

# Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon

Summer/Fall 2016

## Message from your Village President

Dear Residents:

Newsletters have been a long time coming; reasons are many but primarily because of the State of Michigan mandate for cities and villages to reduce costs and consolidate services where possible. The Village Council has done an excellent job doing this. However, it's very evident that information should be provided to residents at least quarterly. Therefore, this newsletter shall be a new beginning.

During this long hot summer, the Village has had Michigan Pipe Company inspecting the storm water pipes and the sewer lines as mandated by the acquired S.A.W. grant the Village was able to obtain. It was found to be problematic in both storm drains and sewer lines. Fleis and Vanderbrink Engineering Corporation is putting together plans for corrections and repairs. Funding for these repairs is yet to be determined.

The drainage tubes beneath Walnut and Duane streets that are part of the Conrad Drain system will be replaced soon as both are in dire need of repair (Church Street was previously replaced). The re-paving of the areas over the tubes will be done once all are replaced.

Brush/stick pickup will continue until the leaf vacuuming begins in October (watch the marquee at the Fire Dept. for dates).

Snow plowing will follow when nature decides it's time. Village residents are required to keep their grass mowed in the summer and snow removed in the winter even while on vacations.

The Village Ordinances have been updated and are in the final stages of approval; changes to keeping poultry/livestock in town are forthcoming.

If anyone has a request or idea for the newsletter, call the Village Hall at 989-288-2300.

One more thing to remember—Vote on November 8, it's your civic duty!

Respectfully,

*Gayle H. Steele*



## DOWNTOWN VERNON NEEDS YOU!

Please join us

**Tuesday, August 30, from 7-9pm**

at the Vernon Library!

We want to hear your opinion on how we can improve downtown! Are there businesses you wish we had? What kind of events do you want to see? What could downtown do better?

*Parents: The Library will be showing a movie and have board games available to entertain children, so bring them with you!*

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***Downtown Development Authority***

***For more information call Cheryl Cole, Vernon Library***

***Executive Director, at 989-288-6486***

***Or Village Hall at 989-288-2300***

### ***\*\*Dates to Remember\*\****

August 27	8th Annual VTFD Car Show
August 30	Community Meeting for Downtown 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Vernon Library
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 10	DDA Golf Outing
September 14	TAXES DUE
September 20	DDA Meeting 8:30 a.m.
September 21	Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m.
September 26	Brush pickup Ends (Tentative)
October 5	Council Work Session 6 p.m.
October 10	Leaf pickup Start (Tentative)
October 19	Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Work sessions and regular council meetings are held at Village Hall. All DDA Meetings are held at Toney's Café.	

# The Scoop...

## **LEAF PICKUP INSTRUCTION:**

Will tentatively begin October 10, weather permitting, and run into November. Please remember the following when utilizing our leaf pickup service:

- Place your leaves at the edge of the street.
- Do not place directly in the street or covering any storm drains/catch basin.
- Place leaves in a long narrow pile that extends across the width of your lot. (*see below*)
- Do not place any material other than leaves in the pile. This includes grass, walnuts, chestnuts, branches and any other type of yard material that may damage the leaf vacuum.
- M-71 residents must call to schedule a pickup.



Wrong way to place leaves for pickup.

Leaves may still be taken to the compost lot located on W. Main St.

Your patience and understanding during the season is appreciated. Thank you!



Correct placement for leaf pickup.

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## **Police Cruiser Grant**

Soon you will be seeing a new cruiser around town! The Village was a fortunate recipient of a USDA RD grant that contributed 25% to the total purchase of a cruiser. The new 2016 Ford Interceptor from Signature Ford of Perry is just waiting for lettering and equipment changeover to be ready for the road.



## **Reminders**

### **Weekly Garbage Service**

Each home is allowed one 95-gallon container and one recycle bin. Containers are to be stored on private property at all times except on the regularly scheduled day of pickup. In the event of a holiday then the pickup will be delayed one day. If you have large items for pickup or if your garbage/recycling has been missed contact Republic Waste at (888) 872-7455.

