

“FLUSHABLE” WIPES ARE NOT SO FLUSHABLE....



Did you know that baby wipes may specify they are flushable, but they should not be put in our wastewater system? This also includes adult wipes, cleaning wipes (Clorox, Lysol), medical wipes, etc.

In fact, the only paper product that should be “flushed” is toilet paper. It is the only paper designed to break down as it travels through the wastewater treatment process.



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Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon
Fall 2017

Village of Vernon Awarded \$1.125 Million Grant



The Village will receive a \$1,125,000 Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant from Michigan Economic Development (MEDC) to make improvements to the Village’s storm and sanitary sewer system.

The 2017 Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement grant program aims to accelerate economic development and assist low- and moderate-income communities in making improvements or upgrades to their existing public infrastructure.

Grants between \$500,000 and \$2 million were awarded to eligible communities on a competitive basis. The Village was one of 14 Michigan communities to receive the funding and will be required to match 10% of the funding.

The improvements will include rehabilitation of sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure on Sunnybrooke, Water, portions of Elm, Leaver, and Maple St., as well as the alley behind Village Hall. The Village will be working on detailed plans and specs over the next few months and expect to bid the project in Spring of 2018. Construction will start in Summer of 2018 and must be completed by December of 2019.

Receiving this funding is extremely beneficial for our community, it will help sustain utility rates, lengthen infrastructure life expectancy, remove inflow and infiltration in our sanitary sewer system, and help gain capacity in our retention ponds. Village staff will continue to keep residents and business owners updated as project progresses.



There has been a significant amount of vandalism recently throughout the Village including the parks. Our Police Department needs help with information regarding any suspicious activity that could help put a stop to vandalism. All information will be kept confidential. Please contact our Police Department at 989-288-2300.



Most recent damage done to play-scapes at Sexton Park on Leaver St.

****Dates to Remember****

10/18/17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
10/31/17	Trick or Treat	6-8 p.m.
11/08/17	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
11/08/17	150 Year Planning	6:00 p.m.
11/15/17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12/02/17	Christmas in the Village	
12/13/17	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
12/20/17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The Scoop...

Leaf pick up is scheduled to begin October 16, and run thru November.

Leaf Pickup Instruction:

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.
- 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.
- Pick up is always subject to weather and amount of leaves out to the street.

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!



Wrong way to place leaves for pickup.



Correct placement for leaf pickup.

Good Neighbor Reminders



Sidewalks: Our sidewalks are a great asset to our community and helping to maintain them saves both you and the Village in the long run. Keeping sidewalks cleared and making sure all vegetation including trees, shrubs, and hedges are trimmed back at least six inches from sidewalk helps to ensure safety for those utilizing the sidewalks. Unfortunately, winter weather is just around the corner and the Village will be enforcing snow and ice removal. Property owners/occupants will have 24 hours from the end of a snow event to remove snow and ice. Any property owners fronting Main St. between Duane and Church Streets that are zoned B-1 must remove snow and ice by 10 a.m. and shall be maintained free of snow or ice until 5 p.m.



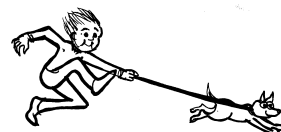
Vehicles/Parking: Vehicles must be parked in a garage or an established driveway, parking on the grass is not permitted. Also make sure all vehicles on the property are road worthy and properly licensed.

During a snow or ice event please remove all vehicles from the road to allow our DPW to clear the streets properly. No parking on any major street in the Village from December 1 through March 31 between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Also, remember it is unlawful to deposit snow into the roadways.



Burning: For safety reasons burning is prohibited in the Village on October 30 and 31.

Pets: Village Ordinance requires pet owners to clean up after their pets and not allow them to run at large.



Building Maintenance: Before winter weather settles in take a walk around your home and address any repair issues such as loose siding, missing shingles, rotten or deteriorated wood. It's also a good time to take care of any junk and debris accumulating. This helps protect your investment and keeps our community clean.

Community Happenings



Vernon District Public Library

October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Audrey's Attic Quilt Trunk Show. See interesting quilts, hear stories and ask questions. Library fundraiser \$10 fee.

Santa Workshop—Thursdays Cost \$5 - \$10. (For Adults)

Free activities:

October 12 12 to 2 p.m. Pumpkin Painting (ages 3-12)

November 18 12 to 2 p.m. Thankful Craft (age 3 & up)

December 2 Gingerbread House Decorating Contest
Entries must be dropped off by 2 p.m.

December 4 Graham Cracker Gingerbread House
Decorating (age 3 & up)

For more information contact us at 989-288-6486 or visit www.vernon.michlibrary.org.



Christmas in the Village

December 2nd join us for an evening of family fun and Christmas spirit. If you would like to volunteer please contact Stacey Waite at 989-277-6433 or frostedescape@gmail.com or Teresa Sherman at 989-288-2300 or tsherman@villageofvernon.org.

Summer in Review

What an eventful summer in our little town. In June the Library kicked things off with its Summer Reading Program that brought many families in to town every Thursday. Our second year of archery in the park was a great success!



In July our Farmers Market made its return thanks to resident, Stacey Waite. The market offered many items from crafts to garden produce. Thank you to all our vendors that participated.

Also in July the Village teamed up with Friends of the Shiawassee

River for the annual river clean up. Volunteers including area residents, Corunna FFA, Village Council, Village staff, City of Durand staff, and Howell area church group pulled out many loads of junk and debris contaminating our river. Thank you to resident Fred Brady for organizing and leading the event, and Cheff's Canoe Rental for the donation of canoes.

The fun continued into August with Corunna Marching Band joining us for a little preview. Hopefully most of you were able to enjoy them performing.



The summer came to a close with the ninth annual Firefighters Car Show organized by resident Matt Schafer. Lots of fun was had by all. Overall winner went to Mel Kyle from Vernon with his white Chevy Impala.

We are looking forward to 2018. Send us an email to tsherman@villageofvernon.org, if you would like to be a part of any of our events or if you have any suggestions on activities and events.



Sesquicentennial Celebration

The Village will celebrate its 150 anniversary in 2021. This kind of celebration requires a lot of planning and organizing and we need your help. The Village DDA is currently putting together a planning committee that will meet periodically to plan all of the details for this event. Please consider being a part of the committee to help make our celebration a success. Contact Village Hall to add your name to contact list for updates.

