

Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon

Summer 2017

Message from your Village President

Dear Neighbors,

The welcome signs of summer are all around - school is out, the sun is shining, days are getting longer, and there is an excitement in the air that only comes with warm weather in Michigan. Summer is also the time of year for vacations. For those interested, the Village police will check on your house while you are away. Just stop by the Village Hall and fill out a vacation home check form.

We had a good turnout for our Annual Spring Clean-up Day and the Village Memorial Day parade. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that helped to make those events successful. Please consider volunteering for these events next year or other events in the Village. We really need resident participation to make the Village a great place to live and visit. Stop in at the Village Hall or call and let them know you would like to volunteer.

There are some fun things going on in the Village this summer - archery in the park, the farmers' market is back on Mondays, the library is starting up its summer reading program, and the Firefighter's Car Show will take place in August. You can find more information on all of these events in this newsletter.

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

Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!

Respectfully,

Kristin Van Dusen



Some of our Spring Clean up volunteers

Annual Spring Clean Up

Our third annual Spring Clean Up was another success! This year's projects included cleaning up the cemetery, assisting six residents in need, cleaning up the S. Maple St. ditch, picking up yard waste bags, and many other items for the dumpsters. The DDA also passed out trees for residents to plant in honor of Earth Day. Special thank you to our volunteers that



come together and took time out of their lives to help make a difference in our community. Also thank you to Republic Waste for donating refuse containers every year for the event. The Downtown Development Authority is already

discussing next year's clean up and forming a committee to ensure our fourth year is an even bigger success. Please consider serving on the committee and volunteering to help during the event.

Send an email to tsheman@villageofvernon.org if you are interested in serving on the committee.

****Dates to Remember****

Monday Nights	Farmer's Market	4 to 7 p.m.
Monday Nights	Archery Class	6:30 p.m.
6/21/17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7/12/17	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
7/19/17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7/29/17	River Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
8/09/17	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
8/16/17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
8/26/17	Car Show	9:00 a.m.

* Work sessions will resume in October

The Scoop...

Dealing with those summer pests...mosquitoes

Fast Facts

- All mosquitoes must have water to complete their life cycle.
- Mosquitoes do not develop in grass or shrubbery, although adults frequently rest in these areas during daylight hours.
- Only the female mosquito bites to obtain a blood meal. The male mosquito feeds only on plant juices.
- Female mosquitoes are attracted by heat and carbon dioxide to hosts such as humans, mammals, and birds.
- The female mosquito may live as long as three weeks during the summer or several months over the winter in order to lay her eggs in the following spring.

Where do mosquitoes live and breed?

- Mosquitoes rest in tall grass, weeds, and brush near inhabited locations such as homes and other build-

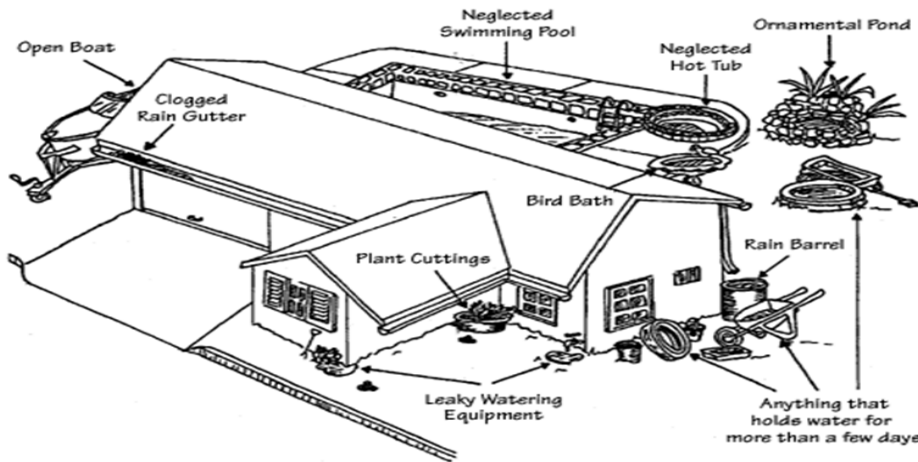
ings.