### **Permits**

If you are planning to have any remodeling, plumbing, electrical or mechanical work done around your home or constructing a new building on your property, you may need a building permit. Check with Village Hall to be sure and avoid work without permit notice & fine.

### **Going Out of Town?**

Stop by Village Hall and fill out a vacation form to have our Police Department check on your home while you are away.

### **Streetlight Outage**

If you see a streetlight out please report it to Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050 or you can go online at [www.consumersenergy.com](http://www.consumersenergy.com).

### **Compost Lot**

Is open Monday — Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Phone numbers for after-hours access are posted at the gate.



# Community Happenings

## 2nd Annual Village of Vernon DDA Golf Scramble

September 10, 2016

4 Person Scramble only \$160 a Team. Registration begins at 1 p.m. with a Shotgun start at 2 p.m. Payment due at registration. Sponsorship opportunities also available. Portion of proceeds go to local families in need around the holiday season. For more information on sponsorships or pre-registration contact Chris Toney by email: [ctoneyinc@gmail.com](mailto:ctoneyinc@gmail.com) or phone (810) 875-5032.



### VERNON DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult Beginner Computer Classes. September 8, 15, 22, 29. 10-11 a.m. \$15 per person. Class is limited to a total of 8.

Adult Santa's Workshop. September 19, October 17, November 15, December 19. Make Christmas crafts to keep or to give as presents. Crafts and cost will be posted closer to dates.

#### **Free Activities...**

Vern's Teddy Bear Sleepover. September 15 at 6:30 pm. Children ages 3-12 years are invited to bring their stuffed animals to the library for a fun evening of bedtime stories, crafts, and snack. At 7:00 the children will put their stuffed animals to bed and go home. Stuffed animals may be picked up Friday after 10 a.m.

Society of Financial Awareness (SOFA) will be doing a Social Security law presentation October 18 & 20 at 5 p.m., More info to come at a later date.

Halloween Party October 22 from 1-2 p.m. children ages 3 to 12 are invited for crafts, games, food and lots of fun!

Thanksgiving/Fall craft for children ages 3-12. Ages 3-5 need to bring an adult with them to help. November 17 10-7 & November 19 10-2

Call 989-288-6486 or stop in the library for more information, to sign up and to confirm dates and times.

### **8th Annual Vernon Township Firefighters Car Show**

Downtown Vernon August 27, 2016.  
Show Time 10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Registration day of the show will be from  
9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for \$10.00.

First 50 Vehicles will receive dash plaques.  
Trophies - 50/50 - Door prizes

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### Archery in the Park

Second session is underway. It's not too late to participate. Join anytime during the eight-week course and pay a prorated fee. Class is held Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sexton Park. For more information please contact the Village Hall.





This past spring the Village along with the Downtown Development Authority hosted the annual spring cleanup, Stars & Stripes 5K Fun Run and Memorial Day Parade. Those events could not have happened without volunteers, and the Village is very thankful for all the helping hands that make the events such a great success.

During the spring cleanup, volunteers filled four large refuse containers donated by Republic Waste, collected old tires and helped residents and businesses with small projects and yard cleanup. The annual Stars & Stripes 5K Fun Run hosted 50 runners honoring our fallen Servicemen and Women and was followed up by our annual Memorial Day parade with nearly 20 units participating.

It's encouraging to see such positive things happen in our community! Thank you all for taking the time to help!

Council Members: Scott Ethington, Bob Mac Neill, John Rosser, Kristin Van Dusen, Matt Winkowski and President Gayle Steele. DDA Board Members: Chris Toney, Denise Crawford, Cheryl Cole and former board member Jodi Ward. DPW Superintendent Trevor Graves, DPW Assistant Brad Smith, Chief Paul Hubble, Officer Gary Blahnik. City of Durand Police Department. Residents Sue Smith, Pat Steele and Scott Steele. Sheriff Deputy & Candidate for County Sheriff Brian Begole and daughters Macy & Nikole. Wes St. Johns and Kyle Goodwin. Plus the many sponsors. THANK YOU!!



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