

Village View

Community News from the Village of Vernon

Winter 2020

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 one opening on the Village Council and two openings on our Downtown Development Authority.

Now is a great time to get involved in our community. Lots of exciting things are 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 disabled in our community who may need assistance. 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 their 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.

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 wagon rides, yummy food, vendors/shopping, crafts and cookie decorating for kids, caroling, the Grinch and of course Santa! This event would not be successful without the generous contributions from our local businesses and sponsors!



Thank you 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.

Rajiva Tirtha D.D.D & Associates, Brady's Business Systems, Shaws Pharmacy, and Ace Hardware! Congratulations to our Gingerbread house decorating winners First Place - Alexander Amunga, Second Place - Ian Curtis and Third Place - Shelly Goodman, and our home decorating contest winners First Place - Butzlers, Second Place - Richeys and Third Place - Watters. A special thank you to Stacey Waite for coordinating Christmas in the Village.



****Dates to Remember****

01/14/2020	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
01/15/2020	Village Council	7:00 p.m.
02/06/2020	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
02/11/2020	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
02/13/2020	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
02/19/2020	Village Council	7:00 p.m.
03/05/2020	Community Cats	7:00 a.m.
03/10/2020	DDA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
03/12/2020	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
03/18/2020	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.

Reminder!

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.

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.

Going on Vacation

Remember to let the Vernon Police Department know by filling a vacation form out so the police officers can check your home and property while you are away. The form can be found on the Village website or available at the Village Office.

Community Happenings

Outstanding Bills

Any outstanding bills to the Village must be paid by March 31, 2020 to avoid being applied to the Village taxes.

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, 2020 if you would like help figuring your discount please contact our Village Office at (989)288-2300.

Memorial Day Parade

Our Annual Memorial Day Parade is on May 25 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. Contact the Village Office to volunteer 989-288-2300.



Community Cats Update

This program came to our community two years ago. Cats and dogs are picked up the first Thursday of the month, spayed/neutered and brought back the next day at a very low cost. More information can be found at www.villageofvernon.org or you can call 586-879-1745 with any questions.



Large Items for Garbage

Getting rid of a large item like a couch or mattress? Remember to call Republic Services to schedule a pick up before you put it out to the road. Republic's number is (888) 872-7455.

Santa Pictures

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



Annual Spring Clean-Up

Saturday April 25, 2020—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 and 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 the Village Office by Thursday, April 9th so we can organize volunteers to assist.



"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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