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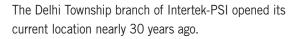


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hile the average Delhi Township resident may never interact with Intertek-PSI, we are all impacted by their work every single day. The company has provided crucial environmental consulting, geotechnical engineering, construction material testing services, and more for a vast array of properties around the township — from office buildings to parks to churches and more.

"We like going out and seeing things get built," said Joel Walter, branch manager of the Delhi Township office of Intertek-PSI. "We're proud to grow the community and the Greater Lansing area."

Intertek-PSI's Delhi Township office is just one of many across the country and the world. No matter the size or location of the project, Intertek-PSI has a One Company, One Call promise — meaning that you will work with an office close to you, a skilled team that's dedicated to client service, and the support of a global network of resources.



"We're near the intersection of I-96 and 127, so it makes it a lot easier to cover the service area," Walter said. "We can go any direction pretty easily, and it allows us to service our clients better."

At peak construction season, the Intertek-PSI team in Delhi Township has about 22 staff members on board, from MSU students to technicians to engineers. In Delhi Township, they've consulted and worked on projects such as Prestwick Village, Esker Landing Park, Pratt & Whitney, MSU Federal Credit Union, and the new Redwood Living Apartment complex. But their reach spreads all across the Greater Lansing region.

"We like being where we're at," Walter said. "And we're excited to stay here."

Intertek-PSI is at 3120 Sovereign Drive #C in Lansing, 517.394.5700, www.intertek.com/building.



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New signs help trail-goers find their way

f you've been out on the Delhi Trails recently, you may have noticed some new signs orienting you to your position on the trail and your distance to key landmarks. These signs are part of a county-wide effort to establish a wayfinding system on all Ingham-County Trails. Using consistent sign placement, content, and design, Ingham County residents and visitors can more easily navigate trails, discover new areas of interest and safely reach desired destinations.

"These signs are designed to be accessible to people of all abilities and use consistent visual elements to help trail-goers know that they are using an official Delhi Township trail that is part of the extensive trail and the state of the extensive

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trail system in Ingham County," said Delhi Township Manager Tracy Miller.

The content on each sign varies by purpose, and includes maps and trailhead markers, mile markers, amenities, points of interest, regulatory/warning signage, and interpretive signs (stories about historical, cultural, educational or natural resources on the trail). The trail wayfinding project is funded through state grants, secured through a partnership with the Ingham County Trails Parks and Millage.

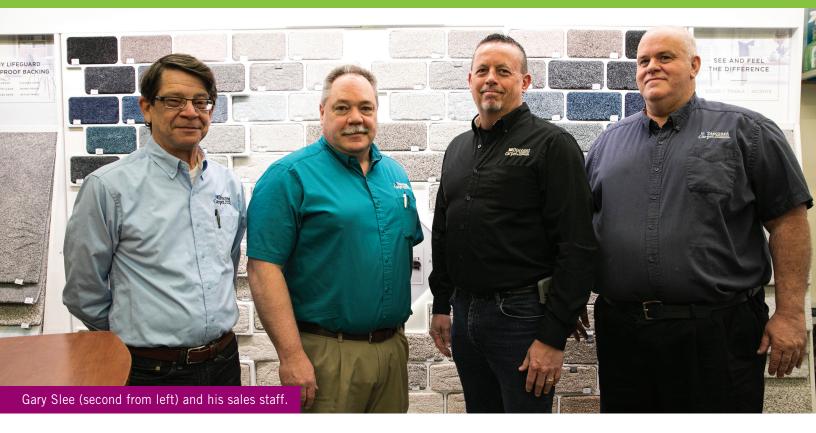


Learn more about the Delhi DDA!

The Delhi DDA has been hard at work producing informational materials designed to illustrate how the DDA works and the impact it has on our businesses and community. These materials will describe how the DDA is funded, where the DDA operates, the projects and initiatives the DDA supports, and more.

Stay tuned for more information on this exciting project.

Discount Carpet Warehouse



ary Slee has owned and operated Discount Carpet Warehouse in Delhi Township for nearly 30 years. But don't let the name fool you - Discount Carpet Warehouse's inventory offers all types of flooring for all types of budgets.

"We do anything from million and a half dollar homes to rental properties," Slee said.

Located on the border between Holt and Mason in Delhi Township, Discount Carpet Warehouse offers carpet, ceramic, vinyl, laminate wood flooring, and more for residential, commercial, and rental properties. They have one of the largest selections of flooring materials in the region. With their team of salesmen in the store and community contractor relationships, they are equipped to help their customers through the entire flooring process, from selection to measurement to installation.

