

Spring/Winter News Nelson Township

Believe it or not, spring will come and with it muddy roads and more potholes. The Road Commission has worked overtime to keep the roads as clear as they have considering the amount of snow fallen and the cold weather. Actually this has kept the gravel roads in better shape than if we would have had significant amounts of freeze and thawing.

If you experience problems with your road please call the Road Commission's North Complex (White Creek Ave) at 696-3160. Feel free to notify the township, too. However, we will still have to call in the problem.

Nelson Township/Village of Sand Lake *Cleanup AND "E-WASTE" Recycling*

With spring comes the need to clean up after winter. The township is sponsoring two clean up days this year. The first will be Saturday, June 14, and the second will be Saturday, September 13.

**Saturday, June 14
9 AM to 4 PM**

5th and Cherry Streets near the water tower in Sand Lake

Nelson Township identification required. Please present a tax bill or voter's registration card and drivers license.

We WILL accept.....

Appliances
Sheet Metal
Auto Parts and Engines (liquid drained)
Aluminum and Copper Wire
Lawn Chairs and Lawn Mowers
Fencing (must be flattened & folded)
Mattresses
Furniture, carpeting, wood, clothing, glass etc.
Tires – must be cut in four pieces like a pie
Propane Tanks
Lead acid batteries
Compact florescent bulbs
Household batteries
Loose items (shingles, drywall, etc) must be bagged/boxed

We WILL NOT accept.....

Hazardous or toxic waste
Yard clippings or brush
Commercial dumping
Concrete, railroad ties
Liquids (paint, oil etc.)
Garbage
No shovel offs of shingles and drywall
The above items can be taken to the Rockford transfer station on 10 Mile Road across from Meijer's.

Electronic Waste Acceptable items...

Computers, phones, tools, small appliances, TVs, and most anything with a cord or runs on batteries.

Flag Day Ceremony

The Grand Arbor of the Gleaner Insurance Company will host a Flag Day Ceremony at the Nelson Township Library on June 14 at 9:30 AM. Members of the Glen Hill Post 287 of the American Legion and Boy Scout Troop 222 will be conducting the ceremony honoring our National Colors. There will be a reception afterwards in the library community room.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Sand Lake/Nelson Township's Huge Spring Book Sale will be held at the VFW Hall in Sand Lake on April 3, 4, and 5. The hours for April 3 and 4 are 10 AM – 7 PM. On April 5 the hours are 10 AM – 2 PM. The sale offers fifty tables of books, books on CD, DVDs, VHS movies, magazines, and puzzles at great prices. Saturday is "fill a bag" for \$2, and special priced books are half off. This book sale is a fundraiser, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Donations for the sale are much appreciated and a tax receipt can be given for your donation. Items may be brought to the library. Thank you for your support.

Nelson Township Library Community Reads Program

The library's second "Our Community Reads" will be held in March and April with books for all ages and special author events. Kickoff begins on Saturday, March 1, from 1:30-3:00 PM. Come and pick up a book. Selections for children include the picture book, *Dozens of Cousins* by Shutta Crum, and *"Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel"* by Ruth McNally Barshaw for the elementary grade levels. Kids' Club activities in conjunction with the *Ellie McDoodle* book will be offered after school on the Wednesdays in March for ages 6 and up. A magician program with Tom Plunkard will be held on April 8 at 1:30 PM for all ages.

Several author events are planned in conjunction with the books to be read for adults. On Monday, March 10 at 6:30 PM, D.E. Johnson, author of *Detroit Shuffle*, will speak. Mr. Johnson is a mystery writer, and *Detroit Shuffle* is the fourth book in a series set in Detroit. He is a Michigan Notable author and has spoken at Grand Rapids Public Library.

Author, Serena B. Miller, will discuss her inspiration book, *A Promise to Love*, with a phone chat. Join us at 11:00 AM, as we chat with the author about this book and others she has written and the writing process. The author lives in Ohio, but is a former resident of Michigan. The setting for this book takes place in Michigan. Another inspiration author, Sharlene MacLaren, from the Spring Lake area, will visit our library on Wednesday, March 26, at 1:30 PM. She will talk about her book, *Ellie's Haven*, among others she has written, plus her new series. Bring your questions as well.

More visits continue in the month of April. Mardi Link, from Traverse City, will present a talk about her book, *Bootstrapper*, on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM. This book is an account of her life after a divorce and her attempt to save her farm. The book is described as "poignant, irreverent, and hilarious." This book is one of the twenty Michigan Notable Books chosen in 2014 for books published in 2013. She was previously a crime reporter for newspapers and has written *Isadore's Secret* and *When Evil Came to Good Hart*, both true murder accounts that took place in Northern Michigan. She is a great speaker. Our book club group will discuss *Bootstrapper* on Tuesday, April 15 at 1:30 PM. Join us for both events.

Want to learn some information about Ramona Park, an amusement park located by Reed's Lake in East Grand Rapids in the forties and fifties. This entertainment center was well known. Gail Snow has written an account of the park and its activities in her book, *Remarkable Ramona Park*. She will be here at the library on Saturday, April 26, at 1:30 PM for a presentation. A local connection is the train at Burley Park, north of Howard City, was the train located in Ramona Park. Dan and Judy Rogers purchased the train and moved it north. They may also be present to answer questions.

The author events will feature a talk, question and answer time, and refreshments. The authors will have books available for purchase. All the authors reside in or have resided in Michigan. Come support their efforts and have an enjoyable time celebrating the written word. These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Nelson Township Library and have been made possible by a matching grant from the Modern Woodmen of America.