

# Shorelines

City of Ferrysburg 17290 Roosevelt Road P.O. Box 38 Ferrysburg, MI 49409 Spring 2017

## **Trash to Treasure Day:** (Saturday May 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

The City will sponsor a garage sale which will be promoted as “Trash to Treasure Day.” This voluntary, free event is open to all Ferrysburg residents. Participants can display their items for sale on front lawns and driveways from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All residents participating in this event may register their address with the City allowing it to be placed on a map which will be available on the City’s website or for pickup at City Hall. The City will also publish the event in area newspapers. Residents may register their home by contacting City Hall at 842-5803. The deadline to register your address with the City is Monday, May 1.

## **Spring Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, May 20**

This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for City residents will be on Saturday, May 20. This is a one-day, one pickup event. Pickup crews will not make return trips. Please place items for pick up at the curb or street edge by 7:00 a.m. on **May 20**. Crews from Republic Services will pick up: trash in bags, boxes, or small containers; a maximum of two (2) appliances per residence. Appliances containing Freon must have a sticker certifying the coolant was evacuated by a certified technician. 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 May 20.

## **Parking of vehicles and recreational vehicles**

Residents are reminded that the Zoning Ordinance restricts parking of vehicles to the driveway, carport or garage. Also, parking in any right of way is prohibited. The placement of recreational vehicles is regulated to a side yard (a minimum of ten (10) feet from the side property line) and the rear yard. For more information regarding the parking of vehicles and recreational vehicles, please contact City Hall.

## **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is a great way to celebrate our nation’s independence. Begin the day with “Breakfast with the Mayor” at City Hall from 8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. The parade will begin at Ferrysburg City Hall at 10:30 a.m. and will end at Wm. Ferry Park where there will be a flag raising ceremony, music, games and food. If you would like to participate in the parade or would like to volunteer to help with the parade or events at Wm. Ferry Park, please contact City Hall at 616-842-5803.

## **Coast Guard Festival Community Picnic**

The City of Ferrysburg will host the Coast Guard Festival Community Picnic on Sunday, July 30, from 1PM to 4:00PM. The event is open to all citizens and is a time to thank those that serve in the United States Coast Guard. There will be food available for purchase, games and music.

## **Baby Wipes**

Companies advertise baby wipes and other similar products as bio-degradable, however, this does not happen instantly. When flushed into the sanitary sewer system these products get caught in the pumps operating the sewer system which cause them to plug and stop working. If the pumps fail, this may cause the sewer system to backup. We are asking your assistance and not flush baby wipes or other similar products into the sanitary sewer system.

## **Web site**

Looking for information on meeting dates or times? Visit the City’s web site at ferrysburg.org. There you will find contact information, the City Code, the Zoning Ordinance, the City’s Dashboard and more. Looking for something and not finding it, please contact City Hall.

## **Bill Pay Options**

The City offers auto-pay for taxes and water/sewer bills. To sign up for auto-pay, contact City Hall at 842-5803. The option to make payments or pay ahead is also available for water/sewer bills.

## **Inoperable Vehicles**

The City Code prohibits the outside storage of inoperable motor vehicles or unlicensed motor vehicles on a parcel.

### **Trash Containers**

As a reminder, please do not place garbage, trash, and/or recyclable material bags, containers, bins or boxes to remain in any front yard or in the non-traveled portion of any street right of way prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled collection day or leave these items in any front yard or in the non-traveled portion of any street right-of-way after 7:00 p.m. on the scheduled collection day established by the collector.

### **Reminders**

- If you are having a garage sale or a yard sale, please remember a sign is permitted on the premise of which the sale is being conducted, and one (1) sign is permitted off premises on a private parcel on the nearest cross street. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall.
- Picnic shelters at William Ferry Park and Coast Guard Park are available to Ferrysburg residents and the public on a first come, first serve basis. The City does not take reservations for these facilities.

### **Payments**

On July 1, 2017 the City of Ferrysburg will only accept the U.S. Postal Service postmark when considering payments received on time. Postage meter, pre stamped envelopes, and those without a postmark will be considered late payments when received after the due date. The City offers an automatic withdrawal program, a drop box at City Hall, and payments can be made at Fifth/Third Bank in Ferrysburg. You may obtain our Automatic Payment form on our website at [www.ferrysburg.org](http://www.ferrysburg.org) or contact us at 616-842-5803 for further information.

### **Walk the Waterfronts**

A Community Walk for all fitness levels. All ages, strollers, and dogs are welcome. Come out and walk with your community. Like our facebook page: [walkthewaterfronts](https://www.facebook.com/walkthewaterfronts) or contact us at [walkthewaterfronts@gmail.com](mailto:walkthewaterfronts@gmail.com) for more details.

### **Unused Medications**

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

### **Chili Cook Off**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Smith's Bayou Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2016. The proceeds of this community event will be donated to *Folds of Honor Foundation*, providing post- secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. *Folds of Honor Foundation* honors military families by providing educational support and opportunities to ensure that no one is left behind. For additional information please contact: [smiths.bayou.chili@gmail.com](mailto:smiths.bayou.chili@gmail.com) or Rebecca Hopp (616)893-8553 or JoAnn Grotemat (616)850-2636.

### **Community Garden**

Interested in growing your own garden? The City has garden plots available at City Hall for your use. Most plots are 4' x 8'. The garden is located on the Ferrysburg City Hall property, dirt and water is provided. Those using the garden are responsible for bringing their own gardening tools. If interested in reserving a plot, please contact City Hall or at [info@ferrysburg.org](mailto:info@ferrysburg.org).

