

# Shorelines

City of Ferrysburg 17290 Roosevelt Road P.O. Box 38 Ferrysburg, MI 49409 Spring 2011

## **Trash to Treasure Day:** (Saturday May 14, 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 at City Hall. Residents may register their home by contacting City Hall at 842-5803. The deadline to register your address with the City is Tuesday, May 10.

## **Spring Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, May 21**

This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for City residents will be on Saturday, May 21. 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 21**.

Crews from Allied Waste Services 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 May 21.

## **Dog Park**

The Dog Park located at Coast Guard Park is open seven (7) days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Pampered Pets located in Ferrysburg at 522 Oak Street is partnering with the City to make improvements at the Dog Park. Installing a drinking fountain with an attached pet fountain is the next scheduled improvement for the Dog Park. The cost of this project is approximately \$3,000. If you would like to make a contribution to this project, please stop by City Hall or visit Pampered Pets.

## **Sunnyside Park**

A permanent restroom has been installed at Sunnyside Park. This project received a \$4,000 grant from the North Bank Community Fund. We thank the North Bank Community Fund for this generous donation.

## **City Buildings**

Ottawa County received an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and passed a portion of the funds to local communities. With these funds, the City will upgrade to energy efficient light fixtures in the Department of Public Works Garage and the Fire Station.

## **Dog Licenses**

With the start of 2011 also comes the start of a new dog licensing program through Ottawa County. Dog licenses are now available in a one year license or a three year license. The time of year you purchase the dog license also has changed.

Dog licenses are now purchased in the month that the rabies expires (Example: if the rabies vaccination expires 4/23/11 you would buy the license in April). You can buy a three year license in the same year that the rabies vaccination expires otherwise you can only buy a one year license. The cost of a spayed/neutered dog license increased to \$10 for a one year license and \$25 for a three year license when purchased on time.

Dog licenses may be purchased at your local City offices, veterinarian offices or at [www.miottawa.org](http://www.miottawa.org).

### **Fire Barn Park and Spring Lake Rotary**

A new permanent restroom is in the planning stages for Fire Barn Park. To help pay for this project, the Spring Lake Rotary Club has selected the restroom at the Fire Barn as the recipient of \$10,000 from their annual raffle. Annually the Spring Lake Rotary Club holds a raffle, in which a limited number of \$100 tickets (300) are sold. A \$10,000 prize is raffled to the person with the lucky ticket, and \$10,000 is donated to an area organization. For 2011, the Ferrysburg Fire Barn Park restroom was selected. If interested in purchasing a ticket to support this project, please contact Craig Bessinger at 842-5803.

### **Free Electronics Recycling!**

Old electronics hiding in those closets? Bring them to First Christian Reformed Church, 516 S. Ferry in Grand Haven, on Friday, May 13, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Old computers, monitors, keyboards, floppy discs, broken radios, clocks, VCR & DVD players, video game players and more can be recycled for FREE! \$10.00 donation for televisions. Volunteers will be waiting in the church parking lot to help you unload. And, if you have unwanted metal items – bring them as well. All items will be environmentally recycled. Questions? Call LaDon at First Christian Reformed Church at 842-6370.

### **New City Vehicles**

The Ferrysburg Fire Department received a new 60' aerial/pumper on December 1, 2010, at a cost of \$520,000. After personnel were trained, the new truck was put into service on January 22. The Department of Public Works has on order a new dump truck that will be outfitted for snowplowing. The cost of this truck after all equipment has been installed is \$101,413. These vehicles allow both departments to provide quick, efficient service with reliable equipment to the public in a safe manner for the employees. These vehicles were paid in full from funds received from the now expired Motorized Equipment Millage. When collected, this millage could not be used for any other purpose. In the near future, City Council will discuss whether to present a millage request to the residents of the City to consider approving this important millage.

### **City Hall**

In 2006, the City purchased the former Ferrysburg Elementary School building, and in 2015, the building will be paid in full. The building is located on approximately 14 acres between Roosevelt Road and Ridge Avenue. In 2010, City Council made the decision to move City Hall operations to the site. Residents are asked to access the building from Ridge Avenue.

City Hall operations do not utilize all the space inside the building. Lease arrangements have been made with Ottawa County Community Mental Health, The Child Development Center, and Basketball Basics, LLC, for space inside the building. These lease arrangements amount to approximately \$70,000 per year in revenue for the City.

### **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 Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.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 is expected to last one hour and no reservation is required.

### **Pools**

The Michigan Building Code requires all pools capable of holding water at a depth of at least 12 inches to be surrounded on all four sides by a fence at least five feet high with gates that close and latch automatically. Before a fence is installed, a Zoning Permit is required. There is no charge for the permit.

## **Building Permits**

In 2010 there was one (1) building permit issued for new construction. This compares to four (4) permits in 2009, seven (7) in 2008, thirteen (13) in 2007, and twenty-seven (27) in 2006.

## **Code Enforcement**

The City has ordinances to keep blight from entering neighborhoods. Blight can lower property values, making the community less desirable for those who live and work in the City and for those looking to relocate to the City. These ordinances cover items such as weeds or grass, trash containers, inoperable vehicles, and the storage of junk or debris on property. Code enforcement is a proactive way to produce favorable results on behalf of the community. Ordinance requirements can be found on our web site at [www.ferrysburg.org](http://www.ferrysburg.org) or by contacting City Hall.

## **Reminders**

- The burning of leaves, yard waste, and brush in Ferrysburg is prohibited. The burning of trash and waste building material is also prohibited.
- 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.
- Residents are asked to keep bushes trimmed near their outside water meter remote. This will allow Public Service Workers to read the outside water meter remote quicker and more efficiently.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be held on Monday, July 4, beginning at 10:30 a.m. from City Hall located at 17290 Roosevelt Road and ending at William Ferry Park. At the Park there will be a flag raising ceremony, music, kids' games, and food. If you would like to have an entry in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade or would like to volunteer to help put this Parade on, please contact City Hall.
- On Saturday, July 23, the City of Ferrysburg will once again have the honor to host the Coast Guard Festival Picnic. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and last until 3:00 p.m. There will be food, music, and "Dee Jay the Clown" will entertain kids. The picnic is open to all. Citizens are encouraged to attend to support and thank those that serve in the United States Coast Guard.
- Filled trash containers and filled recycling containers placed by the street prior to 6:00 PM the day before scheduled pick up, and emptied containers left by the street after 7:00 PM the day they were emptied, are violations of the City Code.

## **Join Lakeshore Friends of Transit**

If you support public transit and all the benefits it offers a community, then you'll want to join the Lakeshore Friends of Transit (LFOT). LFOT provides advocacy for preserving and improving public transportation to serve the needs of the lakeshore communities. It supports Harbor Transit as well as Allegan Transportation and Macatawa Area Express in Holland. If you are a person who wants to show your support for public transportation (even if you don't use it personally) and would like to be kept informed of transit issues, visit LFOT's website at <http://transitmeansmore.org>, and sign your support.

Individuals, families, groups, organizations and business are invited to get on board with Friends of Transit! Another way to show your support is to "Like" the Facebook page for Lakeshore Friends of Transit, which can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Lakeshore-Friends-of-Transit/152809581419044>.

**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 a piece. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

City Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30 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 as needed.  
Kitchel-Lindquist Commission 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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**For a water, sewer, or street emergency after office hours, call (616) 994-7850.**

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