

Shorelines

City of Ferrysburg 17290 Roosevelt Rd. P.O. Box 38 Ferrysburg, MI 49409 Fall 2014

Fire Prevention Week



Fire Prevention week is October 5 through October 11. The Ferrysburg Fire Department will have their annual open house on Monday, October 13 at the Fire Station from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be games, handouts, and fire truck rides. Firefighters will be on hand to explain fire safety.



Monster Bash

The Beautification Commission is sponsoring a “Monster Ball” on Friday, October 24, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Ferrysburg City Hall, 17290 Roosevelt Road. Kids will have the opportunity to wear their Halloween costumes and learn how to dance to songs such as the “YMCA” and the “Hokey Pokey”. Apple cider and donuts will be provided. Admission is free and kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. All are encouraged to wear a costume.



Fall Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, September 20



This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for City residents will be on Saturday, September 20. This is a one-day, one pick up event. Pick up crews will not make return trips. Please place items for pick up at the curb or street edge by 7:00 a.m. on September 20.

Crews from RMS Disposal will pick up: trash in bags, boxes, or small containers; a maximum of two (2) appliances per residence; and limited building material boxed or bundled and no more than four (4) feet in length. Crews will not pick up: tires, leaves, brush, yard waste, tree stumps, loose building material, garbage, auto parts, concrete, blacktop, batteries, scrap iron or steel, hazardous wastes, and loose trash items. Property owners will be responsible for any items left at the curb or street edge after completion of the pick up on September 20.

Fall Street Edge Leaves Collection Coming!



The City’s street edge leaves collection program will begin soon. All City residents are encouraged to take advantage of the pickups that will be provided at no cost to our residents. While this program is intended to pick up loose leaves, crews will accept bagged leaves in paper bags only. Paper bags are available for purchase at City Hall for 5/\$2.00. All other types of bags will be left at the curbside and will be the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of in a method other than land filling or burning.

Area 1: Monday, November 3, 10 and 17

All City Residents east of 168th Avenue and north of Spring Lake.

Area 2: Tuesday, November 4, 11 and 18

All City residents east of 174th Ave, north of Ridge Ave and west of 168th Avenue.

Area 3: Wednesday, November 5, 12 and 19

All City residents north of North Shore Road and West of 174th Avenue.

Area 4: Thursday, November 6, 13 and 20

All City residents south of North Shore Road to the City limits, south of Ridge Avenue and west of Spring Lake.

Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve



The Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve is owned by the City of Ferrysburg. The Preserve is approximately 112 acres, one-half of which was donated by the late Connie Lindquist, by Gerald Lindquist and Harold V. Hartger. The other half was purchased primarily with the financial assistance of the Nature Conservancy and a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. On Sunday, September 14, the Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve Board will host visitors from 2 – 4 p.m. Hikes will be led by trained docents, educational posters will be on display, and there will also be children’s activities.

Opening on Boards and Commissions

Many of the City's Boards and Commissions have openings. If you are interested in serving, please complete an application and return it to City Hall. For additional information on the various Boards and Commissions, contact City Hall at 842-5803.

Youth Council

The Ferrysburg City Council has created a Youth Advisory Council to involve students in government while serving their communities. If you are a student in grades 9-12 and reside in the City of Ferrysburg, applications are now being accepted. Youth Advisory Council Members will also serve as non-voting members on the Recreation Commission, the Kitchel-Lindquist Hartger Dunes Preserve Board and the Beautification Commission. If you would like an information packet, or have additional questions, please contact City Clerk Debbie Wierenga at 842-5803.

Unused Medications



Don't flush unwanted meds, instead, safely dispose of your personal medications at the Ottawa County Sheriff/Spring Lake Village office during regular business hours. Please remove pills from the pill bottles and place them in a plastic bag before dropping them off.

Community Garden



After completing a successful inaugural year of the Community Garden, plans are being made for next year. The Community Garden is a place where residents can plant their favorite vegetable, fruit, flowers, cultivate and watch them grow, then take home fresh food or flowers. If you are interested in reserving a spot, please contact City Hall at 842-5803. Applications will be accepted on a first come basis. Residents will be assigned an area approximately 4' x 8'.

North Shore Road



The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), on the City's behalf, has awarded a construction contract for the North Shore Road Project, west end, to Anlaan Corporation of Ferrysburg. Construction has begun and the contractor's schedule calls for the project to be completed by November 14. Moore and Bruggink engineers are providing construction oversight and inspection services.

The project limits are from North Beach Park to near the west property line of Coast Guard Park. The project will include removal of the existing asphalt street, rebuilding the street subbase and base, installation of concrete curb and gutter, and new asphalt pavement. In addition a non-motorized path will be constructed on the north side of the street.

The cost of these projects is \$1,347,882. The street project is being funded with a \$674,000 Roads and Risks Reserve Grant. The non-motorized path is being funded with a \$200,000 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, with the remaining funds coming from the recently approved non-motorize millage.

At their meeting on August 18, City Council selected Moore & Bruggink, Inc., for the design and construction engineering for the 2015 North Shore Road and non-motorized path – east end. This project will begin in spring 2015 and the scope of the project will be similar as to the west end. The non-motorized path will travel along the north side of the street.

