

Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon

Fall 2018

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the cooler weather that is sure to be heading our way soon. With fall right around the corner, don't forget that school is back in session. That means more children and school buses around the Village. Please use care when driving through town, especially when the buses are picking up or dropping off kids.

Don't forget to take advantage of the services offered by the Village in the fall. Leaf pick-up will begin in October. New this year, the Village also offers yard waste pick-up through Republic Waste. Yard waste is collected every other week in conjunction with garbage collection. Grass, leaves, and other yard debris will be collected as long as it is placed in yard waste bags or in garbage cans clearly labeled as yard waste.

We are currently in the bid process for our Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Project. Infrastructure work should begin in the spring.

Calling all volunteers! The Village really needs your help. Please consider volunteering to help at the annual Christmas in the Village event in December or at the Memorial Day parade in May. These events are in serious need of volunteers. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact the Village Hall at 989-288-2300.

Please don't forget to get out and vote! Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th.

If you have ideas for newsletter items or future events you would like to see in the Village, please call the Village Hall at 989-288-2300.

Respectfully,

Kristin Van Dusen

Tuesday November 6, 2018



Remember to vote. For more information about what is on the ballot please go to www.shiawassee.net click on the County Clerk page and go to Election Information. If you need an absentee ballot please contact Vernon Township Clerk at 989-288-

Seasonal Help Wanted

The Village is in need of seasonal help for our DPW Department. If you like working outside, please come in and fill out an application at the Village Office.



Vernon Agency Is Relocating

The Vernon Agency Insurance office has been relocated to 100-102 E Main in Vernon. We are just down the street in the former Vernon Café Banquet room. Our building damage from the July fire was greater than we anticipated. Our hours are 9-5 p.m. Phone, fax and email remains the same.

Thank you!



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Our agency is now on Facebook

****Dates to Remember****

10/1/2018	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
10/09/2018	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
10/17/2018	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
10/31/2018	Trick or Treat	6-8 p.m.
11/05/2018	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
11/13/2018	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
11/21/2018	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
11/22/2018	Village Office Closed	
12/01/2018	Christmas in the Village	
12/03/2018	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
12/11/2018	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
12/19/2018	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12/25/2018	Village Office Closed	

The Scoop...

Leaf Pickup Instruction:

Leaf pick up is scheduled to begin October 15, weather permitting and run thru 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.
- 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.

Leaves may still be taken to the compost lot located on W. Main St. or placed in bags and picked up by the garbage service every other Wednesday. Your patience and understanding during the season is appreciated. Thank you!

Sidewalk Tips

Did you know that if the public sidewalk needs to be replaced you are responsible for half the cost? There are a number of inexpensive and easy things you can do to keep sidewalks safe and clean:

Address problems as soon as possible to minimize area and amount of repair required.

Sweep sidewalks to keep them free of leaves, snow, ice, or debris. Be sure to properly dispose of debris. Do not sweep them into the gutter or street.

Trim tree branches, shrubs, and other vegetation so they do not obstruct the sidewalk.

Watch for early signs of leaking water lines, tree roots, and other damages.



Do not park cars or other heavy equipment on your sidewalk. Report hazardous sidewalks by calling 989-288-2300.

Snow and Ice Removal

Per the Village sidewalk ordinance, if there is a sidewalk on your lot or premises, you must clear the snow or ice from the sidewalk 24 hours after the cessation of any winter weather event. Sidewalks fronting on Main Street zoned B1 between Duane and Church Streets should be cleared of snow or ice by 10 a.m. and be maintained until 5 p.m. Please do not push snow into the roadway.

Reminder!

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 4th daylight savings time ends. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.

From the Desk of Chief Hubble



Thanks to the watchful eyes of our Village of Vernon citizens the Village has been quiet and not much criminal activity has taken place. Citizens are urged to lock vehicles and make sure keys are removed. There has been activity in nearby communities where vehicles have been stolen. As always citizens are urged to call 911 if any unlawful activity or suspicious situation should arise that you feel needs to be investigated.

Parking

Parking in designated parking spots helps keep our streets clear during snow and ice events to allow the snow plow to clear the streets. Please be sure you are not parking on the roadway. Per our ordinance: No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle upon any major street in the Village from December 1 through the following March 31 between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Community Happenings

Loaves & Fishes



FOOD PANTRY

Neighbors Nourishing Neighbors

Looking for an end of the year donation?

Loaves & Fishes has been helping those in need in our community for several years.

On Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each

week they provide items that members of the community are not able to purchase themselves. Items like toiletries, seasonal produce, can foods (corn, pork n beans, kidney beans, peas, green beans, soups) and other non-perishable items. If you would like to help please drop off your donation on Wednesday at the Vernon United Methodist Church or send your monetary donations to:

Ester Telford

Loaves and Fishes

702 N Oak St

Durand, MI 48429



Trick or Treat

October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Burning is prohibited in the Village on October 30 and 31.

Canoe Launch



The canoe/kayak launch has been installed. Thank you to Friends of the Shiawassee and Great Lakes Fusion for all of your hard work. There is still work to be done including fencing, kayak lockers and parking

area and once all work is completed we will host a "grand opening" event to commemorate the wonderful addition to the Village.



And the Grinch with his Grinch feet ice cold in the snow stood puzzling and puzzling how could it be so?
It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages boxes or bags. And he puzzled
and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he
hadn't before. What if Christmas he thought doesn't come from a store? What
if Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?

Join us for our Annual Christmas in the Village Grinch style.
Check out the Village of Vernon DDA Facebook for more details.



Redevelopment Ready Community

On September 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall there was a joint meeting between the Village Council, DDA and the Planning Commission.

The primary purpose of the meeting was for the Village Council, Planning Commission and DDA to discuss the Village's status in the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program and plot a course for moving forward to certification. RRC is a free technical assistance program offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation which supports locally-driven development by strengthen the community's vision and putting predicable development processes in place.

Christopher Germain (the Village's RRC planner) and Ellen Glass (Clerk) reviewed the Village's custom action plan and answered any questions. Items the Village will need to complete include an updated master plan, zoning ordinance changes and an economic development strategy. At the meeting Christopher assisted the group in identifying priority redevelopment sites, a key step in achieving one of the best practices.

The Village will move forward to complete other RRC-related projects to ultimately reach certification in the coming years.



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