



Village Newsletter

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Dear Village Residents,

We have gotten through a very busy 2015, and we hope to keep up that momentum in 2016. This will be a banner year for the Village of Lakeview as we attempt to cultivate growth and quality of life in our community while providing the highest level of public service. I would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on some priorities we have for the coming year.

2016 will bring further improvements to Lakeview-Griffith Field Airport as we remove and replace the staging apron and main access to the runway and taxiway with the assistance of Federal grant dollars. This will bring all of our horizontal infrastructure at the airport to a very sustainable level, allowing us to focus on the construction of new hangars which will bring new commerce and visitors to the Village.

Our new community partners, Byrne Electrical Specialists and PromoQuip, Inc. are both coming right along with their buildings and will be doing business here in Lakeview in the near future. We will continue to work hard to cultivate new investments in the community this year, and we hope to give these new businesses some company this year!

Lakeview's Downtown Development Authority is going to be working on an exciting new project that they would like your help with! With the help of a professional planning agency, the DDA is endeavoring to create a "Shoreline Development Plan" document which will allow us to beautify and improve publicly owned sections of shoreline on Tamarack Lake. We at the Village Office encourage residents to "Embrace the Lake!" It is one of our most important and valuable resources, and our efforts this year will focus on making sure that we are making it easy for everyone to enjoy.

The Village of Lakeview is pursuing a model of assertive growth, while still retaining our community values which make this a special place to live. It is our hope that we make significant gains this year and continue to provide a high level of services. I keep an open door policy and would love to hear your thoughts, questions, ideas, or concerns regarding local matters. Let's have a great 2016!

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 15th. You may place authorized items after May 15th. If you have questions about what is considered authorized, stop by the Village Office and Pam or Sierra 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 14 and October 6 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, 2016 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 23rd. 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.

Our 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, DeWitt 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 (2015 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 (2015 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

2014-15 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	2014	2015
Traffic Stops	710	920
Verbal Warnings	766	971
Civil Infractions	260	389
Arrests	82	94
Misdemeanor Citations	25	28
Juveniles Apprehended	20	11
Accidents Investigated	19	19
Criminal Complaints	297	298
Property Inspections	1,942	2,417
Liquor Inspections	404	416
Ordinance Complaints	29	37
Ordinance Warnings	189	167
Ordinance Citations	15	24
Foot Patrol Hours	448	497.5
Report Writing Hours	316	333
Court Hours	18	29

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 18-20, 2016. 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
Sierra Walstad	Administrative Asst

DEPT PUBLIC WORKS 352-7473

Mike Vellanti	DPW Director
Brian Bucholtz	DPW Foreman
Dave Jensen	DPW
DPW Emergency Cell	989-854-2492
<u>LAKEVIEW POLICE (911) 352-6211</u>	
Darin Dood	Chief of Police
D. Mack	Lieutenant
J. Campbell	Officer
R. Mickey	Officer
S. Parson	Officer
J. Ludwick	Officer

CURRENT MEMBERS

DDA Board	Planning Comm
Ed Jonaitis	Ed Winter
Kevin Griffith	Lane Leppink
Barb Huttinga	Gordon Humm
Ransom Leppink	Greg Saxton
Molly Perusse	Scott Slagel
Jim Draper	Allen Griffith
Gary Dolbee	Chad Lincoln
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.**



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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER & YEARLY SCHEDULE ENCLOSED

VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW
PO BOX 30
LAKEVIEW MI 48850

*******APRIL*******

- April 4 Brush/limb chipping
- April 11 Bag leaf pick up
- April 11 Council Meeting
- April 14 10PM hydrant flushing
- April 15 All wreaths, flowers, winter blankets to be removed from Cemetery
- April 23 Spring Clean Up Day
9AM-12PM North Street
- April 24 AM hours street sweeping
- April 26 Meter Reading

*******MAY*******

- May 9 Brush/limb chipping
- May 9 Council Meeting
- May 12 AM hours paint cross walks
- May 15 May begin placing authorized items
in the Cemetery (ask for rules)
- May 15 AM hours street sweeping
- May 24 Meter Reading
- May 30 Village Office closed

*******JUNE*******

- June 13 Brush/limb chipping
- June 13 Council Meeting
- June 18-20 Summerfest Weekend
- June 22 Sidewalk repair to begin
- June 26 AM hours street sweeping
- June 27 Meter Reading

*******JULY*******

- July 4 Village Office closed
- July 11 Brush/limb chipping
- July 11 Council Meeting
- July 17 AM hours street sweeping
- July 26 Meter Reading

*******AUGUST*******

- Aug 8 Brush/limb chipping
- Aug 8 Council Meeting
- Aug 21 AM hours street sweeping
- Aug 25 Meter Reading

*******SEPTEMBER*******

- Sept 5 Village Office closed
- Sept 12 Brush/limb chipping
- Sept 12 Council Meeting
- Sept 26 Meter Reading

*******OCTOBER*******

- Oct 3 Remove graveside items
- Oct 3 Brush/limb chipping
- Oct 6 10PM hydrant flushing
- Oct 10 Council Meeting
- Oct 10 Leaf Vacuum
- Oct 17 Leaf Vacuum
- Oct 25 Meter Reading

*******NOVEMBER*******

- Nov 1 Grave blankets can be placed
- Nov 1-8 Leaf Vacuum
- Nov 11 Village Office closed
- Nov 14 Council Meeting
- Nov 14 Brush/limb chipping
- Nov 14 Bag leaf pickup
- Nov 15 Cemetery seasonal rates applied
- Nov 18 End leaf pickup
- Nov 22 Meter Reading
- Nov 24-25 Village Office closed

*******DECEMBER*******

- Dec 12 Council Meeting
- Dec 23 Village Office closed
- Dec 26 Village Office closed
- Dec 27 Meter Reading
- Dec 30 Village Office closed 12PM

*******JANUARY*******

- Jan 2 Village Office closed
- Jan 4 Christmas tree pickup
- Jan 9 Council Meeting
- Jan 25 Meter Reading

*******FEBRUARY*******

- Feb 13 Council Meeting
- Feb 23 Meter Reading

*******MARCH*******

- Mar 13 Council Meeting
- Mar 28 Meter Reading

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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