### **Neighborhood Housing Services**

The City of Ferrysburg has partnered with the City of Grand Haven in the Neighborhood Housing Services Collaboration. Ferrysburg residents will have available to them educational services, which are foreclosure prevention, homebuyer education, pre-purchase counseling and one on one financial education. Ferrysburg residents also have access to the Neighborhood Impact Program which allows income eligible home owners to receive up to \$7,500 in eligible home repairs. To access these services, please contact Neighborhood Housing Services at 616-935-3270.

### **Eagle Scout Project**

Eagle Scout Candidate Charlie Slajus installed two benches along the new bike on North Shore Road. Charlie is with Boy Scout Troop 14, Spring Lake, Michigan. The City of Ferrysburg wishes to thank Charlie for his contribution to the City.

### **Master Plan Update**

State Statute requires communities to update their Master Land Use Plan every five (5) years. Our Current Land Use Plan was adopted on December 2, 2012 and the Planning Commission is in the process of updating the Master Land Use Plan.

Residents are encouraged to attend the Planning Commission meetings to provide input on what they would like to see included in the Master Plan.

### **Blue Piping**

In the 70's and early 80's, many homes were connected to the City water system with polybutylene piping (blue pipe). Over time, this pipe has been known to leak and give trouble. Property owners are responsible for water lines beginning at the street right-of-way. Homeowners may wish to have their plumbing inspected to determine if you have poly piping installed in your home, and if so, you may wish to have it replaced.

### **Fire Department**

Firefighters wanted: Did you know firefighters get paid? Have you wondered what is involved to become a firefighter, or how much time is required? **On Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Department will have an informational question and answer meeting for residents to answer these questions and any other questions you may have. Personnel from the Fire Department will give a brief overview of the fire department, its operations and the training requirements. A station and equipment tour will also be included. The meeting will be at the Fire Station located at North Shore Road & 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is expected to last one hour and no reservation is required.

### **How You Can Help Reduce Pollution Entering the Grand River**

Stormwater is rain water that isn't soaked into the ground during a rain event. As stormwater passes over impervious surfaces like streets and parking lots, it picks up pollutants such as oil and grease from parking lots and roadways, excess fertilizer from lawns, and pet waste, to name a few. Locally, this stormwater is not treated; rather it is discharged to the Grand River and its tributaries via storm sewer systems and drainage ditches.

*Here are a few ways YOU can reduce stormwater pollution from entering the storm sewer system in your community:*

- Reduce stormwater by planting rain gardens and using rain barrels in your gardens to prevent water from leaving your property.
- Keep stormdrains near your home clear of litter by disposing of trash and recyclables in proper containers.
- Collect yard waste to prevent grass clippings and leaves from clogging the storm sewer system.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a rain storm, use only the manufacturer's recommendations, and sweep up excess fertilizer on hard surfaces like sidewalks, driveways, and roadways.
- Ensure that soiled water and other wastes from car washing practices do not enter the storm sewer system by washing your car on grass or gravel, rather than your driveway. Better yet, take your vehicles to a commercial car wash that sends wash water through the sanitary sewer.
- Be Septic Smart! Keep your septic system maintained to protect your family's drinking water and reduce the risk of contaminating local water.
- Properly dispose of any pet waste in a closed trash receptacle. Pet waste is raw sewage and contains harmful bacteria, easily transported to water through stormwater.
- Be conscious in closing lids on dumpsters and outdoor trash cans.

**Brush Chipping**

In April the City Public Services Crew will start chipping brush once a month on the **second full week**, streets west of US-31; on the **third full week**, streets east of US-31. Brush must be stacked all in the same direction. There is a 30 minute time limit at each stop. Generally, crews can chip in 30 minutes what you can stack in 30 minutes.

**Leave Pick-Up**

The City of Ferrysburg does not have a Spring street edge leaves pick up. Residents with leaves in **paper bags only** may drop them off at the West side of the Public Services Garage. Paper bags are available at City Hall for \$.40 each. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**Lubbers Cup**

On Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 the Lubbers Cup Regatta will take place on Spring Lake, beginning at the Spring Lake Yacht Club in the City of Ferrysburg. Grand Valley State University is the host University. Competitors will include rowers from Grand Valley State University, Robert Morris, Illinois, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Cincinnati, Case Western Reserve, Drake, Dayton, DePaul, Eastern Michigan, Marquette, Minnesota and Notre Dame Universities. The public is invited to watch the Regatta from the Spring Lake Yacht Club or other locations around Spring Lake. Smith’s Bridge will be closed to fisherman during this event.

**Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve**

**On Saturday, April 25, the Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes** Preserve Board has scheduled a cleanup day at the Dunes Preserve beginning at 9 a.m. The Dunes Preserve Board asks volunteers to gather at the preserve’s main parking lot on Berwyck Street just east of North Shore Drive. Volunteers are asked to wear gloves and appropriate clothing for weather conditions. The day’s work will focus on the cleanup of the Connie Lindquist Trail, Harold Hartger Trail, and Marjorie Hendricks Trail. The board will provide trash bags for volunteers, who will be divided into crews to work in different sections of the preserve. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9 a.m.

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Website:	<a href="http://www.ferrysburg.org">www.ferrysburg.org</a>
Office hours:	8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday
Police Dept. Admin.	8am-5pm, M-F (616) 842-1889
Police Services	1-800-249-0911 (non-emergency)
<b>For a water, sewer, or street emergency after office hours, call (800) 249-0911.</b>	
<u>City Council</u>	
<u>Term expires Nov. 2017:</u>	<u>Term expires Nov. 2019:</u>
Dan Ruitter, Mayor	Timothy O’Donnell
Rebecca Hopp, Mayor Pro Tem	J. Patrick Twa
Regina Sjoberg	Kathleen Kennedy
Michael DeWitt	

City Council meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Beautification Commission meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Board meets the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 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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