

# Shorelines

City of Ferrysburg 17290 Roosevelt Road P.O. Box 38 Ferrysburg, MI 49409 Spring 2012

## **Trash to Treasure Day:** (Saturday May 5, 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. Residents may register their home by contacting City Hall at 842-5803. The deadline to register your address with the City is Monday, April 30.

## **Spring Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, May 12**

This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for City residents will be on Saturday, May 12. 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 12**.

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 12.

## **Dog Park**

Last fall, Eagle Scout Candidate Morgan Boon constructed a Boardwalk under the cement bunker at the Dog Park. Morgan also installed boards in the gate entrance into the park. Later this spring, students from Walden Green Montessori and West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics will paint pictures on the east side of the cement wall. 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.

## **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 will be held on Wednesday, 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.

## **Coast Guard Festival Community Picnic**

On Sunday, July 29, the City of Ferrysburg will once again have the honor to host the Coast Guard Festival Community Picnic. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last until 4:00 p.m. There will be food, music, and “Dee Jay the Clown” will entertain kids. The picnic is open to all and citizens are encouraged to attend to support and thank those that serve in the United States Coast Guard.

## **Eagle Scout Project**

Eagle Scout Candidate Jake Portenga will install five (5) benches in the City, three (3) inside the Dog Park, and two (2) along Third Street, between Carmen Drive and Verplank Street for his Eagle Scout Project. Jake is the son of Chad and Lana Portenga, and is with Troop 14. The City of Ferrysburg wishes to thank Jake for his contribution to the City.

### Ridge Avenue Bridge

The City was awarded a \$211,100 Local Bridge Program Grant for preventive maintenance on the Ridge Avenue Bridge over the CSX Railroad. There are two sections of the Ridge Avenue Bridge: the section which goes over US-31 and is the responsibility of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to maintain, and the section over the CSX railroad, which is the responsibility of the City of Ferrysburg to maintain. MDOT has scheduled work for the section MDOT is responsible for in 2013 and the City is working to coordinate preventive maintenance on the section the City is responsible for at the same time.

### Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve Clean

The Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve Board has scheduled a cleanup day at the Dunes Preserve on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until noon. The Dunes Preserve Board asks volunteers to gather at the Preserve's main parking lot on Berwyck Street just east of North Shore Drive. The day's work will focus on the cleanup of the trails and placing bark along the 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.

### 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 Thursday, April 19, 2012 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 is expected to last one hour and no reservation is required.

### Code Enforcement

The City has ordinances to keep blight from entering neighborhoods. Blight can lower property values, and make the community less desirable for those who live and work in 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.
- 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.

### Maintaining Your Septic System

Does your septic tank need to be inspected or pumped out? If so, give a reputable septic tank pumping firm a call this spring. To prolong the life of your system, follow these tips from MSU Extension. **Pump your septic tank regularly**, usually once every 3 to 5 years to avoid a costly septic system failure. Signs of failure include: odors, plumbing or septic tank backups, and gurgling sounds in the pumping system. **Stay away from additives.** Their benefits have not been demonstrated, and some may actually harm your system and contaminate groundwater.

### Jazzercise

At their meeting on Monday, March 5, City Council approved a Lease Agreement with Jennifer Juhasz, Franchise Owner and operator of Jazzercise, for use of the former City Hall building at 408 Fifth Street. Jazzercise is dance exercise with 60 minute classes. Classes are easy-to-follow, fun choreography which begins with a gentle warm-up, 40 minute aerobic workout, muscle toning and strength segment with weights, and a stretch finale. For more information on Jazzercise, contact Jennifer Juhasz at 616-850-2609.

## **New Michigan Law Restricts Phosphorus Fertilizers: Use Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer-Protecting Water Quality**

Phosphorus is a naturally occurring essential nutrient for plant and animal growth. It is also a primary water quality concern in Michigan. When excess phosphorus is applied on land, it may run into nearby lakes, rivers and streams. This runoff can lead to increased algae and aquatic plant growth which can have negative effects on water quality, fisheries, recreation, and property values. By restricting unnecessary phosphorus applications, the phosphorus law will help maintain and protect Michigan's vast water resources.

### **The Fertilizer Law**

Michigan Fertilizer Law (1994 PA 451, Part 85, Fertilizers) restricts the use of phosphorus fertilizers on residential and commercial lawns, including athletic fields and golf courses statewide. Both homeowners and commercial applicators must follow the phosphorus application restrictions. However, there are a few exceptions. For exceptions visit [www.michigan.gov/mda-fertilizer](http://www.michigan.gov/mda-fertilizer).

### **What Fertilizers do I Use?**

Look for lawn fertilizers with zero phosphorus in them. On the bag or box of fertilizer is a row of three numbers. These numbers indicate the amount of total nitrogen (N), available phosphate (P2O5) and soluble potash (K2O) in the particular product. The middle number is available phosphate and should read "0".

### **Where Can I Find Phosphorus-free Fertilizers?**

A majority of garden centers, hardware stores, and large chain stores carry phosphorus free lawn fertilizers.

## **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/healthcomm/health/hh\\_waste.htm](http://www.miottawa.org/healthcomm/health/hh_waste.htm)

#### **Coopersville Facility, 15600 68<sup>th</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 8-1pm, 2-5pm*

#### **Jenison Facility, 6693 Roger Drive**

*Hours: T, 12-5pm; Th, 8-1pm; 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- Pesticides & Garden Chemicals
- Cell Phones
- Pool & Spa Chemicals
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Mercury & Acids/Bases
- Oil-Based Paint

### **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/healthcomm/health/hh\\_recycle.htm](http://www.miottawa.org/healthcomm/health/hh_recycle.htm) Your current waste hauler or the following haulers offer **curbside recycling programs**:

- Potluck Pick-up Inc.: 895-6399
- Allied Waste Services: 877-MY-TRASH
- Waste Management: 800-538-3750
- Arrowwaste Inc.: 748-1955
- Everkept Inc.: 669-2047

## **Lubbers Cup**

Grand Valley State University will host the 2012 Lubbers Cup on Saturday, April 14, at the Spring Lake Yacht Club. Teams from Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Ohio State University among others will participate in the event. On occasion, boat traffic on Spring Lake may be halted to accommodate the race.

### **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.

### **Water Meters**

The Department of Public Services is changing the old style manual read water meters to radio read water meters. This allows the Public Services Department to drive by your residence and read water usage via computer. The software also allows the Public Services Department to monitor for abnormalities. For instance, if the software detects non-stop water usage for a 24 hour period, a report will be generated and the property owner notified. If you received a letter stating the City will be installing the new water meters in your area, please contact City Hall to schedule an appointment. The installation is typically completed in 30 minutes. The City hopes to complete the change over to the new meters by 2013.

### **Harbor Transit**

Economical, efficient, affordable. Harbor Transit provides public transportation within the areas of the City of Ferrysburg, Spring Lake Village, the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township and areas of Spring Lake Township. To arrange a ride with Harbor Transit call 842-3200.

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

#### City Council

<u>Term expires Nov. 2013:</u>	<u>Term expires Nov. 2015:</u>
Dan Ruiter, Mayor	Chris Larson, Mayor Pro-tem
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Regina Sjoberg	Kathleen Kennedy
Michael DeWitt	

#### City Staff

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Assessor	Jerry Groeneveld
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Adm. Asst.	Diana Arens

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 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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