

Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon

Spring 2017

Message from your Village President

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is here and warmer weather is on the way. As I write this, the sun is shining bright outside. Even though there is a chill in the air and the threat of snow isn't completely gone; I can't help but be excited for all that spring brings with it. Budding flowers and trees along with sunnier days that are just around the corner.

With spring comes our annual Spring Clean-up Day which falls on Earth Day, April 22nd. Please consider volunteering to help your neighbors with small projects that they can't do on their own or just head outside to work in your own yard. Large refuse containers will be available behind the Village Hall for resident use. You can also drop off old tires behind the Hall.

The time for mowing will be here before we know it! Please remember to check our Village Ordinances online if you have any questions regarding lawn mowing or noxious weeds.

The Village council has finalized the budget for fiscal year 2017 and considering potential road projects for the next few years. We are also in the process of applying for an Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) grant which would, if granted, provide monies to assist with improvements to existing public infrastructure systems, including sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street improvements.

Don't forget to head out to watch our annual Memorial Day parade. It is always nice to see a great turnout Memorial Day morning to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.

If you have any ideas for newsletter items or future events you would like to see in the Village, please call the Village Hall at 989-288-2300.

Respectfully,

Kristin Van Dusen

Parking

Off-street parking spaces shall be provided and adequately maintained by each property owner in every zoning district for the use of occupants, employees and patrons of each building and premises constructed, altered or enlarged. In residential zoning, parking must be in a garage or an established driveway not on the lawn. Notice will be given to anyone in violation of this Zoning Ordinance.



Home Ownership or Home Repair Assistance

Have you, or someone you know, dreamed of owning a home but aren't sure how to make it happen? Habitat for Humanity and the Village of Vernon would like to help you make that dream a reality. We are looking for interested families who are willing to work with us to build a place for you to call home. The Habitat for Humanity believes that everyone needs a decent, affordable place to live and they want to work with you to make this happen.

Are you a homeowner that needs repairs for your home but you don't know where to start? Each year, Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity has programs to assist homeowners with critical home repairs, home preservation, and veterans in need of home repairs. The Critical Home Repair program grants up to \$7500.00 for eligible repairs. Eligible repairs include: roof, windows, gutters, doors, siding, furnace, water heater, insulation, handicap modifications, etc. The Home Preservation program assists homeowners in need of exterior painting and minor repairs/landscaping. There is also specific program and funding just for military veterans needing home repairs or assistance.

For more information about these programs to find out which one is best for you or if you would like to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity please contact our office.

****Dates to Remember****

04/05/2017	Council Work Session (Public Hearing)	6:00 p.m.
04/19/2017	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
04/20/2017	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
04/22/2017	Village Spring Clean-up	8:00 a.m.
05/03/2017	Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.
05/06/2017	DDA Golf Outing	9:00 a.m.
05/17/2017	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
05/18/2017	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
05/18/2017	Village Wide Sales	9:00 a.m.
05/29/2017	Memorial Day Parade	10:00 a.m.



Annual Spring Clean-Up

Saturday April 22, 2017

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

Each spring, the Village of Vernon provides an opportunity to reduce household clutter and get rid of unwanted household materials. It is also a great way to help your neighbors and build community spirit! Have large items you are not sure how to dispose of? Items to recycle? Old furniture you would like to never see again? The Village has organized services to help take care of those things.

- Large Item Dumpsters & Recycling Center will be available behind Village Hall for any unwanted junk, debris or old furniture. (NO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL)
- Tire Collection behind Village Hall. (NO TRACTOR TIRES PLEASE)
Cost: Auto \$3 without rim \$4 with Rim
Semi-Truck Tires \$6 without rim \$11 with rim
- Curbside brush & yard waste pick-up. Large branches/brush piles should be placed curbside that morning for pick up. ALL YARD WASTE MUST BE IN BROWN PAPER LAWN & LEAF BAGS. Acceptable items are grass clippings, leaves, twigs, small branches and plant vegetation/waste.

NO TRASH, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR ANIMAL WASTE!

If you need assistance with any of these services due to health or physical conditions please contact Village Hall by Thursday April 20th so we can organize volunteers to assist. Or if you would like to volunteer and help your community please contact Village Hall 989-288-2300 to sign up!

Spring Projects

Is your home in need of repairs? Repairing or replacing your roof? Replacing those drafty old windows? Make sure you check with the Village office to see if you need a permit. You can also check out the Building and Zoning tab on the website for more information and permits.

Don't Flush Money Down the Toilet!

During the month of April, you have the opportunity to save \$104.53 or more by paying for the year. A 15% discount will be applied to your sewer bill if you pay for the entire year by the end of April. If your monthly payment amount is \$58.07, the yearly discounted amount you would pay is \$592.31. This is for a normal residential equivalent unit. If your monthly payment is higher, the same 15% will be applied. Payment must be made by April 30, 2017 if you would like help figuring your discount please contact our Village office at (989) 288-2300.

