

Village of Martin

Fall 2019 Newsletter

October 2019

Upcoming Events!

Halloween – Thursday, October 31

Trick or Treating traditionally begins at 4:30 p.m. and is done by 7:30 p.m. **FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE NEW LOCATION:** Due to construction, the Fire Department's Open House will be held at the **CLIPPER CAFE** from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for free hot dogs and many other treats.

Community "Trunk or Treat" from 5 until 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Martin United Methodist Church, 969 E. Allegan Street parking lot. Trunks, carnival games, doughnut holes and cider, lots of candy! Please register your trunk at the church office at 672-7097. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Christmas Parade and Fun Night – Friday, December 6, 2019. Parade lineup at the high school parking lot at 6:30 p.m. and start time is 7:00. The parade ends at the Wyatt Center. **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 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.

2020 Census

2020 is a Census year. The Census is conducted every 10 years. This process provides much needed information and accurate counts and data which can impact the community and resources available to us. PLEASE fill out your census completely and accurately.

Recycling Note – Do not place your recycling in bags. It should be left loose in the container. Rinse food containers. Do not put plastic bags in recycling.

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Department of Public Works

Fall Leaf Pickup

Leaf vacuuming begins **October 21** and runs until **November 25** (early morning). Leaves must be placed as close to the street as possible, but **NOT IN** the street and not placed by poles, guy wires, hydrants, mailboxes or other obstructions. 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. Leaves should be put out the evening before pickup. Once we go by your house, we will not backtrack. 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.

In Spring 2020 we prefer to **NO LONGER** pick up yard waste in **plastic bags**. Please use paper bags.

Brush pick up – The last brush pick-up will be Tuesday morning, **November 12**. **Brush left by the curbside after Nov. 12 will not be picked up.** Brush must be placed by the roadside the evening before pick up. No backtracking.

Remove your sale signs when your garage sale is over.

Do not use Elsie Street to clean out concrete trucks.

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.

Please **DO NOT** park in the road or the Water Tower parking lot at night during the winter as it makes it difficult to plow the roads.

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 616-877-2000, 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 2019 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, TURKEYS, OR DUCKS MUST KEEP THEM CONTAINED ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY. NO FOWL RUNNING LOOSE! NO LIVESTOCK RUNNING LOOSE.

Small Business Saturday Remember to support our local businesses everyday and especially on Saturday, **November 30**.

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.

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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE JOIN US!

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.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The Village is applying for a large loan in order to improve our sewer lift stations. The work is expected to occur in the summer of 2020. Sewer rates will unfortunately go up more than the usual annual increase. This is unfortunate but necessary. The Village will not increase rates any more than is necessary to help pay for these improvements.

The most recent **Water Quality Report** is on the Village website.

Hydrant Flush

All fire hydrants will be flushed on **October 4th and 5th**
· If your water is discolored, let it run until it is clear.