

Village of Martin

Spring 2020 Newsletter

April 2020

Village Residents: In these unprecedented times, the Village Council assures you that essential services provided by the Village will continue. Water and wastewater services remain the same. Our DPW will continue to work, to ensure our critical infrastructure needs. If you see our DPW or other Village workers at their job, please be assured that they are working safely and have everyone's best interests in mind. With everyone's cooperation, we will get through these times and life will get back to normal.

ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.

Memorial Day Activities – Monday, May 25

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

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

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Department of Public Works

Spring & Summer Yard Waste Pick Up

PLEASE NOTE: USE ONLY PAPER BAGS TO BAG YOUR YARD WASTE (NO PLASTIC). We need your assistance by adhering to the rules. Brush pick-up begins the second Tuesday in April and continues until November.

To assist you with this transition, the Village is providing one package of paper yard waste bags to each residency. Please use them for your yard waste. If you do not get a package of bags delivered to you, contact the Village office and we will provide them. If you get bags you won't use, please share them with a neighbor who will. **Martin Hardware** is aware of the paper bag rule and will be stocking extra yard waste bags. **Please shop local.**

Do not mix other debris in with the brush, such as plastic, rocks, dirt, construction materials and unburnable items.

Limbs must be trimmed off branches and stacked neatly in a pile. Intertwined and large quantities of limbs and branches will be left until corrected.

Piles of leaves left from fall will not be picked up unless they are bagged. Grass clippings, small twigs and leaves must be bagged in paper and placed near the street for pick up. **Please do not mow loose grass into the street as it clogs the storm drains.**

Leaf pickup starts the third Monday of October and ends the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Sidewalks Some sidewalks will be repaired this year. 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.

Events!

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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.

Celebrate Martin Township! A celebration is planned to observe the anniversary of the establishment of Martin Township. The event is a collaborative venture between the Martin Area Resource Center, Martin Township and J.C. Wheeler Library. Please join them on July 18, 2020 for the fun. For more information, watch Facebook or contact the library or Resource Center. Volunteers are needed.

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 every 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 – May be delayed a week or two if deemed necessary

All fire hydrants will be flushed the second Friday and Saturday in April (10th and 11th). If your water is discolored, let it run until it clears.

Utility Construction Projects:

Plans are underway to **update the sewer lift stations** on W. Allegan Street and N. 10th Street. Please be mindful and watch for surveyors, engineers, and construction personnel to be near the roadway while this work is being accomplished. We secured a very low interest rate loan from the USDA for this project. There will be increases in the sewer charges above the normal annual increase.

Sometime late summer the **Water Tower** will be taken out of service for approximately 2 weeks. There should be no disruption to your water service! This project will likely create an abundance of excess water in our drain system when we empty the tank. The Water Tower will be inspected and the interior will be re-caulked and re-sealed. Our tower is extremely low maintenance and only requires this level of work every 15-20 years.

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.

Ordinances

The Village has a number of ordinances, all of which are available on the website. Please comply with the provisions in each. **There is to be NO overnight parking on Village streets.** Also, anyone keeping chickens MUST have them penned. **No loose running livestock of any kind.** Additionally, you must **not keep abandoned vehicles or excessive junk** visible on your property. Please be a good neighbor and **KEEP OUR VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL!**

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.