Reminder!

Pet Owners

Please be courteous of your neighbors, remember to pick up after your pets when out walking them. We have had several complaints recently that this is not being done. Remember this is part of your responsibility, as a pet owner, that when you are away from your own yard you must pick up after your pet and dispose of properly. Police will be enforcing this Ordinance.

Curb Appeal

Please keep grass and weeds cut to 8 inches or less to avoid violation of Village Code. Trees and shrubs overhanging public sidewalks should be maintained and trimmed to prevent obstructions for pedestrians. Also to preserve the life of our sidewalk infrastructure please keep them clear of debris, grass and weeds. Edging along your portion of the sidewalks and spraying cracks helps to prevent damage. For the safety of pedestrians please keep them clear of debris.

Community Happenings

Consumers Energy

Count on Us

Consumer's Energy will be coming around to install new smart meters on everyone's home. The current electrical grid was built nearly 100 years ago. Today's energy demands are more complex and therefore the new meters are necessary to improve customer service. This new meter will increase meter accuracy and in the future will provide automatic notification of outages which will improve dispatch of repair crews.

Once the meter is installed there will be a door hanger on your door. If for some reason the meter could not be installed the door hanger will state why it was not installed with contact information. For more information please visit the consumer's Energy website www.consumersenergy.com/smartenergy.

Warning Sirens

The Vernon Township Fire Department will be testing the warning siren this Spring. Schedule to be determined. Check our website for updated schedule.

Vernon District Public Library

Activities for all ages. Cost is free and all supplies are provided.

Saturday, April 8th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Peep Twinkie Car

Saturday, May 6th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mother's Day gift

Saturday, June 10th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Father's Day gift

Saturday, May 13th 10 a.m. Flower pot garden.
We will have a Master Gardener helping out. Cost is \$15. Sponsored by Ace Hardware Durand. Please Register By May 10th.

Monday, May 29th 10 a.m. Bike Decorating Contest & Ride Your Bike in the Memorial Day Parade with the Library.

BUILD A BETTER WORLD SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 12TH.

To find out more info on any of these events call 989-288-6486

****NOTICE****

Any outstanding debt to the Village including sewer, lawn mowing, and snow removal as of March 31, 2017 will be transferred to Summer taxes.

3rd Annual DDA Golf Scramble

The Annual DDA Golf scramble will be held on May 6th at Dutch Hollow in Durand. 4 Person Scramble, \$160 a Team. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Payment due at registration. Sponsorship opportunities also available for only \$50. Proceeds go to support DDA events and projects.

For more information on sponsorships or pre-registration contact Chris Toney by email: ctoneyinc@gmail.com or phone (810) 875-5032 or the Village Office.

Memorial Day Parade

There will be a Memorial day parade on May 29th. Line up will be at 10 a.m. Parade begins at 11 a.m. If you would like to participate or volunteer please contact the Village office at (989) 288-2300.

PARKS

The Village has two beautiful parks available for use. Amenities include pavilions, playground equipment, baseball/softball fields, basketball/tennis courts, and sand volleyball courts. If you are interested in using for leagues or family reunions contact our office to reserve. Archery in the park will be returning this spring. Contact Village Hall if you are interested. Adults and children welcome.



Village Wide Sales

Our annual Village wide sales will be on May 18th, 19th and 20th. We would love to have as many residents as possible participate in this year's sale. We want to get the word out to our friends and neighbors. You never know what treasures for someone else you have packed away in your storage area. Why store something you no longer need.

The Scoop...

BRUSH PICK UP: Will begin Monday April 17, 2017 and continue every Monday through summer, and is subject to weather and amount of brush out. Brush is defined as tree branches, limbs or shrubs with no roots or stumps attached.

- Brush must be out to curb by 7:00 a.m. on pick up day.
- If you live on alley brush must be put out to street **not alley.**
- Brush should not cover the sidewalk or interfere with pedestrian traffic, nor protrude into any part of the street.
- Brush must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and shall be stack in neat piles with all cut ends facing street.
- Brush generated by contractor shall be the responsibility of the contractor to remove.
- M-71 residents must call to schedule a pick up.

- Brush must be from inside Village limits. Nothing hauled into the Village for pick up.
- Depending on size of individual pile it may require separate pickups and remaining pile may have to wait until following week.
- Storm damage will be collected as necessary.
- No stumps, vines, grass clippings or similar material will be picked up.

COMPOST: The compost lot is open for Village residents only Monday—Friday 7a.m.—3:30p.m. You may take stumps, vines, grass clippings, tree trimmings and any similar material to the lot. The lot is not to be used for any rubbish, building materials, railroad ties, rocks, concrete or any other non-degradable material. Please do not leave paper or plastic bags. For after hours access there is a contact list located at the entrance.



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Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30a.m. ~ 5:00p.m.

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