

Village of Martin

Spring 2018 Newsletter

April 2018

Upcoming Events!

Spring Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 19

The Village and Township will again host a cooperative clean up day on Saturday, May 19th. 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 28

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.

Reminder: NO political floats or hand-outs are allowed to be any part of this parade or observance.

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NORMAL HOURS: 9:00 -11:00 A.M. MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

Brush pick-up began early this year, due to lack of snow, 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.

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 21 – 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 22 & 23** and start cleaning out 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 bill 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 us 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 has informed us that they anticipate 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 20st and 21st. 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 your sales. Leave a message with the location and dates of your sale. The complete Ordinance can be viewed on the Village website.

UPCOMING ROAD WORK

The Village Council has accepted a contract from Michigan Paving and Materials Company to resurface East and West Allegan Streets this year. The date is yet to be determined, but should be this Spring.

We apologize for any inconvenience that may occur during the road work. However, it will be short and the result will be a much improved road way for all. During part of the work, residents of East & West Allegan may have to use alternate parking options rather than their own driveway. Suggested alternatives are the high school and elementary parking lots, Martin Reformed Church, Martin United Methodist church, water tower parking lot, and the small lot behind Arena Pizza.

Freedom of Information Act

The 2017 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.
