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Spring Lake Village



The Village is seeking volunteers for several boards and committees. The time commitment varies, but each board serves a very important purpose in the Village. Please consider contacting us for details regarding the following boards/committees:



- Development Area Citizens Council
- Beautification Committee
- ZBA

Applications are available on the Village website or by calling Village Hall.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Village staff are in the midst of preparing the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget. Review of the General Fund budget will take place in April & May. Residents are encouraged to check Council agendas on the Village website to determine when each fund will be discussed. All budget discussions are open to the public. Taxpayers are welcomed and encouraged to attend and participate in the process.

04/28/15

5-Year Capital Improvement Plan to Planning Commission

05/18/15

Council Approves Water & Sewer Rates & Miscellaneous Fees

06/08/15

Final Budget to Council

06/15/15

Budget Adoption by Council

Auto-Pay for Taxes & Water Bills

The Village offers auto-pay for taxes and utility bills. The bills are debited from your account on the due date at no cost. You can also pay your bills with a credit card (on-line only, not at Village Hall) but you will pay a convenience fee to the processing company. Contact Mary at Village Hall to enroll 842-1393.



FIREWORKS!



Please keep in mind that your neighbors may not be as enthusiastic about fireworks as you are. Most people do not appreciate fireworks that occur beyond the allowable times established by Ordinance and OCSO gets the complaints to prove it. In 2013, Council adopted an Ordinance which prohibits the use of fireworks except as permitted by State law. Fireworks are allowed on the day before, the day of and the day after ten (10) holidays listed in the Ordinance. The Ordinance prohibits the use of fireworks on the holidays between the hours of midnight and 8:00 a.m. (1:00 a.m. on New Years Day) Please be a good neighbor. If you would like to report a fireworks violation, call 9-1-1 and a Deputy will be dispatched.

Village offices will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush collection will take place on **May 18th & September 21st**. The DPW will collect brush up to 8' in length. Residents should neatly stack the cut ends facing the street no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day of collection. While it may take more than one day to traverse the entire Village, the DPW crew will make one pass by each house. If your brush is not at the curb prior to their drive-by, it will not be picked up. The DPW cannot take stumps, decorative grasses, vines or roots. If you have questions regarding brush collection, please contact DPW Director Roger Belknap at 616-638-6470.

SPRING CLEAN UP SERVICES

The Village of Spring Lake will conduct its Spring Clean Up Program for all Village residents on Wednesday, May 6th. This program is open to Village residents only and will be provided by licensed waste haulers.

NO TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER MAY 6th AS A PART OF THIS PROGRAM.

Property owners will be responsible for any trash left on the curb after May 6th. This will include the cost of removal.

The following items will **NOT** be collected as a part of this program:

- ◆ Tree stumps, large automotive parts, concrete, blacktop, batteries, paint and any household solvents or cleaners of oil.
- ◆ Construction materials must be disassembled so they may be loaded in the trucks.
- ◆ Pipe will be accepted only if it is in six (6) foot lengths or shorter.
- ◆ If you have numerous items, please place them in a disposable container such as a cardboard box.

SIGN UP FOR CONSTANT CONTACT

The Village periodically sends out important updates via Constant Contact. If you wish to be on our email list, you can sign up on the Village website at www.springlakevillage.org. We promise not to fill up your inbox with junk. Constant Contact and Facebook are the quickest way for us to get information out for things such as flood preparation to the masses. Don't forget to [like] our Facebook page as well.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

Water Meters Read ~ end of March
Water Bills Mailed ~ April 15th
Water Bills Due ~ May 15th
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ June 3rd

Tanglefoot Park Opens ~ April 15th

Leaf Pick up ~ April 27th

Junk Trash Collection ~ May 6th

Brush Collection ~ May 18th

Memorial Day Parade ~ May 25th

Wooden Boat Show ~ May 30th
Mill Point Park

Heritage Festival ~ June 15th to 20th

Water Meters Read ~ end of June
Water Bills Mailed ~ July 15th
Water Bills Due ~ August 14th
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ September 3rd

Budget Adoption ~ June 15, 2015
Barber School, 7:00 p.m.

Taxes Mailed ~ July 1st
Taxes Due ~ September 15th

Hydrant Flushing ~ late August

Brush Collection ~ September 21st

Junk Trash Collection ~ October 7th

Water Meters Read ~ end of September
Water Bills Mailed ~ October 15th
Water Bills Due ~ November 16th
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ December 3rd

Leaf Collection Begins ~ October 26th
Leaf Collection Ends ~ November 25th

Water Meters Read ~ end of December
Water Bills Mailed ~ January 15th
Water Bills Due ~ February 15th
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ March 7th

VILLAGE HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Memorial Day ~ May 25th

Independence Day ~ July 3rd

Labor Day ~ September 7th

Veteran's Day ~ November 11th

Thanksgiving ~ November 26th & 27th

Christmas ~ December 24th & 25th

New Years ~ Dec 31st (1/2) & January 1st

Front Yard & Right of Way Parking

Section 16.1A of the zoning ordinance states:

Parking of vehicles in the front yard in the **SFR-A** and **SFR-B** zoning districts and for single-family dwelling and two-family dwelling uses in all zoning districts is restricted to a designated driveway, the width of which shall not exceed any point one-third (1/3) of the lot width, or twenty (20) feet, whichever is greater. ***Parking in areas of the front yard that are not part of your driveway, such as on the grass, is not permitted.***

Also, Village Ordinance, Number 179, Section 74-89 prohibits residents from parking vehicles in the Right-of-Way (ROW). In the past, this Ordinance had not been enforced and residents were allowed to park in the ROW between April 1st and December 1st.

