Join other young wordsmiths in the library's Young Writers Club! They will help you get started writing and keep you motivated with games, writing prompts, tips, and tricks. Write with your peers, have them review your work, and meet other young writers. Come for just one session, or all three summer sessions. For entering 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6779488>.



 **Joe & Rose Kennedy: Origins of the Dynasty, an Interactive Presentation – Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**


Joe and Rose Kennedy raised one of the most significant families in U.S. history. Their nine children included a President, two U.S. Senators, an Ambassador to Japan, and the founder of the Special Olympics. Go back to 1961 and interact with Joe and Rose Kennedy. Learn how they raised their family, accumulated wealth, and inspired their descendants to choose lives of public service. Hear about Joe Kennedy's careers as a movie producer, chairman of the first Securities & Exchange Commission, and Ambassador to England. Learn about Rose's devotion to her children and her contributions to their character development. Find out the role these parents played in the election of President John F. Kennedy. This is an NLA sponsored program, in conjunction with SSLDL, WPL, NPL, & CTCL. Please register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6812930>.



Joseph Patrick  
Kennedy Sr.  
1888-1969



Rose Elizabeth  
Fitzgerald  
1890-1995

 **LIVE Lego My Library Block Party – Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

Gather up your Legos, K'nex, MagnaTiles, or any other building toys and build with Miss Jocelyn or Miss Lissa on Zoom. We can all build at home and show each other our creations via webcam. Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6779473>.



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### **LIVE Pour Painting 1 – Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

What is pour painting? We will explore this fun painting technique and do one easy technique! Can't promise you won't get messy! It may be best to prepare your painting area ahead of time with protective materials, such as newspaper, packing paper, painter's cloth, or garbage bags, for easy cleanup. Remember to wear old clothing, just in case you get paint on yourself. Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6788756>.



### **Virtual Beginning Genealogy with LTPL Genealogist, Cathy – Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/5608027>.

### **LIVE Pour Painting 2 – Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

What is pour painting? We will explore this fun painting technique and do one easy technique! Can't promise you won't get messy! It may be best to prepare your painting area ahead of time with protective materials, such as newspaper, packing paper, painter's cloth, or garbage bags, for easy cleanup. Remember to wear old clothing, just in case you get paint on yourself. Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6788771>.



### **Virtual Adult Writers Group – Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6543724>.



### **Virtual Genealogy Roundtable – Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

Register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/5721056>.

### **Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality – Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Lincoln (Kevin Wood, Michigan resident, historian, and actor) shares his ever-evolving perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality, including the relationship between the races during his times. This is an NLA sponsored program, in conjunction with SSLDL, WPL, NPL, & CTCL. Please register here: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/6850328>.



## **Lyon Township Public Library**

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## SLARA – August Offerings



South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA) would like you to join them for summer fun in the month of August! Programs include dance camps, art camps, martial arts classes, horseback riding, introductory sports classes, soccer, and more!

Additionally, SLARA will be hitting the sandy volleyball courts at McHattie Park for Sand Volleyball Tournaments and Queen of the Court Challenges! Our Queen of the Court Challenge is designed for players in Grades 5 – 8 and will include skill instruction from SLARA's own Coach Nichole! High schoolers and adults are encouraged to put together a team of at least 4 players and hit the courts for our 4-on-4 Sand Tournaments!

To register or for more information, please visit <http://www.slrec.net>.

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