

Village of Martin

Spring 2017 Newsletter

March 2017

Upcoming Events!

Spring Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 20

The Village and Township will again host a cooperative clean up day on Saturday, May 20th. 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 29

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 11 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 limbs & branches 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. Please keep your brush piles no larger than 4 ft wide, 6 ft long, and 4 ft high.

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.**

Sidewalks Some sidewalks will be repaired this year. Per our ordinance, the Village and residents split the cost of repairs and replacement (50/50). You will receive a letter if your sidewalk is affected.

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 22 – 26

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!

Community Wide Garage Sales – Set your calendars for **June 23 & 24** and start cleaning out the closets! The Village takes care of advertising and you get to do all the work. See notices in the Shopper's Guide and on our facebook page. Contact the Village Office if you wish to have specific details posted on facebook. There were many requests to change the date from August to earlier in the summer.

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 plus metered (based on water usage) charges. There will be a sewer rate increase again this year. Our sewer rate is based on the rate that Plainwell charges us. Plainwell anticipates an increase annually hereafter. Please remember **DO NOT** flush any wipes down the toilet. They are not degradable and cause unnecessary repairs.

Hydrant Flush

All fire hydrants will be flushed on April 21st and 22nd. 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 builder do so 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. Please contact the Village Office prior to sales. Leave a message with the location and dates of your sale. The complete Ordinance can be viewed on the Village website.

Ordinance No. 59 – Junk or Dismantled Vehicles

“Junk, unused, partially dismantled or non-operating motor vehicles, house trailers, or tractor trailers or new or used parts” shall not be parked, stored or placed upon any property within the Village. Vehicles or trailers that are temporarily inoperable, but which are not dismantled, may remain upon private property for no longer than 14 days. There have been reports and complaints of an excess of these vehicles on some properties, creating an eyesore and potentially unsafe conditions. Please be respectful of your neighbors and remove these vehicles, especially if visible from the road and visible from your neighbors' property. Help keep Martin beautiful by removing junk vehicles from your property.

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.

Recycling Note – Please be aware, **DO NOT** put your recycling in bags. When a bag of recycling is received at the facility, they treat it as if it is garbage. A clear bag is ok to use, but not white, black, or other. Just dump your recycling loose in the roll off bin.