

Village of Martin

Spring 2015 Newsletter

April 2015

Upcoming Events!

Spring Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 16

The Village and Township will again host a cooperative clean up day on Saturday, May 16th. Collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Township Hall parking lot by the Fire Station. Items must be delivered to that site. Items *NOT* accepted are: appliances, tires, pipe or metal longer than 4 feet, brush, leaves, wood, garbage, rocks, concrete, dead animals or building materials.

Memorial Day Activities – Monday, May 25

PARTICIPANTS WANTED! Plans are underway for our annual Memorial Day activities. Parade line up begins at 9:30 a.m. in the High School Parking Lot. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m., proceeding west on Allegan St, then north on Main St, then north to Memorial Park for observance ceremonies. If you wish to participate be at the line up. If you have ideas or questions, please call the Village office at 672-7777. Note: NO political floats or hand-outs are allowed to be any part of this parade or observance.

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Department of Public Works Spring & Summer Leaf, Grass and Brush Pick Up

Brush pick-up begins April 14 and runs until November. We will continue to provide curbside pick-up of **small** quantities of brush and limbs (**up to 4 ft in length and 4 inches in diameter**). Items need to be placed by the street for early Tuesday pick up. Please remove excess brush from limbs and bundle them together. The DPW crew greatly appreciates your assistance in this! Any limbs or brush exceeding these amounts will be left for the homeowner.

Large quantities of brush from major trimmings or tree removals is the responsibility of the homeowner and will **NOT** be picked up by the Village. Piles of leaves will not be picked up, until the fall. Grass clippings, small twigs and leaves must be bagged in paper or plastic and placed near the street for pick up. **Please do not mow loose grass into the street as it clogs the storm drains.**

Sidewalk Repairs

We will be repairing some sidewalks again this year.

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. This includes, but is not limited to, all school property, the Interurban, the Memorial Park, all Village-owned property (including the area between the sidewalk and street), all Township-owned property, sidewalks, church-owned property, businesses, Village trash cans, and private residences.

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.

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Village Clean Up Week – May 16 – 24

Martin High School students will be doing projects in the Village to get ready for Memorial Day activities. Use this time to spruce up your property and show your Martin Pride!

Summer Festival – Late July/Early Aug.

The Ice Cream Social was so popular last year, we are having it again! Please join us for music, games, and, of course, **ICE CREAM!** We will have vendors from our many local home-based businesses, a display of tractors and classic cars, and much, much more. Come join the fun! Please watch the Community Shopper's Guide and our facebook page for more details. Tentative date is July 25.

Water & Sewer Notes

For those of you on metered water, your sewer usage is equally metered under the theory that what comes in, goes out. However, with summer coming, it is understandable that with lawn and garden watering, etc, your water usage may increase, but all would not be going into the sewer. We can address those situations by metering and billing for actual water use, but billing sewer, for the period of May through Sept, at a flat rate based on your average established during the winter months. **Please submit a written request** to the village office to make this happen. Those requesting this service in past years will automatically be switched this year unless you advise not to.

All residents are billed, monthly, a water Ready-to-Serve flat charge of \$14.00. \$4.00 is added for every 1,000 gallons recorded. All residents are billed, monthly, a sewer Ready-to-Serve flat charge of \$12.23. \$7.50 is added for every 1,000 gallons recorded (or 6,000 gallons for those not connected to water). Our sewer rate is based on the rate that Plainwell charges us. There is no rate increase scheduled this year.

Hydrant Flush

All fire hydrants will be flushed on April 24th and 25th. If your water is discolored, let it run until it clears.

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 ~~plans~~ ~~drawings~~ ~~plans~~ ~~drawings~~ ~~plans~~ ~~drawings~~ ~~plans~~ ~~drawings~~ ~~plans~~ ~~drawings~~ ~~plans~~ ~~drawings~~ before starting the project. PCI also issues electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits for the village.

Garage Sales

A reminder to all residents. Village Ordinance No. 55 restricts the number of garage sales (or anything of that nature) to 3 sales per year of not more than 72 hours each. At this time, we are not issuing permits but request that you contact the Village Office prior to the sale. Leave a message with the location and dates of your sale. The complete Ordinance can be viewed on the Village website.

The Village Council is encouraging a day of Village-wide community garage sales, to occur at a date in mid-August. Please watch the Shopper's Guide and our facebook page for further details.

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!

This year, the Village was officially selected by the Michigan Main Street program as an Associate Level participant. Groups of volunteers will be attending training and getting information on ways to improve the Village. 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.

Connect Michigan needs your input! Please take a minute to complete a survey about improving our internet access and service. The survey can be found online at www.martintownship.com