For Slee, starting up his flooring business 30 years ago was a natural choice. Growing up in Holt, he got involved in the building industry by working alongside his father. After working in retail for a brief period, he decided to open his own shop and found the right building at the right time in Delhi Township.

Looking ahead, this family-owned business is planning to keep offering the latest and greatest flooring products and materials.

"We have options for everyone," Slee said.

Discount Carpet Warehouse has all styles of flooring for all types of budgets

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Discount Carpet Warehouse is at 1425 North Cedar Street in Mason, 517.268.8284, <u>www.discountcarpetwarehousemi.net</u>.

Mindy's Bridal

Creating dream dresses for generations

"If customers bring me their own designs, I definitely can make them." — Mindy

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hroughout her lifetime in the bridal and formal dress business, Mindy has seen lots of change. Fabrics, necklines, cuts, overlays, embroidery, embellishments — all of these elements of the perfect wedding, prom and evening dress seem to change with time.

One thing that hasn't changed? Mindy's Bridal Shop. Since she opened more than 20 years ago, Mindy has continued to offer dream dresses to generations of Holt-area ladies. In addition to ordering the latest styles from suppliers, Mindy also designs and makes her own dresses.

"If customers bring me their own designs, I definitely can make them," she said.

Mindy received her master's in sewing back home in the Philippines. She worked in several bridal shops after moving to the United States before deciding to open her own shop in Holt.

"I think it's a quiet and family-oriented place," she said.

She welcomes the flood of customers who come through her doors during prom and wedding season. In addition to expert service and custom designs, Mindy offers free alterations to any customer who buys a full price dress.

"It's very exciting and fun to chat with the customer and make the dream dress," she said.

Though styles may change, customers' dedication to Mindy's Bridal Shop remains strong.

"Flower girls I had in 2000 are now getting married," she said. "It's amazing to watch the generations come back."

Mindy's Bridal & Dress Shop is at 4319 Holt Road, 517.694.2887.

Summer fun at the Holt Farmers' Market!





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It wouldn't be summer in Delhi Township without a trip to the Holt Farmers Market. This season, don't miss our lineup of incredible entertainment and events.

Live music and entertainment playing at the market every Saturday beginning in June.

Food Frenzy, featuring local food trucks and live entertainment — May 13, June 10, July 15, September 9.

Mark your calendars for Holt Fest on Saturday, August 15! More details to follow.

Market hours: Fridays: 2-6 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For the most up-to-date market information, please visit us <u>holtfarmersmarket.org</u> or find us on Facebook.

Spartan Krav Maga – Empowering all through practical self defense



pend an hour in the Spartan Krav Maga studio in Lansing and you'll walk out with techniques and maneuvers that may save your life one day. That's why Justin Moore, owner of the studio, is so passionate about teaching this self-defense system to anyone who walks through his doors.

"It's great to be able to see and empower people to take some of those skillsets away with them that they can utilize out there in the real world," Moore said.

Krav Maga, meaning "contact combat" in Hebrew, is a tactical system by the Israeli Defense Force to teach soldiers how to protect themselves from an unexpected attack. First used in Israel in the 1940s, it came to the United States in the late 1980s and was used to train law enforcement and military personnel. Recently, it has become a popular fitness and selfdefense practice for civilians. Designed to get trainees up and running as soon as possible, Krav Maga is perfect for people who are looking for practical, realistic self defense techniques that can be applied right away.

"By nature, it has to work for everyone on the spectrum," Moore said. Regardless of age, fitness level, ability, or prior fighting experience, everyone can glean something helpful out of Krav Maga.

Moore serves full time as a lieutenant and instructor in a Michigan police department, and was looking for a more realistic fighting and self defense technique to teach the other officers. He found Krav Maga and was instantly hooked by its realistic and practical applications. "As I was training, I thought 'This is the coolest thing I've ever done," he said. "I had this crazy idea one day, maybe I should start a business and offer it to the general public outside of law enforcement and the military realm. We did, and it really took off."

Today, the Delhi Township location is just one of seven Spartan Krav Maga studios in Mid-Michigan. When the team was first looking to expand into the Lansing market in 2011, the Jolly/Dunckel region caught Moore's eye.

"It's got some really great thoroughfare and it's really close to a lot of other markets," Moore said. "To us, it was centrally located to a lot of diversity and community."

Though Moore still works full time as a lieutenant, he and his team offer a regular schedule of classes alongside corporate seminars, law enforcement and military courses, and violent patient management courses for healthcare workers. As participants advance in their training, there are even opportunities to learn how to protect crowds of people in active shooter scenarios or other violent attacks.

"It's very fast paced," Moore said. "You're going to walk out of there day one with something of value. And there's always more to learn and apply in different scenarios and environments to improve your skill set."

Think you might want to give it a try? Spartan Krav Maga offers a free trial class.