- Mosquitoes breed in stagnant, standing fresh water oftentimes found around the home.
- In tin cans, buckets, discarded tires and other artificial containers that hold stagnant water.
- In untended pools, birdbaths, clogged rain gutters, and plastic wading pools that hold stagnant water.
- In storm drains and catch basins in urban areas.
- In septic seepage and other foul water sources above or below ground level.
- In agricultural irrigation.

What can I do to reduce mosquitoes breeding near my house?

- Whenever water stands for four to seven days, mosquitoes can multiply. Eliminating even small amounts of standing water eliminates mosquitoes.
- Dispose of empty cans, buckets, flowerpots, old tires, trash cans, etc.
- Clear clogged roof gutters.
- Change water in bird baths and fountains at least once a week.
- Flush sump pump pits weekly.
- Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

- Drain swimming pool covers.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs.
- Drill holes in the bottoms of recycling containers that are kept outdoors.
- Use landscaping to eliminate stagnant water that collects on your property.
- Clip tall grass or weeds standing near the house or where people use the yard. Clean vegetation and debris from the edges of ponds.



Compost Lot

The Village compost lot is located on Main Street, west of the railroad tracks on the north side and open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is an area where Village residents may take grass clippings, tree trimmings, brush and leaves. Our DPW Superintendent requests that you do not leave any bags, paper or plastic including yard waste bags. The compost lot is not to be used for any garbage or rubbish. When using the compost lot, please be respect-

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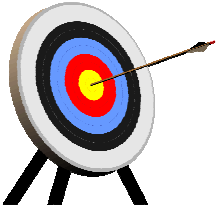
ful of the property around the driveway and lot. Phone numbers for after-hours access are posted at the gate.

Tax Bills

Summer tax bills will be going out beginning of July and will be due on September 14. If you have any questions regarding your taxes please contact Village office or check out our tax info page on the Village website.

www.villageofvernon.org/resident-information

Community Happenings



Archery

Monday's 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sexton Park: 339 Leaver St.
Vernon, MI 48476
Instructor: Craig Gibbs

Instruction for all ages 8 & up

All equipment is provided. \$75 per person. Cash or check payable to the Village of Vernon.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Recurve only, you are welcome to bring your own equipment. Nothing over 30lbs. No carbon arrows.

Register in person at Village Hall 120 E. Main St. Vernon, MI 48476 or the night of class. If you have any questions, please contact Village Office at 989-288-2300.



Farmers Market



The Village of Vernon Farmers Market is back. The market is held Monday nights from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. downtown through September 25. In observance of Labor Day the market will not be open on Monday, September 4.

If you would like more information about the market or would like to become a vendor, please contact Stacey Waite by phone at 989-277-6433 or email: frostedescape@gmail.com.

Build a Better World

Summer Reading Program

June 12-July 27

Collect Library dollars and win prizes for reading.

Pre-school to 12th Grade

Craft Day is Thursdays at 1 p.m.

End of Summer Reading Party

July 27 at 1 p.m.

Grand Prizes include a Kindle Fire HD, Owosso Cinema Tickets, Lugnuts Tickets, and Kazoo's Tickets. Prizes awarded on July 27.

Shiawassee River Clean Up

The Village would like to participate in the Shiawassee river clean up day on July 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in conjunction with Friends of the Shiawassee event. We are looking for volunteers to help in cleaning the section of the river that runs through the Village. If you are interested please contact the Village office.

Ninth Annual

Vernon Firefighters Car Show

August 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pre-register at Village Hall by August 17 for \$8.00. There will be trophies, 50/50, goody bags, and door prizes. For more information contact Bill Shafer 989-413-1124, Matt Shafer 989-413-9318 or email: briana01@chartermi.net



Memorial Day Celebration

The Village has been observing Memorial Day and honoring our fallen service men and women for many years with our annual parade. This year our parade included the VFW Post 4005, Shiawassee County Sheriff Department, Corunna High School Band, Grace Lutheran Church, The Village Hair Shoppe, County Line Antique Tractor Club, Vernon and Shiawassee Fire departments, Corunna Odyssey of the Mind, the Library bike decorating, and a Classic Car. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in honoring our fallen soldiers.



Contact Information

In the event of an emergency the Village needs to be able to contact you. Please ensure that the Village has your contact information, including your email, phone number and correct mailing address with PO Box number. It is also very important that your post office box number appear on all mail. If your box number is missing, this may result in delayed delivery of your mail or possibly your mail being returned to the sender.



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