

## Annual Spring Clean-Up

Saturday April 21, 2018—Starting at 8:00 a.m.

Each spring, the Village of Vernon provides an opportunity to reduce household clutter, get rid of unwanted household materials, and take care of any potential blight issues. This is a great way to help your neighbors and build community spirit!



- Large Item Dumpsters & Recycling Center will be available behind Village Hall for any unwanted junk, debris or old furniture. (NO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL)
- Tire Collection behind Village Hall. (NO TRACTOR TIRES PLEASE)  
Cost: Auto \$3 without rim and \$4 with Rim  
Semi-Truck Tires \$6 without rim and \$11 with rim
- Curbside brush & yard waste pick-up. Large branches/brush piles should be placed curbside that morning for pick up. ALL YARD WASTE MUST BE IN BROWN PAPER LAWN & LEAF BAGS. Acceptable items are grass clippings, leaves, twigs, small branches and plant vegetation/waste.

### **NO TRASH, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR ANIMAL WASTE!**

This year the focus will be on blight issues, so if you or a neighbor are in need of assistance (due to health or physical conditions) with minor exterior issues such as rotted soffit or fascia, dilapidated siding, peeling paint...etc, please contact Village Hall by Thursday, April 13th so we can organize volunteers to assist.



P.O. Box 175  
120 E. Main St.  
Vernon MI 48476

Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30a.m. ~ 5:00p.m.

PH (989) 288-2300 Fax (989) 288-2057

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# Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon

Winter 2018

## Citizenship Award

Our Village Council has recognized Russell Hilliker



for his outstanding community spirit and continued contribution to the betterment of the community. Russ along with his family and friends bring a lot of joy to the community with his holi-

day displays every year. Demonstrating what community spirit is all about. If there is someone you think should be recognized for their contribution please fill out a nominating form in our office. The form is also available on our website.

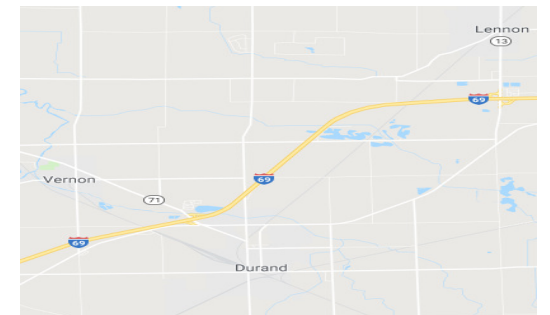
## Redevelopment Ready Communities

RRC is a certification program supporting community revitalization and the attraction and retention of businesses, entrepreneurs and talent throughout Michigan. RRC promotes communities to be development ready and competitive in today's economy by actively engaging stakeholders and proactively planning for the future—making them more attractive for projects that create places where people want to live, work and invest. The Village became formally engaged November 2017 and will be working towards certification. Throughout the process we will be conducting joint planning meetings and we welcome all to get involved.



## Regional Planning

The Village has partnered with neighboring communities including Vernon Township, City of Durand, Venice Township and the Village of Lennon to work on a Regional Planning and Development exercise. The exercise will target streamlining and promoting future development opportunities. The results of this effort will be the creation of regional development goals, best practices and marketing strategies in response to large-scale development interest in the region. Next meeting will be February 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Venice Township Hall.



## Community Warning from Chief Hubble



Due to recent larcenies from automobiles within the Village of Vernon, residents are urged to lock their homes, cars, outbuildings etc. This will make it more difficult for theft and vandalism to occur. If you see any suspicious activity please dial 911.

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

02/05/2018	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
02/13/2018	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
02/21/2018	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
03/05/2018	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
03/13/2018	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
03/21/2018	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
04/02/2018	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
04/13/2018	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
04/21/2018	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
04/21/2018	Village Cleanup	8:00 a.m.



# Business Opportunity

Now is a great time to consider being an entrepreneur/business owner and invest in our Downtown.

