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Spring Lake Village



Seasonal Parking Restrictions

In order to keep our employees and equipment as safe as possible and to more efficiently remove snow from the Village, we must enforce seasonal parking restrictions. From December 1 thru April 1, you may not park on any street, in the public right-of-way, or in any public parking lot from 2 a.m. - 6 a.m. The seasonal parking restrictions are not based on a certain amount of snowfall, but are based on a time period (above). Residents and visitors are encouraged to make alternate parking and/or transportation arrangements if they cannot meet the parking ordinance.

Snow Removal in General

The Village needs your assistance to provide a more drivable and walkable community in the winter months, and more specifically, following snow storms. Please notify your plow driver that plowing snow across or onto public rights-of-way is prohibited by state law and/or local ordinance. Violation of the law may result in a ticket being issued. Tickets will be issued to the property owner in violation, as the Village is not aware of who has been hired to remove snow from various properties. For copies of the law as it pertains to snow removal please contact Village Hall at 616-842-1393 or email Mary Paparella at mary@springlakevillage.org.

Village Commences Sidewalk Snow Removal

New this winter is the service of sidewalk snow removal for ALL Village residents who are not in private developments. Historically, the Village cleared snow for routes leading to the schools and the commercial district. While Village Council placed a priority on being a safe, walkable community year 'round, enforcement of the ordinance that mandates residents remove all snow and ice from their sidewalks proved challenging. With the passage of the pathway millage in August, Council decided to utilize part of those revenues to purchase an additional snow blower and to hire 2 part-time, seasonal employees who will be responsible for sidewalk clearing throughout the winter. Priorities for snow removal are still routes leading to schools and the commercial district. After those routes are cleared, staff will make their way to all other areas in the Village. If you have made arrangements to have your sidewalks cleared by someone other than the Village DPW and would like to opt-out of this new service, please contact Mary at 616-842-1393. Regardless of who performs your sidewalk snow removal, residents are still responsible for salting their own walks.

Harbor Transit Bus Service Coming To Spring Lake Township

By a margin of 1,120 votes, the residents of the village and township recently approved the expansion of on-demand bus service into the whole of Spring Lake Township. When fully implemented, this will mean the 16.5 square miles and the 13,140 residents of the township will have access to the service in the same way those in Grand Haven, Ferrysburg, Spring Lake Village, and Grand Haven Township have in the past. A millage of up to 0.7 mils will be levied annually on township property owners for a term of five years.

In order to be fully prepared for this expansion into the township Harbor Transit has already begun the process of acquiring up to six new buses, hiring and training eight additional drivers and installing a state-of-the-art computer aided dispatch system. All of this will be completed in time to start service in the township when kids go back to school in the fall of next year. Until then, present service being provided to those in the village as well as certain contracted sites will continue as usual.

"The results of the November millage vote means that residents both young and old alike will be able to take full advantage of the service offered by Harbor Transit," stated Supervisor, John Nash. "In particular, parents of school age children, in need of transportation, will realize the benefits derived from this new service when buses begin picking up riders

Rental Registration Time

Do you own a house or apartment that you use as a rental property? It's that time of year again when you are required to register your property with the Village. After the Village receives your registration, you will be contacted by the Inspector to schedule your inspection (if you are due). If you have questions regarding your property or have not received an application in the mail by mid-December, please contact Maryann Fonkert at 616-842-1393.

Village Hall will be CLOSED in observance of the following holidays:
Thanksgiving ~ November 27th & 28th
Christmas ~ December 24th & 25th
New Years ~ December 31st (1/2 Day) & January 1

Now Accepting 2015 Reservations Tanglefoot Park & Mill Point Docks



The Village is currently accepting seasonal reservations for next summer. We are also accepting applications for dock rentals. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please call Mary at 616-842-1393.

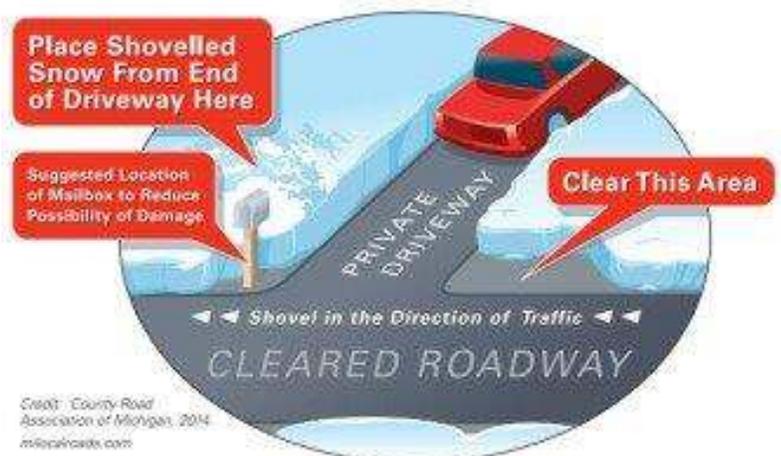
Snow Removal Around Hydrants



Village of Spring Lake residents who have fire hydrants in their neighborhood are encouraged to assist emergency crews by shoveling out the hydrants and keeping them clear of snow. Please assist the fire department and clear snow where it is deepest.... between the curb line and the hydrant. Your neighborhood and Spring Lake Township Fire Department appreciate your assistance in this matter. Every minute saved in the event of a fire can be critical!

Avoid the "Second Shovel"

People can play a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear of snow even after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway in an icy, heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the "second shovel."



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