



Weekly Newsletter

May 3, 2025

CCRP MONTHLY MEETING— Thursday, June 17, 2025
Clinton County Courthouse — 7:00 pm

Ever Wonder About LEAP and Their Relationship With The County?

This morning as I was finishing up the CCRP Newsletter for this week I went to the Clinton County Website to see what would be coming up at this week's County Planning Board meeting to let everyone know what would be on the agenda. Much to my surprise when I landed on the home page of the County website there was a totally new look to the page. It was actually an improvement to what had been the homepage in the past. The new look was more user friendly and the new enhancements made it easier to navigate the county website.

The new Home page had a What's New in the County section with a subtitle of Stay up to date with the latest news and events.

The new page now also has a monthly interactive calendar with links to upcoming meetings for the current month making it much more user friendly and easier to find information about important meetings the people in the county might be interested in possibly attending or viewing online.

As I looked at the page a little more in depth, I noticed there was a **CLICK HERE TO EXPLORE CLINTON COUNTY!** button that takes you to a vimeo.com page with a video.

This short video at the top of the page is a well prepared video showing why Clinton County is a great place to live and do business. However it is nothing more than a ruse by LEAP to continue to keep their tentacles into Clinton County. If you watch the short video to the end you will see the LEAP logo positioned right next to the Clinton County seal/logo on the County website. Additionally you will see a number of other businesses that have utilized LEAP's services in the tri-county area.

Explore Clinton County
purelansing.com



It certainly looks like LEAP is making a full court press on making sure they can extend their lucrative contract with Clinton County when their current contract runs out at the end of 2025. Why has the County Board of Commissioners allowed a private business that we have had a questionable relationship with in the past, have access to their business resources and services directly from our County Website? Are we paying them for these website enhancements or are they doing it with expectations of a contract renewal?

The County Commissioners need to be totally transparent about what is going on with LEAP. I think it is a conflict of interest to have LEAP advertisements on the county website. They are not part of county government. LEAP is a contracted organization and should not have carte blanche on promoting themselves on our county website. We also need to know who had the authority to add the LEAP linkage to the County website and who should those types of decision be left up going forward.

Hopefully with the changes to the County Board of Commissioners in the last election, with its three new board members, we will see a change the relationship between LEAP and the County.

<https://www.ccrpmi.com/>

Committee to Protect Voters' Rights Initiative petition

The Michigan Board of State Canvassers has approved ballot language to require proof of citizenship to vote in Michigan elections.

The Committee to Protect Voters' Rights will have 180 days to collect more than 445,000 signatures to get the constitutional amendment on the 2026 ballot.

If the initiative petition were to be passed by the voters it would require voter photo identification at polling places and proof of citizenship when registering to vote.

The two democrats on the board of canvassers were concerned about voting rights claiming that requiring proof of citizenship to vote will disenfranchise legal voters. They stated that in other states where it has passed it has taken rights away from people who were legally able to vote.

They also expressed concerns that passage of the proposal could have a negative impact on married women whose names don't match their birth certificates, and it would require them to verify their identity with a marriage license. They also pointed out that individuals that are homeless, have disabilities, live in rural areas, or who may struggle to provide a birth certificate or other proof of citizenship could be disenfranchised.



Committee to Protect Voters' Rights
2145 Commons Parkway
Okemos, MI 48864

STAND WITH THE
**COMMITTEE TO PROTECT
VOTERS' RIGHTS**

Defending Michiganders' Voices
Safeguarding Michigan's Elections

DEWITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION OPENING

If you are a resident in the DeWitt Public School District and you care about the education of the children in the district there is an opportunity for you to submit your name for consideration to be selected to serve on the board of education for the remainder of a current term.

Letters of interest should be submitted IN PERSON to the Board of Educations Office (Door #16), W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820.

It would be a great opportunity to add a conservative voice to the board. The board should welcome someone who has a diverse perspective from what the current board has.

CCRP LINCOLN DAY DINNER ON MAY 8, 2025

We still have open seats available!

Registrations can be taken at the Royal Scot upon arrival

CCRP LINCOLN DAY DINNER INFORMATION

Thursday May 8, 2025
Royal Scot Banquet Center
4722 West Grand River Ave
Lansing, MI 48906

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 5:30 PM

The Royal Scot Banquet Center is located at 4722 West Grand River Avenue. There's parking in the east parking lot or in the front parking lot on Grand River Avenue. Entry to the Banquet Hall is through the east parking lot. Entry to the event is the middle door marked Banquet Center (See map.)

