

Village of Martin

Fall 2015 Newsletter

October 2015

Upcoming Events!

Halloween – Saturday, October 31

Trick or Treating traditionally begins at 4:30 p.m. and is done by 7:30 p.m. You are invited to attend the Fire Department's Open House from 5 to 7:30 that same evening for free hot dogs, brats, and many other treats.

The Martin UMC and The Rock @ 5 O'clock are hosting "Trunk or Treat" from 5 until 7:30 p.m. Participants are invited to decorate their car trunk and pass out treats. Cars are to locate in the church parking lot. Please register your trunk at the church office at 672-7097.

Christmas Parade and Fun Night – Friday, December 4, 2015. Parade lineup at the high school parking lot at 6:30 p.m. and start time is 7:00. The parade will proceed through town and end at the Wyatt Center. If you are in the parade **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM THROWING CANDY** from moving vehicles.

Please join us after the parade for the tree lighting outside the Wyatt Center. Afterward kids can meet Santa and enjoy crafts and activities inside the Wyatt Center.

- Prior to the parade, enjoy a BBQ dinner in the H.S. cafeteria
- Christmas stories will be told by the Township Library
- Kids can make an ornament – Free popcorn - Live Nativity
- Information? Call the Village Office at 672-7777.

PARTICIPANTS WANTED! Help us to . . . **"Light Up Martin"**

Christmas Light Contest – December 4 - 21. Show your holiday spirit and win great prizes! Registration begins November 1. You must register to be eligible for judging and prizes. See our facebook page for more details and registration forms, or contact Tonya Griffis at 269-760-4698 or wife2curt@gmail.com. Forms are also available at local businesses, library, & Village.

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Department of Public Works

Fall Leaf Pickup

Leaf vacuuming begins October 19 and runs until November 23 (early morning). Leaves must be placed as close to the street as possible, but NOT IN the street. Long narrow rows are preferable to big piles. If the leaves cannot be reached within a reasonable distance of the vacuum hose and truck, they will be left until they are raked closer to the street.

The Village purchased a new leaf vacuum this year so we will be more particular of other debris mixed in with the leaves such as rocks, walnuts, sticks and trash. Leaf piles mixed with debris that may cause damage to the leaf vacuum will be left until sorted.

Brush pick up – The last brush pick-up will be Tuesday morning, November 17. **Brush left by the curbside after Nov. 17 will not be picked up.**

Pet Waste

We appreciate your cooperation in picking up your pet waste! Residents with pets are responsible for clean-up of pet waste. Under no conditions will pet owners leave solid waste on ANY property other than their own. Please DO NOT deposit pet waste in Village trash cans. Solid pet waste is to be picked up immediately and removed from the area. There are no exceptions.

Water & Sewer Notes

Our Sanitary Sewer system connects with the Plainwell system for waste treatment. Plainwell informed us that "flushable" wipes cause many problems in the system. They may be flushable but they do not degrade. Please refrain from flushing wipes.

Hydrant Flush

All fire hydrants will be flushed on October 9th and 10th. If your water is discolored, let it run until it clears.

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Skating Rink – Starting in December

The Martin Area Veterans and the Village of Martin are planning to put together the ice skating rink again this year, located behind the water tower. We have a tote full of donated skates that can be loaned out for use at the rink. You may check out a pair of skates during regular Village office hours or by making arrangements with the Clerk (text 269-650-0163).

During January and February, volunteers will be on hand every Saturday to hand out skates, starting at noon. There may be other activities going on at the rink so please check the Martin Main Street facebook page for details. You never know what you may encounter! Hot chocolate, music, who knows! If you have ideas for the rink, or if you are willing to help and/or volunteer, please email us at mymartin2020@gmail.com.

Please be considerate at the rink. If there are skaters present, do not play hockey at the same time.

If you have skates you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Village Office or give to a volunteer at the rink.

Miscellaneous

Village Permits

Residents contemplating the building of new structures, or making additions to existing buildings, should check their plans with Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), 1575 142nd St, Dorr, MI 49323, phone 800-628-3335, or have your builder do so before starting the project. PCI also issues electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits for the village.

Freedom of Information Act

The 2014 Citizens Guide, Dashboard, Title VI Plan, and more are available for review in the Village Office and on the Village website. Requests for information can be made via email or phone or in person.

Volunteers needed! If you would like to volunteer to plan events or implement changes in the Village, please contact the Village Office and provide your name, contact information, and area of interest.

Committee meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Office. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Small Business Saturday Remember to support our local businesses everyday and especially on Saturday, November 28.

We have a diverse group of businesses in our village. Please consider giving them your business before you go elsewhere. Just a few are: Martin Tire, Shine Auto Wash, Arena Pizza, Martin Hardware, Merlex Computers, B&B Family Diner, Orgullo Granjero, PNC Bank, Pacific Pride, Ken Bleeker Agency, Clipper Salon, Little Clippers Daycare, and the Clark Station. The service you get at a locally owned business cannot be compared with “big box” stores. They are personal, friendly and knowledgeable!

Title VI The Village of Martin is committed to providing services, programs and activities that are offered, conducted, and administered fairly, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. We will provide reasonable accommodations when needed, including translation services upon request, with seven day advance notice.

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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE JOIN US!

