

# Village of Martin

## Fall 2018 Newsletter

October 2018

### Upcoming Events!

#### Halloween – Wednesday, 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 and many other treats.

The Martin UMC is hosting "Trunk or Treat" from 5 until 7:00 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 7, 2018.** 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.

#### 2019 Community Wide Garage Sales

We are looking for your input. For the past few years, the Village has sponsored Community Wide Garage Sales. The purpose has been two-fold. One, to bring more people into our community and two, to provide a community activity and service (advertising the sales).

In the past, the Village has chosen the dates for the sale. This has not always been the most convenient for our residents. So we are looking for input. First, do you want to see us continue this event?

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### Department of Public Works

#### Fall Leaf Pickup

Leaf vacuuming begins **October 22** and runs until **November 19** (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 13**. **Brush left by the curbside after Nov. 13 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. **DO NOT FLUSH WIPES, PLEASE.**

#### Hydrant Flush

All fire hydrants will be flushed on **October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**. If your water is discolored, let it run until it clears.

## Community Wide Sales:

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And second, are you planning to have a sale in 2019 as a part of this community event? Please provide your input via email to [mymartin2020@gmail.com](mailto:mymartin2020@gmail.com) or call the office at 269-672-7777. If you plan to have a sale AND want us to advertise a community event, please let us know. You must provide your contact information if you want to participate or provide input.

## 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 2018 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.

### 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.

**LEASH YOUR PETS, PLEASE! DOGS RUNNING LOOSE CREATE A NUISANCE AND DANGER TO YOUR PET AND OTHERS.**

**ALSO, RESIDENTS WHO KEEP CHICKENS MUST KEEP THEM CONTAINED ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY. NO CHICKENS RUNNING LOOSE.**

### PUBLIC SAFETY

There has been an increase in use of the warning siren lately, due to severe weather. The siren is controlled by Allegan County. The siren now is used not just for tornados but also for severe storms with high winds.

The siren is activated when there is severe weather in any part of Allegan County, not specifically Martin. So if you hear it, don't ignore it! Check out the radar and other tools to determine if you are at risk.

**PFAS** – The Village water supply was tested in April 2018 through a collaborative effort with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. We are happy to report that the overall result is listed as Total Tested PFAS is ND (not detected). The Village is committed to providing safe water to our residents.

**Small Business Saturday** Remember to support our local businesses everyday and especially on Saturday, **November 24**.

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, Clipper Cafe, Pacific Pride, Lighthouse Construction, Ken Bleeker Agency, Clipper Salon, Little Clippers Daycare, Dollar General, Tuinstra Welding, Marathon 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.

## CONTACT US

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**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE JOIN US!**