



# Village Newsletter

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Dear Village Residents,

Well, it appears we have gotten through another Michigan winter and it is time to gear up for spring! We hope to achieve a lot for the Village in the coming year, and I would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on the latest developments for the Village of Lakeview.

We will be starting construction in May of a new Pocket Park and pedestrian thoroughfare in the lot between our office and McKenna's Village Restaurant, which will work to connect the lakefront parking lot to Lincoln Avenue as well as greatly improve the downtown environment. The lakefront parking lot is also being improved, including paving, new storm sewer, lighting, and landscaping. I encourage you to utilize this resource if you are able! Parking in the lot and using the Pocket Park will not only increase the amount of convenient available parking, but you will be walking through a beautiful new part of downtown Lakeview!

We have worked with our engineering partners to complete an all new runway and taxiway at the Griffith Field Airport. This nearly \$800,000 project was completed on time and under budget, and through partnership with State and Federal dollars the Village was only required to contribute 5 percent of the total costs.

Lakeview will be entering an exciting time this year as we undergo a process that will provide us with a new "20 Year Master Plan." This is a journey that will help us define our priorities and goals as a community, and I encourage anyone interested to get involved. There will be several opportunities for public input that we will announce throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Lakeview for the warm welcome I have received. I has been just over 6 months since I started here, and I am excited to work with you all in bettering the community. I keep an open door policy, even if I am not available the office will make you an appointment and I strongly encourage community participation. Come in and say hi sometime! I hope to see you all out enjoying what Lakeview has to offer, and have a great year!

Respectfully,

Jake Eckholm, Village Manager

## CEMETERY

With spring on its way and Memorial Day fast approaching many will be visiting the cemetery to freshen grave sites.

Winter blankets, wreaths, artificial flowers, and all other decorative items must be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. You may place authorized items after May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about what is considered authorized, stop by the Village Office and Pam or Beth will furnish you a copy of the Rules and Regulations.

No digging in the ground to plant flowers. Flowers will be placed in urns only. No ground borders or fences allowed.

No trees, ornamentals or shrubbery of any kind are permitted in the plotted sections. Unauthorized plantings will be removed.

Fieldstone markers are not allowed.

The Cemetery staff will continue to remove unauthorized decorations, trees, and shrubs, fieldstones and other unauthorized items that have been placed on or around grave sites.

If you have any questions please contact the Village Office. To protect the roads and grounds the DPW occasionally will keep the gate locked. You may still walk in.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

Note the two times that flushing will be conducted. Residents should check their water for redness prior to washing their clothes. The redness is not harmful. It may, however, stain your clothes. If redness occurs please flush your lines for a few minutes and it should clear up. Dates are April 16 and October 8 beginning at 10:00 PM.

## SNOW REMOVAL

When you remove snow from your property or driveway make sure you do not put the snow on the sidewalk or in a street right of way.

## RATE ADJUSTMENT

Beginning March 1, 2015 you will notice on your water/sewer bill that there is a slight increase. The adjustment, as with the past year, is adjusted to the Consumer Price Index Increase or 2.0%, whichever is the greater of the two.

## VILLAGE CLEAN-UP PLANNED FOR SPRING

The Village will be holding a spring clean-up day. The scheduled day will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. The drop off times are between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. If the dumpsters fill before 12:00 Noon the site will be closed. The location will be at the Village red pole barn on North Street. You will be required to show proof of residency. A current water bill or tax receipt will work. Appliances containing Freon will not be accepted. No hazardous wastes will be accepted.

## AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES



It is rare, but occasionally sewer and water problems do happen. If you notice water coming out of the ground that shouldn't be or you have a slow or noisy sewer, don't hesitate to call the DPW. We have an "on call" worker 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

DPW will be able to take care of the problem if it is the Village's or can give you direction on how to take care of the problem if it is your responsibility. Problems caught early on are much easier to deal with than when they become an emergency.

**Emergency: 989-854-2492**

## BRUSH & LEAVES

**Pay particular attention to the days scheduled for brush and leaf pickup.** A reminder that this program is not intended as cleanup from a contractor but from brush that is a result of tree trimming or from a storm or act of nature. All limbs/branches must be no larger than 6 inches in diameter, no longer than 6 feet, and all must be stacked neatly with tree butts facing the road. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the property owner being responsible for removing the brush.

**Spring leaf pick-up will be bags only.** Bags for bag leaf pick-up must be clear and are available for a fee at Cantwell's, Leppink's, and Mission Lakeview Lumber. **The DPW will only pick up clear bags.**

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER AND SEWER LINES

**Home owners** are responsible for the installation and maintenance cost of the water and sewer line on your property. Plugged sewer lines and leaking water lines are your responsibility.

**The Village** is responsible to provide the citizens with 35,476,000 gallons of potable water (2014 usage), maintain 65,000 feet of water main, 23,000 feet of service lines, 210 main line valves, over 1,000 service line related valves, 85 hydrants, 478 water meters, the water wells and a water tower.