168th Avenue

Callen Engineering has completed the design engineering for the 168th Avenue non-motorize path. The limits of the path are from West Spring Lake Road to VanWagoner Road, on the east side of the street. The City is partnering with Spring Lake Township on this project.

Do You Scoop the Poop?

Is it really a problem? It might not seem like a stormwater problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health. Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and

pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly, and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local waters unswimmable and unfishable, and have caused severe illness in humans. As you can see, animal waste doesn't simply decompose. So, the easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly! Picking up after your pet is easy, if you're prepared. Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your dog, and you'll have the equipment to remove your dog's waste. Then throw it in the nearest trash can, and you're done! There are even compact, refillable bag dispensers that you can attach right to your dog's leash. Visit www.splashco.org to request a free dog bag waste container.

Guide to Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The average U.S. household can have as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste stored throughout their house and garage. Improper disposal of these materials can contaminate drinking water, harm the environment, and create health hazards for you and your family. Simple alternatives can replace many hazardous substances. However, if you choose to use commercial



products make sure to dispose of them properly.

Where Can I Take My Household Hazardous Waste?

The Ottawa County Health Department has four **Resource Recovery Service Centers** for the collection of household hazardous waste. These centers are open to Ottawa County residents at no cost. Center locations and hours of operation are listed below. For more information call 616-393-5645 or visit www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/hh_waste.htm

Coopersville Facility, 15600 68th Avenue
Hours: M, 12-5pm; W, 8-1pm; 3rd Sat. 8-Noon
Grand Haven Facility, 16850 Comstock
Hours: M & W, 8-1pm, 2-5pm; 4th Sat. 8-Noon

Holland Facility, 14053 Quincy
Hours: T & Th, 8-1pm, 2-5pm; 2nd Sat. 8-Noon
Jenison Facility, 6693 Roger Drive
Hours: T, 12-5pm; Th, 8-1pm; 1st Sat. 8-Noon

What Household Hazardous Waste Can I Dispose?

The Resource Recovery Service Centers offer free disposal of the following waste materials:

- Household Cleaners
- Drain Cleaners
- Used Motor Oil & Filters
- Anti-freeze
- Old Gasoline
- Paint Thinner/Stripper
- Oil-Based Paint
- Mercury & Acids/Bases
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Pool & Spa Chemicals
- Cell phones
- Pesticides & Garden Chemicals

Where Can I Take Recyclables?

The **Resource Recovery Service Centers** also offer residential recycling of plastics, paper, glass, metal, and cardboard. An annual recycle membership cost \$50.00. For more information call 616-393-5645 or visit www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/hh_recycle.htm

Your current waste hauler or the following haulers offer **curbside recycling programs**:

- Potluck Pick-up Inc.: 616-895-6399
- Allied Waste Services: 877-698-7274
- Arrowaste Inc.: 616-748-1955
- EverKept Disposal: 616-669-2047
- Chef Container, LLC: 616-494-0561

Insurance

Recently the Insurance Services Office (ISO) conducted a Public Protection Classification survey on how Fire protection is provided to the City. After their review, ISO concluded the City's Fire Protection rating improved to a Class 05. Previously the City was rated a Class 06. This information plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. This new rating will be effective October 1, 2014.

Congratulations to the Fire Department for their work to improve the City's Public Protection Classification.



Fire Hydrants

Last winter there were record snowfalls. As a result many of the City's fire hydrants became buried under the snow. If you live near a fire hydrant, we ask that you "adopt a fire hydrant" and keep snow shoveled away from it during the winter season. Doing so will save valuable time when the use of the hydrant is needed.

Brush Chipping

With the upcoming arrival of winter, the City crew will discontinue chipping brush October 24. In April they will continue brush chipping. A reminder that there is **no** burning in the city limits of Ferrysburg.

Openings: Ferrysburg Fire Department The City of Ferrysburg is looking for a few good men and women who are interested in a unique and rewarding opportunity to serve their community. The Ferrysburg Fire Department is a volunteer Fire Department, and is always accepting applications from individuals who are willing to become firefighters for the City of Ferrysburg. You must be at least 18 years old, a high school graduate, have a valid driver's license, and be able to respond to fires at any time of the day. Firefighting experience is a plus, but is not required.



Smoke Detector Safety



Have you recently checked the batteries in your smoke detector? Is your smoke detector working properly? If you have answered "NO" or if you are not sure how to answer, the Ferrysburg Fire Department can help! Call Ferrysburg City Hall at 842-5803, to schedule an appointment. A member of the Ferrysburg Fire Department will then contact you to set up an appointment to check your smoke detector "**free of charge**".

Meetings

City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission meets the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Beautification Commission meets the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission meets as needed.
Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
Other Boards and Commission meet on an irregular schedule.
To confirm a scheduled meeting, contact City Hall at 842-5803.

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Police Services 1-800-249-0911

For a water, sewer, or street emergency after office hours, call 616-994-7850.

City Council

Term expires Nov. 2015:

Daniel Ruitter Mayor
Chris Larson, Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Blease
Kathleen Kennedy

Term expires Nov. 2017:

Rebecca Hopp
Regina Sjoberg
Michael DeWitt

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