

# Village of Martin

## Fall 2016 Newsletter

October 2016

### Upcoming Events!

#### Halloween – Monday, 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 2, 2016.** 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 2 - 19. 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](mailto: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 24 and runs until November 21 (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.

Other debris mixed in with the leaves such as rocks, walnuts, sticks and trash will cause damage to our equipment. Leaf piles mixed with debris will be left until sorted.

**Brush pick up** – The last brush pick-up will be Tuesday morning, November 15. **Brush left by the curbside after Nov. 15 will not be picked up.**

**Snow Removal** – Please do not push snow into the road or pile on the sidewalk. Also, if you do not have a curb and you want to ensure that the snow plow does not tear up any of the edge of your property, **PLEASE use stakes to mark the edge** of your property. This will help our DPW maintain a clean roadway while also protecting your property.

**Recycling Note** – Do not place your recycling in bags. It should be left loose in the container.

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If your water is discolored, let it run until it clears.

**Light Contest continued:**

There were some great light displays last year. After votes were counted, 3 contest participants each won a \$50 gift certificate from Consumer's Energy! This year the contest will be slightly different, with no themes. Judges will be looking for the nicest, most festive displays. Prizes are yet to be determined.

**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 142<sup>nd</sup> 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 2016 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 have any ideas for improvements in the Village, we need your input! Please contact the Village Office with your ideas (via email, preferably, or in writing) or attend a Martin Main Street committee meeting to discuss and help implement changes and improvements.

The committee meets periodically at the Village Office. Schedule will be posted in the office bulletin board and on facebook. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

**Pet Waste**

We appreciate your cooperation in picking up your pet waste! Residents with pets are responsible for clean-up of their pet's waste. Under no conditions shall 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. There are no exceptions.

**Small Business Saturday** Remember to support our local businesses everyday and especially on Saturday, November 26.

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, Pacific Pride, Wolverine Batteries, Ken Bleeker Agency, Clipper Salon, Little Clippers Daycare, Dollar General 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 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE JOIN US!**