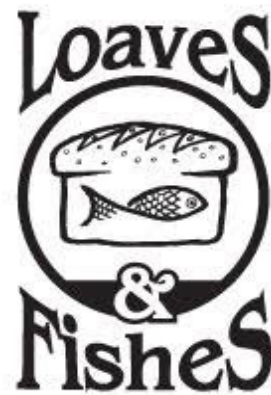


122 E. Main St. \$68,000 Contact Ben Glardon with Remax of Michigan (989) 725-8119



119 E. Main St. \$49,900 Contact Debra Minton with Home Office Realty (989) 295-2540

# Community Happenings



Loaves & Fishes has been helping those in need in our community for several years. On Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. residents can come by the Methodist Church on Main Street in Vernon and pick up food items and other miscellaneous items for their needs. This outreach is available to those who qualify in the Durand, Gaines, Bancroft, Lennon, Byron and Vernon area. Please stop in during pick up times on Wednesday to fill out a form for review. If you would like to make a donation to the outreach you may drop items off on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Monetary donations can be made to: Ester Telford and mailed to:

Loaves and Fishes  
702 N Oak St  
Durand, MI 48429



### Do 1 Thing

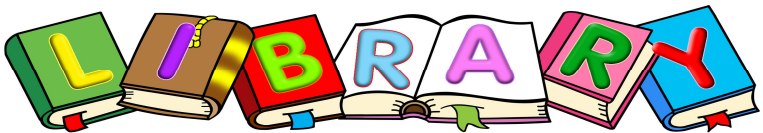
In the case of Emergency are you ready? Do you know where you would go if you have to leave your home? Would your family be able to contact you?

When a disaster happens you need to have a plan. A good way to be prepared is to follow the Do 1 thing program. Each month they provide steps to prepare yourself for an emergency.

For instance:

- January the topic is Make a Plan, understand what puts you at risk from disasters and take steps to lower your risk.
- February's topic is Water, have 72 hours (3 days) worth of water stored for your household.
- March is Sheltering, know how to respond safely when instructions are given to evacuate or take shelter.

Each subject then continues with information on how to take these steps. Please take the time to go to the Do 1 Thing website [www.do1thing.com](http://www.do1thing.com) and make sure you and your family are prepared!



### Upcoming Activities

Sat, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.– Snowstorm in a Jar
Sat, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.– Snowflake Window Art
Sat, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 p.m.– Handprint Tree w/Hearts
Sat, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.– Heart Air Balloon Card
Mon, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.- Thumbprint Bookmark
Tues, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.- Thumbprint Bookmark
Sat, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.– Chicken Craft
Sat, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.– Peep House
Sat, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.– Bunny Mask
Mon, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1-5 p.m.—Homemade Play Dough
Tues, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 p.m.– Movie
Thur, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	1 p.m.– Movie
Fri, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	1-5 p.m.– Kentucky Derby Crafts
Sat, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	12-1:30 p.m.— Scavenger Hunt

Please call 989-288-6486 for more information

### Vernon Community Cats Spay/Neuter Program

The Village has received numerous complaints about the growing cat population. Council Trustee Bob MacNeill brought the idea to the Council to partner with Lori Bailey of Community Cats of Owosso. The program would help control the growing cat population. This is a volunteer based program to keep the cost down. Community Cats of Owosso has offered to host a volunteer training for those who would like to assist with the program. **Training will be on Thursday February 1 from 6:30 -7:00 p.m., at the Vernon Public Library** and our first scheduled pick-up will be on Monday, February 5 from 7 to 8 a.m. **Cats and dogs must be preregistered** by calling 586-879-1745 or emailing:

[clinic@allaboutanimalsrescue.org](mailto:clinic@allaboutanimalsrescue.org).



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### Sewer Bill Savings

During the month of April, you have the opportunity to save \$104.53. A 15% discount will be applied to your sewer bill if you pay for the entire year. If your monthly payment amount is \$58.07, the yearly discounted amount is \$592.31. This is for a normal residential equivalent unit. If your monthly payment is higher, the same 15% will be applied. Payment must be made by April 30, 2018.

### 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, which is Wednesday. All refuse must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. Once the refuse has been picked up please move the container back to your designated cart storage area. In the event of a holiday the pickup will be delayed one day. If you have large items for pickup or if your garbage/recycling has been missed please contact Republic Waste at (888)872-7455.



### 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.

### Snow and Ice Removal

Per the Village snow 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.

### Outstanding Debt

Any outstanding debt to the Village including sewer, lawn mowing, and snow removal as of March 31, 2018 will be transferred to Summer taxes.