

# Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon

Winter 2019

## Board Openings



Serving our community on one of our boards gives you the opportunity to make important contributions to shape the future of the Village. Serving gives you a voice and can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

There are several boards/committees with opportunities for you to serve.

The Village currently has two openings on council, one opening on our Downtown Development Authority and two openings on our planning commission. Now is a great time to get involved in our community. Lots of exciting things happening including a complete revision to our Master Plan for the Village, revitalizing our downtown, regional planning, potential residential developments, and recreational projects. If you don't serve then who will? Contact our office or stop in to discuss how you can become a part of the great things happening in the Village.

## Help A Neighbor

With the onset of winter, we'd like to remind you that there are many people who are elderly or with disabilities in our community. Some practical ideas to help those around you:

- Introduce yourself and provide your phone number, let them know you are available to help them out.
- Clear a walkway and put down salt.
- If you are going shopping see if there is anything you can get for them.
- Offer to take the dog for a walk.
- Ask if they would like for you to pick up their mail.
- Ask if they are all set on their prescriptions.
- Deliver a home cooked meal or some sweet treats.
- Spend some time with them.
- If the power goes out check to be sure they have everything they need.



• Even the smallest of gestures could mean a lot to someone who is in need. You could be just what your neighbor needs today.

## Help Wanted

The Village is in need of part time help for our DPW Department. CDL needed. Fill out an application at the Village Office.

## Christmas in the Village



Christmas Spirit filled our downtown and community this year for another successful event! Attendees enjoyed a beautiful light parade and the festivities continued late into the evening with horse wagon rides, yummy food, vendors/shopping, crafts and cookie decorating for kids, caroling, and of course Santa! This event would not be

successful without the generous contributions from our local businesses and sponsors! Thank you Great Lakes Ready Mix, LLC, Great Lakes Fusion, LLC, Glasers Lumber Company, Graff Chevrolet Durand, Inc, Telford Construction, Berthiaume & Company, CPA's & Auditors, Rowe Professional Services Company, Monroe Point Shell, Blight Oil Company, Riverside Market, Ram Heating & Cooling Inc. LA Construction! Congratulations to our coloring contest winners First Place - Vesper Tkaczyk, Second Place - Dane Hardacre, Third Place - Josey DeYoung, Gingerbread house decorating winners First Place - Mollie Anne Shay, Second Place - Mackenzie Maxson, and Third - Place Alexander Amunga, and our home decorating contest winner the Goodmans!



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

01/07/2019	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
01/08/2019	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
01/16/2019	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
02/04/2019	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
02/12/2019	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
02/20/2019	Village Council	7:00 p.m.
03/12/2019	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
03/20/2019	Village Council	7:00 p.m.

# The Scoop...

## Preparing your home for Winter:

Create an emergency winter preparedness kit for your home that includes the following items:

- Water, at least three gallons of water per person
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food per person
- Prescribed medications
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Pet supplies
- A complete change of clothing and footwear for each person
- Bedding
- Important family documents
- Extra clothes and blankets

## Fun facts about Michigan Winter

- Most snow in one winter: 390 inches, Delaware (Keweenaw Peninsula), 1978-79
- Record low temperature: minus 51 degrees, Vanderbilt, February 9, 1934
- Record snow depth Lower Peninsula: 68 inches, Kalkaska, February 15, 1985
- Record snow depth Upper Peninsula: 117 inches, Eagle Harbor, January 27-31, 1948

Michigan weather can change in an instant and be completely different just a mile down the road.

Lake Michigan is the reason for our fickle weather. Cold air moving over the warmer lake water can whip up a massive lake effect snow storm out of nowhere. Wind speed and direction determine which way and how far inland the snow goes.

The weather literally changes with the wind. It's a phenomenon people living downwind of the Great Lakes are very familiar with.

## From the Desk of Chief Hubble



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.