Upon entry to the building the Banquet Hall can be accessed by elevator or the stairs leading to the second floor. On the second floor there will be a registration table for you to check in.

If you are a 2025 Club Sponsor the VIP Reception area will be to your left. Access to the Banquet Hall and the Silent Auction area can be obtained by continuing down to the end of the hall.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MAY 8, 2025!



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Meeting of May 8th, 2025– 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance –
2. Roll Call –
3. Approval of Agenda –
4. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – April 10th, 2025
5. Consent Agenda (Action) –Bengal Township is proposing the following amendments to Article 7 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS):
 - Added language that does not prohibit drones or UAS’s from operating for bona fide agricultural purposes in conjunction with the Michigan Right to Farm Act.
 - Removed language that restricted the use of drones and UAS to be for recreational purposes only.
 - Removed language that restricted attachment with the use of drones and UAS’s.
6. Communications –
 - A. The City of East Lansing began to update their adopted 2018 “The Bigger Picture” Comprehensive Plan.
7. Public Comments –
8. Old Business – None
9. New Business –
 - A. (PC-09-25) (OR-207-25) – Application for Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) (Public Hearing)
A petition to amend the zoning map has been submitted by Innovative Property Advisors, LLC (Matthew Poff). The applicant is requesting approval to rezone 5 acres from General Agriculture (A-2) to Rural Residential (Low Density) (RR). The subject property is located at 5752 E Colony Rd in Section 32 of Duplain Township (Parcel ID: 060-032-100-010-60).
 - B. (PC-10-25 -SLU) – Application for Renewal of Special Land Use Approval (Public Hearing) James McCausey, the applicant, is seeking to renew special land use (PC-11-15-SLU), which was approved by the Board of Commissioners in July 2015. The property is located at 6018 Essex Center Rd, Section 15, in Essex Township (Parcel ID: 19-080-015- 300-025-00).
 - C. (PC-07-25) – Application for a Site Plan Review
A petition for a site plan review has been submitted by Carl Schlegel Inc. to update the site plan for a sand and gravel extraction operation in Sections 33,34, & 35 of Greenbush Township (Parcel IDs:):

19-090-034-200-020-00	19-090-034-400-010-00
19-090-034-300-005-00	19-090-034-100-035-00
19-090-034-300-010-00	19-090-034-100-040-00
19-090-034-400-015-00	19-090-034-400-005-00
19-090-033-100-010-50	19-090-035-100-015-60
19-090-033-400-010-00	19-090-035-300-010-00
19-090-033-400-015-50	19-090-035-400-005-00
19-090-033-400-055-00	19-090-035-100-025-00
19-090-034-200-030-00	19-090-035-100-010-00
10. Other Business – None
11. Planning & Zoning Director’s Report –
12. Planning Commissioner Comments –
13. Adjournment

**VOTE NO ON THE
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MAY 2025 Government & School Board Meeting Schedules

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Westphalia Twp -6:00 pm Westphalia Village -7:00 pm	6 Riley Twp -7:00 pm	7 Maple Rapids Village -7:30 pm	8 CC Planning -6:00 pm	9	10
11	12 Bingham Twp -7:00 pm Dallas Twp -2:00 pm DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Olive Twp -7:30 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of Ovid -7:00 pm	13 Victor Twp -7:00 pm Village of Elsie -7:00 pm Village of Fowler -7:00 pm	14 Bengel Twp -7:00 pm Duplain Twp -7:30 pm	15 CCCRP Monthly -7:00 pm Eagle Twp -7:00 pm	16	17
18	19 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Watertown Twp -7:00 pm Ovid/Elsie SB - 6:30 pm PW SB - 7:00 pm	20	21 Essex Twp -7:30 pm	22 Ovid Twp -7:00 pm BOC Ways/Means -9:00 am	23	24
25	26 DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Greenbush Twp -7:00 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of St. Johns -7:00 pm Bath SB - 6:30	27	28	29	30	31

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS IN CLINTON COUNTY

Bath -6:30 pm (4th Monday) DeWitt - 6:00 pp (2nd Monday) Fowler - 7:00 pm (Normally 2nd Monday) Grand Ledge 6:00 pm (Normally Second Monday)
 Laingsburg - 7:00 pm (Meetings vary) Ovid/Elsie - 6:30 pm (3rd Monday) Pewamo/Westphalia - 7:00 pm (normally 3rd Monday)
 St.Johns - 6:30 pm (Meeting dates vary — see website <https://www.sjedwings.org/our-district/boardofeducation/>)