In an effort to keep our community looking its best and your property values at their highest, in 2012, the Village Council instructed the Code Compliance Officer to commence enforcement of the ordinances. Council does, however, realize that parking is limited in several of areas of the Village and amended the Ordinance to allow one vehicle to park in the Right-of-Way with an annual **Public Right-of-Way Parking License**. License applications are available at Village Hall or www.springlakevillage.org, in the event you are interested in obtaining a license for 2015; the cost is **\$5 per year**.

Drinking Water Quality Report

The Northwest Ottawa Water System has issued the 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. The report shows the drinking water is safe and meets the Federal and State drinking water health standards for the January 1 to December 31, 2014 monitoring period. It can be obtained from our website at www.springlakevillage.org or by contacting our office at 616-842-1393.

Spring Leaf Pickup

The Village of Spring Lake will provide the spring leaf pickup program on April 27th. **All leaves must be raked onto the street and off of the lawn by this date as the truck passes only once in the Spring.** The hose on the vacuum truck is limited in length; therefore piles on the lawn are hard to reach.

All Village residents, **except those on Savidge**, need to have their leaves raked to the road by **7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 27th**. M-104 (Savidge Street) residents need to have their leaves bagged and ready for pick up at **7:30 a.m. April 27, 2015**.

The Village leaf truck cannot pickup landscaping waste, ornamental grasses, sticks, brush, lumber, etc.



TREES AVAILABLE!

The Village is once again offering to plant trees from the municipal tree nursery; the trees can be placed in your front or side yard or in the right-of-way. The species of trees available varies and the Village Arborist has to approve the location of trees within the right-of-way. Recipients will be obligated to water and fertilize the tree throughout the growing season. If you are interested in receiving a tree or two, please contact Mary at 842-1393 or email at mary@springlakevillage.org.

This planting program is made possible by the North Bank Community Fund, Spring Lake Rotary and the Victoria Verplank Memorial Fund.



Garage Sale Sign Regulations

In December 2014, Council approved an amendment to the Village's sign ordinance which previously prohibited garage sale signs. Garage Sale Signs are now permitted when all of the following conditions are met:

- Limited to one (1) on-premise location and three (3) off-premise locations.
- Shall be located on private property.
- Shall be limited to four (4) square feet in area per side. Sign may be two-sided.
- Shall be affixed to the ground and be free-standing.
- Shall be displayed for no longer than 3 days prior to the garage sale and shall be removed upon the end of the garage sale.

TREE TRIMMING

In 2013, Consumers Energy trimmed the backbone of their electric distribution system throughout the Village. Consumers Energy trimmed trees that affect their lateral distribution lines in 2014. These trees are not part of the Village tree maintenance program. If you have questions or concerns regarding the trimming, please contact Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Mill Point Park

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

June 25th - Lakeshore Big Band

July 2nd - The Niche

July 9th - The 3 Snyders

July 16th—The Adams Family

July 23rd—Jim Shaneberger Band

July 30th - Blue Water Ramblers

August 6th—The Paul Sherwood Band

August 13th—Sarah & Steve Dowell

August 20th—The Trace

August 27th—Don Middlebrook
& The Pearl Divers

September 3rd—Robin Connell & Paul Brewer

CENTRAL PARK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Central Park Capital Campaign is ready to kick into high gear. We have a number of awesome volunteers who have been working on this campaign to insure it's success, but we could always use a few more!



We have received construction estimates from our engineer as follows (these figures include engineering and contingency):

General (Parking/Lighting):	128,563.27
Basketball Courts:	66,504.35
Pickle Ball Courts:	68,057.28
Hockey:	<u>36,875.10</u>

Estimated Total: \$ 300,000.00

We are actively seeking grants to complete this project, however we know that will not be enough to do everything that needs to be done. Thanks to a number of generous donors, **we currently have approximately \$84,350 pledged.** Our goal is to have funding secure by the end of May with construction to take place this fall. What was previously slated as a phased approach will now be completed in one construction season.

If you would like to bring Central Park back to her former glory, please contact us at

616-842-1393

for information regarding naming rights, donations or volunteer opportunities. You can also make a tax-deductible donation on-line, or simply write a check to the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (annotating Central Park in the memo line). More information is available at

www.supportcentralpark.com