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Community Emergency Notifications
Sign up online to receive community emergency notifications via text or email. Go to www.Nixle.com and enter 49456 to get on the list.

Non-Emergency Number for Police
Want to speak to an Ottawa County Sheriff’s Deputy, but it’s not a 9-1-1 emergency? Call 1-800-249-0911 to speak to a dispatcher.

Trees Available for Your Right of Way
Thanks to North Bank Community Fund, Spring Lake Rotary and the Victoria Verplank Memorial Fund:
• Several tree species are available
• Village arborist will approve planting location
• SLV will plant the trees
• Residents must water and fertilize all season
Contact Darcie at 616-842-1393; or dbenter@springlaketwp.org

CONTACT US!
Ask billing questions, sign up for our email announcements, enroll in automatic bill paying, update your account information, get an explanation of rates, make service changes or report water emergencies:
Phone: 616-842-1393
Website: springlakevillage.org
Mail: 102 W. Savidge
After-hours water/sewer emergency:
1-616-844-2104
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FROM THE DESK OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT MARK POWERS

A year ago, the Village staff began a program of repairing parts of Spring Lake’s 100-year-old water and sewer system. Unfortunately, 2020 then took things in another direction.

The Village staff is now returning to a municipality’s chief responsibility of providing residents clean drinking water and sewage removal. Spring Lake staff will refocus their 2021-2022 work on repairing and replacing the most aged, failing parts of Spring Lake’s drinking water and sewer systems. This year, and in the decade to follow, the Village’s work on water and sewer systems will continue, most likely past the point when any current Village Council member remains on that board.

The Village DPW staff is also focusing on cleaning up and repairing the waterfront parts of the Village ruined or damaged by the recent multi-year flooding. The Village can expect a bill in the millions for repairing the flood-caused damage to places like Millpoint Park, the Jackson Street dock, and other water-facing locations. Much like repairing the drinking water and sewer system will take a decade or more, the Village will need multiple years to repair the flood damage.

There is also some positive news. The Village downtown is more vibrant and alive with new or improved businesses and social activity than any time I can recall. Judging by the improving local housing market, Spring Lake remains a popular place for people to live. Finally, I am told by Village staff to expect work on the new Tanglefoot Park to begin in July.

So while we thankfully put 2020 behind us, Village residents have things to look forward to at this time. To bring that about, the staff’s work resumes after an interrupted 2020, and the staff continues to plan for not just 2022, but 2032 as well.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

FROM THE DESK OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT MARK POWERS
Tanglefoot Transformation

From a Park for Only Some to a Park With Access for All

When the Thum family deeded the Tanglefoot property to the Village in 1916, it was made clear the property was to be maintained for public use as a park in perpetuity. Over the years the simple park that allowed camping and trailers organically turned into a seasonal trailer park. But by the 2000’s trailers that were once pulled by cars were now large enough to be pulling cars and the once public park became exclusive to those who paid to stay there.

While we’re so fortunate that our Village is positioned on a peninsula surrounded by water, public waterfront property is incredibly limited. That’s why the plan today and in the future is to transform Tanglefoot from an exclusive area enjoyed by a few to an inclusive area that welcomes everyone of every level of ability. Special attention is being given to surpassing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements with Universal Access (UA) requirements. Every amenity in the park will be chosen with UA in mind. From the kayak launch to the splash pad, the event center, drinking fountain, picnic tables, benches and fishing overlooks, UA will be a primary goal that we intend to reach.

We expect to break ground in late July and while we don’t expect to complete to project this year, thanks to the delay on materials that the global pandemic produced, we do expect to have everyone enjoying this welcoming park by spring of 2022. To keep things moving, we’ve already ordered the UA kayak launch and expect to install it at Mill Point Park during the construction at the end of July. No use holding off when the community can be enjoying it! It will be moved to Tanglefoot in the spring of 2022.

If you’d like to learn more about the Transformation, come in to review the architectural renderings and site plan in the Village Hall lobby if you’d like to be a part of this amazing change please donate to help us bring this inclusive waterfront park to life!

Donations are currently being accepted at Village Hall by check. Please make checks payable to Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and add Tanglefoot to the memo. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to: Tanglefoot Park c/o Village of Spring Lake, 102 W. Savidge St., Spring Lake, MI 49456 or: GHACF, 1 S. Harbor, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

To donate with a credit card: Visit https://give.ghacfd.org/grand-haven-donation and be sure to choose Tanglefoot Park from the “Designation” menu.

We really can’t do this without you!

Volunteers Needed

The Village is in need of a few green thumbs! We have several butterfly gardens that need some attention. If you, or someone you know, is willing to commit a few hours each month to adopting these gardens, please contact us. While we realize that weeding is really a thankless job, you could be proud knowing that your work is helping our pollinators. Unfortunately, if we fail to secure volunteers willing to commit the time necessary to maintain the garden, they will have to return to a lower maintenance status as our DPW crews simply do not have the time or expertise required to maintain the gardens. You can email the Village Manager at christine@springlakevillage.org or 616-842-1393 to inquire.

Save the Dates for Summer Curb Side Brush Pick-Up

Monthly curb side brush pick-up during the summer months of July, August and September will occur the 3rd Monday of the month. July 19, August 16 and September 20.

• Brush must be curbside by 7:00am
• Limbs can be no larger than 6” in diameter
• Keep limbs no longer than 6’ in length
• Pile can be no more than 10’ wide and 4’ high
• Stack with cut ends facing the street

Note: This brush pick-up does not apply to lot clearing or tree removals. Direct any questions to the Village at 616-842-1393.

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Where: Harvest Bible parking lot. Look for the market to move to the Tanglefoot Park Event building in 2022!

Season: June 3 through October 7

Household Hazardous Waste

The Ottawa County Health Department has a Resource Recovery Service Center for the collection of household hazardous waste. Call 616-393-5645 or visit www.miottawa.org for more.

Reminder:

Do NOT Flush Medications

Do you have unused medications (prescriptions or over-the-counter, including pet meds)? Please do NOT flush them down the toilet. Place them in a zipped plastic bag and dispose of them during regular business hours in the secure lobby dropbox at the fire station.

106 N. Fruitport Road. Please - no needles, sunscreen, creams or ointments.

Garage Sale Signs

Garage sale signs are permitted according to Ordinance 17.56:

• Limit to one (1) on-premise location and three (3) off-premise locations
• Locate on private property
• Locate to 4 square feet in size; sign may be two-sided
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