**The Village** is also responsible to treat 41,274,333 gallons of raw sewage (2014 usage), and return it to the environment, maintain 44,600 feet of sewer main, 166 man holes, 8 sewer pumps, four pumping stations, 44 sewer control valves, 470 service laterals, five lagoons covering 15 acres and a three acre filtration bed.

Additional responsibilities for the Village include maintaining the water and sewer systems, and maintaining 12 miles of streets, 35,000 feet of sidewalk, over a hundred trees, and remove the brush and leaves from hundreds of trees, two parks, cemetery, airport, 11 buildings, equipment and vehicle maintenance. The list could go on and on but we think that you can begin to understand the immense responsibility the DPW employees have.



## CAMP FIRES



**There are restrictions!** You cannot build a fire that exceeds four feet in diameter. The fire must be a minimum of 40 feet from a street and 20 feet from a building or property line. A person of suitable age or discretion must be present at all times. You must remain in complete control of the fire at all times. Materials burned in any grill or camp fire are limited to wood or charcoal. **You are not allowed to burn garbage, trash, refuse, construction material, brush, grass, or leaves.**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2013-14 ACTIVITY REPORT

The Village Police Department is not on duty 24 hours per day, seven day a week. There will be times when you call and an officer will not be on duty. If it is an emergency or you need an officer please call 911. If our Village Officer is on duty the Dispatch Center will send them. You may end up with a County Sheriff or State Police officer. Don't hesitate to call!

Activity Report	2013	2014
Traffic Stops	462	710
Verbal Warnings	532	766
Civil Infractions	159	260
Arrests	83	82
Misdemeanor Citations	23	25
Juveniles Apprehended	18	20
Accidents Investigated	45	19
Criminal Complaints	299	297
Property Inspections	1,762	1,942
Liquor Inspections	366	404
Ordinance Complaints	16	29
Ordinance Warnings	151	189
Ordinance Citations	3	15
Foot Patrol Hours	308	448
Report Writing Hours	352	316
Court Hours	22	18

## BLIGHTED STRUCTURES AND PROPERTY

Ordinance 92-3: To eliminate blight or blighting factors of a structure or property.

Throughout the year the zoning department and the police department spend numerous hours pursuing enforcement for blighted conditions.

Junk, trash, garbage and building debris are the primary problems. Please take advantage of the Village spring clean-up day and many of these issues will be taken care of.



## LAKEVIEW SUMMERFEST

Lakeview Summerfest will be held June 11-14, 2015. Stay tuned for further information!



## EYES AND EARS

The majority of citizens in town have lived here for many years. You know the sights and sounds that are a normal part of your neighborhoods. If you see vehicles or individuals that seem out of place for that time of day or night, do not confront them. Try to get as much information as you can. Color, make, model of vehicle, license number and any identifying damage. Location and time of observation. Male or female, approximate height and weight, hair color and length, type and color of clothing. Write the information down and pass along to the Village Police at 352-6211, or for emergencies 911. Eyes and ears are our best defense.



# VILLAGE ORDINANCES

Complete ordinances are available at the Village Office.

**Ord. #35:** No parking on any Village street between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. No parking in any Village parking lot for more than 72 hours.

**Ord. #9:** An ordinance to prohibit the running of dogs in streets and other public places. Leash is required.

**Ord. #94-10: Keeping of Pets.** No more than three adult dogs and/or cats in combination shall be kept or housed in one residential unit or property.

**Ord. 41: Disorderly Conduct.** It is unlawful to lie or sit on sidewalk, sit on steps open to the public, recline in office windows, window sills, or ledges outside of buildings, sit on any exterior surface of a parked automobile.

**Ord. 01-03: Prohibition of Unreasonable Noise.** It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, or continue to permit an unreasonable loud, disturbing noise. Engine exhaust is also included.

**Ord. 01-01:** An ordinance to establish a curfew for minors. No minor under the following ages shall loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, alley, or park between the hours of 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM under 12 years old and 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM for minors under 18 years old.

**Ord. 92-1: Dismantled or Inoperable Vehicles.** An ordinance to regulate inoperable or dismantled vehicles. Storage of inoperable or dismantled vehicles is not allowed. Vehicles must be operational and must have a valid Michigan registration.

