

Shorelines

City of Ferrysburg 17290 Roosevelt Road P.O. Box 38 Ferrysburg, MI 49409 Spring 2016

Trash to Treasure Day: (Saturday May 7, 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, April 30.

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 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 21.

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.

4th of July Parade

The 4th 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 31, from 1PM to 4PM. 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.

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 schedule 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.

VanWagoner Road

This summer VanWagoner Road will be repaved from 168th Avenue to 174th Avenue. The project will be removal of the existing asphalt street and new asphalt pavement. Four foot bike lanes will be installed on the north and south sides of VanWagoner Road as part of the project. (except for the area between the US-31 on/off ramps. The project will begin after July 1 as VanWagoner Road will be a detour route while MDOT works on the Pontaluna Bridge over US-31 this spring.

Walk the Waterfronts

A Community Walk for all fitness levels beginning every Wednesday starting May 4. Meet at Old Boys Brewing, 917 Savidge Street. Registration begins at 5:00-5:15 p.m. Maps of the routes will be available at registration. All ages, strollers, and dogs are welcome. Come out and walk with your community. Like our facebook page: [walkthewaterfronts](#) or contact us at walkthewaterfronts@gmail.com.

Unused Medications

Don't flush unwanted meds, instead, safely dispose of your personal medications at the Spring Lake Village/Spring Lake Township 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

Last year volunteers from Light Corporation constructed 21 additional garden boxes at the Community Garden located at City Hall. There are 77 garden boxes available for you to plant your favorite vegetable, fruit or flower. If interested in reserving a garden box, please contact City Hall at 842-5803 or at info@ferrysburg.org.

Chili Cook Off

The 10th Annual Smith's Bayou Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 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 or Rebecca Hopp (616)893-8553 or JoAnn Grotemat (616)850-2636.



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TYPES of EVENTS



Your Wedding Day: Arrive at your reception on time and in style. Fun and safe transportation for the entire wedding party.

School Outings and Events: A safe and memorable option for children to get to and from their special event.

Christmas Caroling: Bring a group together to enjoy the lights and sounds of the holiday season.

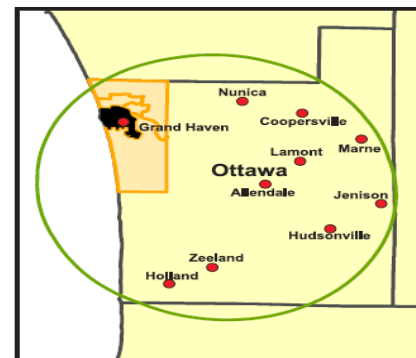
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Get The Most Out Of Rain – (Ideas for creating a rain-friendly yard)

Save water with rain barrels. A rain barrel is a container that collects and stores rainwater from downspouts and rooftops for future use, watering lawns and gardens. Generally a rain barrel is made using a 55-gallon drum, a vinyl garden hose, PVC couplings, a screen grate to remove debris and keep insects out, and other materials found at neighborhood hardware stores. Rain barrels can be constructed in a number of ways, but they all serve the same purpose – to collect rainwater and decrease the amount of stormwater runoff that leaves your property. During the summer months it is estimated that nearly 40 percent of household water is used for lawn and garden maintenance. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for those times that you need it most – during dry summer months. Using rain barrels potentially helps homeowners lower water bills, while also improving the vitality of plants, trees, and lawns. For more information about rain barrels, please visit www.wmeac.org/water/rain-barrel-workshops/

Redirect downspouts. Take full advantage of the rain that comes off your roof by making sure that your downspouts deposit rainwater where it can be put to good use. Redirect downspouts to gardens, grassy areas, rain barrels – places where water can infiltrate the ground and root plants, decreasing the amount of water that goes down storm drains. Rain is naturally soft and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other harmful chemicals. The chemicals and hard water from many of our municipal water systems can add to chemical imbalances in soil and damage sensitive plants. Rainwater from the roofs of our houses picks up very little contamination, and is very healthy for plants. Use extension gutters or splash blocks to help direct the flow of water if your downspout isn't long enough. If directing stormwater to a yard, try to discharge the water at least five feet from foundations to prevent potential leakage into the house.

Build a rain garden. A great way to complement your rain barrel and increase your property's ability to absorb runoff is through a rain garden. Rain gardens can be a fun and easy way to learn about beautiful native plants as well as help to improve water quality and reduce flooding. Rain gardens typically absorb much more water than the same size area of lawn. They are drought resistant, winter hardy and less prone to destructive insects and diseases. Rain gardens create a preferred habitat for birds, butterflies and dragonflies. These specialty gardens are versatile; they can be any size or shape imaginable, but to maximize their benefit you should build them in an existing low spot or near the drainage area of your rain barrel or downspout. For more information about rain gardens, please visit www.raingardens.org.

Why disconnect your downspout? Not only is this a violation of the City Code, downspouts that connect directly to sewer pipes increase the risk of sewer overflow and flooding. Disconnecting your downspout from a sewer intake pipe (standpipe), then redirecting the flow of water to a grassy area or garden is a simple process that makes a big difference to the environment.

Rain, roofs and runoff Did you know that each downspout on a house can drain approximately 12 gallons of water per minute during a one-inch rain rainfall? If managed properly, the water that flows off rooftops can help keep lawns and gardens green while lowering utility bills during spring and summer months. However, most downspouts send rainwater down driveways, sidewalks, and underground pipes that lead to storm drains or sanitary sewer lines. This "stormwater runoff" picks up pollutants from motor oil, lawn chemicals, and pet waste along the way, before entering lakes and streams – untreated.

The large amount of untreated water entering the storm sewer system – and eventually our streams and lakes – has lasting health, safety, environmental and economic impacts on communities. Fortunately, there are many things that property owners can do to put rainwater to good use while reducing the amount of stormwater runoff that ends up in local waterways.

The problem with pavement During the construction of homes, roads and office buildings, vegetation is often removed and replaced by large paved areas. These surfaces keep rain from infiltrating the soil and recharging groundwater supplies. The infiltration process helps clean water and feed the underground springs that supply drinking water. Paved surfaces also increase the speed and amount of water that rushes into streams, causing stream bank erosion and harming wildlife habitats. Direct the flow of water from downspouts away from paved surfaces whenever possible.



Oil and Water Don't Mix

Did you know that just one quart of motor oil can produce a one-acre oil slick or contaminate 250, 000 gallons of drinking water? When it rains or snows, stormwater may wash any automotive fluids that have dripped onto pavement into the nearest storm drain and out into a nearby stream, pond, wetland, or coastal waterway.

Please help keep our local waters clean:



Maintain your car regularly to prevent fluid leaks.



Recycle used motor oil by returning it to the retailer you bought it from, or bringing it to a used oil collection center.



Clean up spilled automotive fluids with sand or kitty litter and dispose of it properly. Never hose spills into the street or down a storm drain.



Wash your car where the soap and water can soak into the ground instead of flowing into a storm drain. Better yet, use a commercial carwash that recycles its wash water.

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 9 and Sunday, April 10 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:	www.ferrysburg.org
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)
For a water, sewer, or street emergency after office hours, call (800) 249-0911.	
<u>City Council</u>	
<u>Term expires Nov. 2017:</u>	<u>Term expires Nov. 2019:</u>
Dan Ruiter, Mayor	Timothy O’Donnell
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Regina Sjoberg	Kathleen Kennedy
Michael DeWitt	

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