

Village of Martin

2020 Newsletter

October 2020

Upcoming Events!

Halloween – Saturday, October 31

Trick or Treating traditionally begins at 4:30 p.m. and is done by 7:30 p.m. **If you choose to participate in this event, please practice social distancing and keep our children and residents safe.** If you are handing out candy, a mask and gloves are desired.

Christmas Parade and Fun Night – Friday, December 4, 2020. If this event goes on as usual, the 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 practice social distancing along the parade route.

If any events are cancelled, information will be posted on Martin Main Street facebook page and other social media outlets. Watch for information. Please contact the school to verify activities after the parade

Spring Clean Up Day – The Village and Township host a cooperative clean up day, traditionally the 3rd Saturday in May. Collection occurs at the Township Hall.

Memorial Day Activities – Monday, May 31, 2021. Parade line up is 9:30 a.m. in the high school parking lot. Parade begins at 10 and ends at the Memorial Park for observance ceremonies. Please join us!

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.

The Township newsletter contains detailed information on what can and cannot be recycled. To order a recycling bin, contact Allegan County Resource Recovery or the Martin Township Library.

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Department of Public Works

Leaf vacuuming - October 26 until November 24 (early morning). Leaves must be placed as close to the street as possible, but **NOT IN** 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.

Sticks, nuts, etc, should be put in yard waste bags for pick up to avoid damage to equipment.

Allegan County will once again provide members of the DEBTS crew to assist with leaf pickup.

When possible, please edge/trim your sidewalk. This is the property owner responsibility. Our DPW will only attend to sidewalks as time permits.

Brush pick up – The last brush pick-up will be Tuesday morning, **November 10**. Brush pick up will resume in April.

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.

As always, be a good neighbor and help **KEEP OUR VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL!**

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 recent 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.

Small Business Saturday Remember to support our local businesses everyday and especially on Saturday, **November 28**.

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, Car Wash, Arena Pizza, Martin Hardware, Clipper Cafe, 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 unless posted otherwise. 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.** Flushing any kind of wipes raises your utility cost due to the extra maintenance they cause. Only flush human waste and toilet tissue. No wipes, sanitary products, or other non-waste products.

For residents on metered water, you can submit a written request to the Village to establish a seasonal rate for your sewer bill from May – September. We will base your sewer rate on the average usage established during winter months. This is helpful to reduce your bill if you irrigate your lawn or garden.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Big projects are scheduled in the coming months. Over the next 6 months, the north and west lift stations will be repaired and upgraded. In the summer, the Water Tower will be serviced as well. The most recent **Water Quality Report** is on the Village website.

Hydrant Flush

All fire hydrants will be flushed in **October & April**. If your water is discolored, let it run until it is clear.