### Village Snow Policy

The Village of Vernon Department of Public Works provides snow and ice control services for 6.44 miles of Village streets. The DPW performs the series on a prioritized basis that provides the most efficient and effective method to ensure the safety of vehicle and pedestrian traffic as follows:

1. Major streets. These streets include emergency, school, and truck routes.
2. Local streets. All secondary residential streets.
3. Alleys
4. Parking areas business district and around municipal buildings including sidewalks.
5. Sidewalks including any neglected by the property owner.

Snow emergencies will be called by the Village President when severe conditions occur. Residents will be notified via Village Website, Facebook, and ABC 12 news.

### Outstanding Bills

Any outstanding bills to the Village must be paid by March 31, 2019 to avoid being applied to the Village taxes.

**Reminder!**

## Village Snow Ordinance

Snow/ice removal from sidewalk: The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street, or the owner of such lot or premises, if the same are not occupied, shall clear all ice and snow from sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises within the time herein required. When any snow or ice shall cease to fall during the daylight hours, such snow or ice shall be cleared from the sidewalks within 24 hours after cessation. Sidewalks fronting on Main Street between Duane and Church Streets that are zoned B-1 under the Village Zoning Ordinance shall be cleared of snow or ice by 10 am and shall be maintained free of snow or ice until 5 pm.

Please do not shovel, plow or blow snow into any street. This is prohibited by State Law and a citation could be issued.

### Sewer Bill reminder

During the month of April, you have the opportunity to save \$104.53 or more by paying for the year. A 15% discount will be applied to your sewer bill if you pay for the entire year by the end of April. If your monthly payment amount is \$58.07, the yearly discounted amount you would pay 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, 2019 if you would like help figuring your discount please contact our Village office at (989)288-2300.

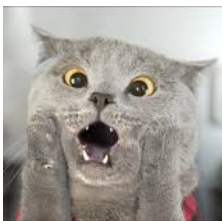
# Community Happenings

## Durand Senior Center



Located on Monroe Street in Durand there is a wonderful opportunity for the Seniors in our area. The center has activities daily from Monday thru Friday that include low impact exercise class, Movie and pop corn, Bingo, MMAP Counselor, free blood pressure checks and more. They also offer lunch each day at 12 p.m. Monday thru Friday. There is a \$3 suggested donation for lunch. For more information about the services available please call 989-288-4122. If you are making a lunch reservation please call by 10:30 a.m.

## Community Cats Update



This program came to our community one year ago. Cats and dogs are picked up the first Monday of the month, spade/neutered and brought back the next day at a very low cost. Since we started the program has serviced 284 cats and 24 dogs.

## Annual Spring Clean-Up

Saturday April 27, 2019—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.

## Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency

SATA provides fast, safe, affordable and friendly transportation for Shiawassee County residents of all ages for as little as \$1.50 per one-way trip. Seniors (60+) ride free 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Service for all is provided Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Service is also provided Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. in the cities of Owosso & Corunna, Caledonia Twp. & Owosso Twp. areas. All rides are based upon availability. Participating local governmental units are the townships of Bennington, Caledonia, Owosso, Venice & Vernon and the cities of Corunna, Durand, Laingsburg, Owosso & Perry. Call (989) 729-2687 to find out more.



## Santa Pictures

Santa Pictures from Christmas in the Village are available to pick up in the Vernon Library. (989) 288-6486

## Memorial Day Parade

Our Annual Memorial Day Parade is on May 27 this year. With all of the cold weather it is nice to have something to look forward to. We are in need of volunteers to help us plan the parade. Come be a part of celebrating our Veterans and your community. Contact the Village Hall to volunteer.



## Construction Work

Our infrastructure project on the South East side of town is winding down for the winter months. The crews are working to finish storm and sewer installation on Sunnybrooke. They are also working to clean up roads and construction areas for the winter. This spring crews will be back onsite to do all restoration work and asphalt. The Village understands this has been a challenging time for residents in the construction areas and greatly appreciates your continued patience until the completion of the project. The contractor and the Village have worked hard to resolve any issues that have come up. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us so we can help.



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