## NAMES & PHONE NUMBERS

### VILLAGE COUNCIL

Ed Winter	President
Esther Collard	Trustee
Bob Huttinga	Trustee
Steve Case	Trustee
Kathy Lobert	Trustee
Dave Lund	Trustee
Dominic Trevino	Trustee

### VILLAGE OFFICE 352-6322

Jake Eckholm	Village Manager
Pam Main	Finance Director
Beth Hamlin	Administrative Asst

### DEPT PUBLIC WORKS 352-7473

Mike Vellanti	DPW Director
Brian Bucholtz	DPW Foreman
Dave Jensen	DPW
DPW Emergency Cell	989-854-2492

### LAKEVIEW POLICE (911) 352-6211

Darin Dood	Chief of Police
D. Mack	Officer
J. Campbell	Officer
R. Mickey	Officer
B. Rader	Officer
R. Hansen	Officer
S. Parson	Officer

## CURRENT MEMBERS

DDA Board	Planning Comm
Ed Jonaitis	Ed Winter
Kevin Griffith	Pam Feutz
Barb Huttinga	Gordon Humm
Ransom Leppink	Lynn Saxton
Molly Perusse	Scott Slagel
Jim Draper	Tim Taylor
Gary Dolee	
Greg McKenna	
Ed Winter	

# Recycling in Lakeview

Recycling is available in downtown Lakeview in the parking lot next to the post office. These unmanned centers are available for self-serve 24/7.

Montcalm County is providing all residents with an alternative direction for recyclable materials that might otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. The items accepted at the recycling centers will be processed and delivered to manufacturing plants to make new products, saving landfill space.

## How it works:

Consider whether those items you are throwing into the trash can be recycled. Bring your cleaned materials to the center at the downtown parking lot, and simply toss your recyclables into the designated containers.

## What can you recycle:

Plastic #1 clear transparent containers only (example: water bottles)

Plastic #2 milk jugs, laundry detergent jugs, softener bottles, etc.

Grocery bags, newspapers, cardboard, and box board (example: cereal, cookie, cracker boxes, etc.)

Glass, aluminum, tin

## NOTE:

Plastic containers with numbers 3,4,5,6,7 or no number will not be accepted.

Styrofoam will not be accepted.

Please remove all plastic container caps.

**\*Note: No unrecyclable material may be disposed of in the center containers.**



For information and updates: a tool and resource to better serve [www.villageoflakeview.com](http://www.villageoflakeview.com)

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER & YEARLY SCHEDULE ENCLOSED**

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LAKEVIEW MI 48850

**\*\*\*\*\*APRIL\*\*\*\*\***

- April 3 Village Office closed 12PM
- April 6 Brush/limb chipping
- April 13 Bag leaf pick up
- April 13 Council Meeting
- April 15 All wreaths, flowers, winter blankets to be removed from Cemetery
- April 16 10PM hydrant flushing
- April 25 Spring Clean Up Day  
9AM-12PM North Street
- April 26 AM hours street sweeping
- April 27 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*MAY\*\*\*\*\***

- May 11 Brush/limb chipping
- May 11 Council Meeting
- May 14 AM hours paint cross walks
- May 15 May begin placing authorized items in the Cemetery (ask for rules)
- May 17 AM hours street sweeping
- May 25 Village Office closed
- May 26 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*JUNE\*\*\*\*\***

- June 8 Brush/limb chipping
- June 8 Council Meeting
- June 11-14 Summerfest Weekend
- June 17 Sidewalk repair to begin
- June 21 AM hours street sweeping
- June 25 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*JULY\*\*\*\*\***

- July 3 Village Office closed
- July 6 Brush/limb chipping
- July 13 Council Meeting
- July 19 AM hours street sweeping
- July 27 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*AUGUST\*\*\*\*\***

- Aug 10 Brush/limb chipping
- Aug 10 Council Meeting
- Aug 23 AM hours street sweeping
- Aug 27 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*SEPTEMBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Sept 7 Village Office closed
- Sept 14 Brush/limb chipping
- Sept 14 Council Meeting
- Sept 28 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*OCTOBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Oct 1 Remove graveside items
- Oct 5 Brush/limb chipping
- Oct 8 10PM hydrant flushing
- Oct 12 Council Meeting
- Oct 12 Leaf Vacuum
- Oct 19 Leaf Vacuum
- Oct 26 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*NOVEMBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Nov 1 Grave blankets can be placed
- Nov 2-9 Leaf Vacuum
- Nov 9 Council Meeting
- Nov 11 Village Office closed
- Nov 15 Cemetery seasonal rates applied
- Nov 16 Brush/limb chipping
- Nov 16 Bag leaf pickup
- Nov 20 End leaf pickup
- Nov 24 Meter Reading
- Nov 26-27 Village Office closed

**\*\*\*\*\*DECEMBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Dec 14 Council Meeting
- Dec 24-25 Village Office closed
- Dec 28 Meter Reading
- Dec 31 Village Office closed 12PM

**\*\*\*\*\*JANUARY\*\*\*\*\***

- Jan 1 Village Office closed
- Jan 4 Christmas tree pickup
- Jan 11 Council Meeting
- Jan 27 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*FEBRUARY\*\*\*\*\***

- Feb 8 Council Meeting
- Feb 25 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*MARCH\*\*\*\*\***

- Mar 14 Council Meeting
- Mar 29 Meter Reading

Council meetings are at 7:30PM on dates indicated.

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Village Police Department	352-6211
Village Office	352-6322
DPW	352-7473
DPW (Emergency)	989-854-2492