Spartan Krav Maga is at 3480 Dunckel Road in Lansing, 517.325.3138, <u>www.spartankravmaga.com</u>.



Holt's neighborhood barbershop for more than 54 years

"I like meeting people and talking to people, especially kids and young adults."

— David Carpenter

For more than 54 years, owner and operator David Carpenter has provided quality, inexpensive, no frills haircuts to Holt residents of all ages.

While most of his customers are regulars coming in for their usual style, Carpenter does welcome new customers. Regardless of whether he's known you your whole life or just met you, he provides the same friendly service.

"I like meeting people and talking to people," he said. "Especially kids and young adults."

Carpenter was born and raised in Holt. His grandfather owned a barbershop, so when it was time to pick a career path, becoming a barber was a natural choice. He attended barber school in Flint and then set up his shop back in his hometown shortly after. As the shop's only barber, Carpenter has had the privilege of cutting hair for generations of Holt families.

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Ram's Barbershop is at 1940 North Aurelius Road in Holt, 517.694.8436.



Hospice of Lansing – Comfort. Dignity. Peace.



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or Kathy Mrozinski and her colleagues at Hospice of Lansing, quality hospice care is really about living.

"Every aspect of your life should be celebrated," Mrozinski, head of Hospice of Lansing's community relations and marketing, said. "It is about quality of life versus quantity of life. We strive to keep each person free of pain and as independent as possible so they can create lasting memories with family and friends."

For more than 40 years, Hospice of Lansing has served Mid-Michigan with compassionate, meaningful end of life care in private homes, assisted living communities, long-term care nursing facilities, and at their licensed hospice home, Stoneleigh Residence. Individual patients face unique needs during the end of their lives, and the Hospice of Lansing team works together to find the right solution for every patient's situation.

"When considering end-of-life care, it is an emotional time and making that type of phone call can be difficult," Mrozinski said. "Once the decision is made for hospice, we work to admit quickly so services can be put in place and support started. We have a team of clinicians dedicated to providing this care for the whole person and family."

Many patients choose to remain at home for end of life care. Hospice of Lansing provides intermittent visits from physicians, nurses, hospice aides, music therapists, massage therapists, pet therapists, social work, volunteers, and chaplain services. The organization also works closely with area nursing homes and assisted living facilities to provide the same standard of care to residents there who are in need of their services. But if a patient's pain becomes challenging to control, the level of care has exceeded what friends and families can provide, or the patient requests it, they can be moved to Stoneleigh Residence in Lansing, a freestanding, licensed hospice inpatient hospice home that has 24/7 clinical care.

"We believe that every end-of-life experience should be one of comfort, dignity, and peace," Mrozinski said.

Looking to the future, Hospice of Lansing is looking to expand their home base programs in the realm of care coordination and in-home respite. They are also considering an expansion to Stoneleigh Residence in the future, though the options are still in the research phase at this time.

"Our goal is to best serve the Mid-Michigan community and not grow for the sake of being bigger," said Hospice of Lansing Executive Director John Person.

As the organization grows and continues to provide this essential service to the community, the Hospice of Lansing team always keeps their focus on their main service philosophy - people helping people.

"End of life is so important and it's so important to get it right," Mrozinski said. "I'm so proud to say that Hospice of Lansing does get it right. We are different from other hospices and we put so much of our heart and soul into what we do every day."

Hospice of Lansing is at 3186 Pine Tree Road in Lansing, 517.882.4500, hospiceoflansing.org.

Want to give back to your community?

Hospice of Lansing is looking for new volunteers to provide invaluable support to patients, their families, and to the hospice program. Volunteers can provide non-clinical care for patients like reading to, playing games, companionship, grocery shopping, etc. There are also non-patient-related activities, such as fundraising/event planning, bereavement support, spiritual care support, community presentations, transportation, and office work. Call or visit their website for more information.



SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS in our community!

mall businesses shape the special atmosphere of a tightknit community. They offer one-of-kind service, provide jobs to residents and stimulate the local economy.

As we navigate this unprecedented time, the Delhi DDA encourages all Delhi Township residents to support small businesses in any way you can. Patronize local restaurants that have adapted to take out and delivery service, purchase gift certificates, order products online when possible, leave 5-star reviews, or show your support on social media.

Our small businesses are part of what makes Delhi Township a great place to work and live. Please consider supporting them during this time so they can continue to provide great service to our community for years to come.







THE DDA - who we are and what we do

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) promotes economic development through business attraction/ retention programs and works to foster investment within the DDA district. It strives to increase the township's tax base and strengthen the local economy while maintaining those qualities that make Delhi Township a desirable place to live and work. For more information, visit us at **www.DelhiDDA.com**.

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