

The Villager

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Update from the Village President: This Is Your Village, Your Government

A few weeks after you receive this newsletter – after several more weeks of the most negative campaign in my memory – somewhere around half of the eligible voters will select a new President of the United States. Even fewer will go down the ballot to vote for in our Village Council election.

We live in an age of cynicism about politics and politicians. I suppose it isn't surprising given a news media that spends its time obsessively parading the worst of us again and again while ignoring the good among us. But it deeply worries me that so many of us feel powerless to change or improve our situation.

We are not powerless. We can improve our government, our communities, our lives.

And so first of all I say to you all: **VOTE**. And don't just vote for the first item on the ballot, the Presidential election. **VOTE** the full ballot. Many of those officeholders down the ballot – County Officials, Judges, Boards of Education, Village Council – will have a much more direct effect on our community than whatever happens with the Presidential election. If you're looking for information on these candidates the League of Women Voters of Michigan (lwvmi.org) prepares an excellent nonpartisan voters' guide every year with statements from the candidates themselves.

But also remember that improving our government and our community doesn't end with voting. It starts with voting.

Our Village was formed by neighbors who got together to form a Village government. More than sixty years later it is still a government of and by neighbors. All of us on Council, Planning, ZBA, Water Management, Park & Rec and the Historical Committee are your neighbors. We all live here and we're all trying to make our community better by serving in our Village government.

I invite you to join us. Sitting on a Board or Committee isn't everybody's cup of tea but come on down to a meeting and find out how and why we make decisions about the Village. Volunteer to help with a Park & Rec event and have fun with your neighbors and children. Help the Historical Committee to preserve our unique Village history and learn about our Village's colorful past and personalities. Help with a Water Management Board project and learn how we try to keep our lake in good shape.

And in doing any of those things you will discover that our government isn't made up of "them." Our government is made up of "us." Please join us.

A lot of people fought and died to preserve our right to self-governance. Don't let cynicism and apathy steal it from you. **VOTE** on November 8, 2016. Then keep exercising your right to self-governance afterwards by getting involved.

Yours truly,
John Magee – Wolverine Lake Village President

<p>Halloween Trick or Treating 6:00 to 8:30 pm Oct. 31st</p> 	<p>The Historical Team Needs You The Historical Team desperately needs help with ledgering and sorting old photos and information. They meet the second Monday of every month. If you are interested please call Village Hall at 248-624-1710.</p>	<p>Sewer Connection Village Staff is collecting signatures of residents interested in joining a Special Assessment District to pay most of the costs of connecting to the sanitary sewer system over a 10 year period on their Village tax bill. Please note that if the current septic system fails or needs repair connection to sewer is mandatory. For more information contact Village Hall 248-624-1710.</p>	<p>Keeping Informed The Village of Wolverine Lake has an email information line available. To join, simply visit www.wolverinelake.com click on the envelope icon and follow the prompts.</p>
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Fall Reminders

- Yard Waste:** The last day for yard waste pick up by Republic Services is Tuesday, November 29th.
- Lake Draw Down:** The lake draw down will begin sometime in October. By December 1st we expect to reach our winter level of 916.75. Time to start thinking about removing your docks/boats and making the necessary repairs to your shorelines and seawalls. Remember that any work done at the shoreline/in the water requires a permit from the DEQ and a Soil Erosion permit from the Village.
- Septic Tank Maintenance:** If you haven't had your septic tank pumped out recently (every 2 to 3 years for a typical family system) do it now and avoid backups and looking for your tank in the frozen, snow covered ground.
- Community Wells:** Last day to schedule a purge so that you avoid decreased water pressure levels through the winter is Tuesday, November 1st. Call today 248-624-1710.
- Tink Claw—Leaf Collection:** Please remember this is a bulk pick up service. Small piles should be placed into recycle bags or cans no larger than 32 gallons marked 'compost'. The first round of leaf collection will begin when the leaves throughout the Village have fallen approximately 50%. Watch for the orange and white signs posted at the entrances of your subdivision. The Claw will visit a second time once most of the leaves are down. **NOTE***** Leaves should be raked, in one large pile, next to the street on a flat area, devoid of hazards, ONLY after your subdivision has been posted with signs. Do not mix grass, mulched leaves, debris, branches, etc. with the leaves. Please remember to do your part to help keep up with the residual debris following each pick up.

28th Village Festival & Corn Roast In the drizzle, our Village residents were at the park on the September 10th enjoying the band, inflatables and great food. Many thanks go out to the sponsors and the wonderful raffle donations and of course our faithful volunteers; none of these events would be possible without you!!



17th Annual Fishing Contest bright and early on August 27th the fishing contestants began their quest to catch the big one! Winners were awarded their prizes at the Village Festival and the results are available on our website. Congrats to all of the participants and many thanks go out to the sponsors and *volunteers!*

Support Our Troops: Donations now being accepted



Residents from Wolverine Lake, in conjunction with Military Families United of Michigan and K-9 Defender Fund, are hosting a packing party to send items to the military troops and working dogs serving on the battlefields. They welcome these packages from home to let them know WE CARE and APPRECIATE what they are doing. Visit their Facebook page "Wolverine Lake Community Packing Party for the Troops", the Village website "www.wolverinelake.com" or Village Hall for a list of items to donate. Box packing will take place Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2905 S. Commerce Rd. in Wolverine Lake.

Village Offices Closed

Thanksgiving – November 24 & 25, 2016
Christmas – December 23 & 26, 2016
New Year's – December 30 & January 2, 2017



Board Members Needed

There are currently openings on the Park & Recreation Board, Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are a Village Resident and are interested in serving on one of these Boards please contact Village Hall.

Remember to Vote! At each Village election there usually are four Council seats available. The following are the candidates running for Council in this year's election: Patrick Nagy, Brian Nedrow, John Scott and Ed Sienkiewicz. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Winter Parking

is **prohibited** on Village Street November 1st through March 31st between 2 am and 6 am

Snacks With Santa

Mark your calendars! Santa will be visiting on **Saturday, December 10th** from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Richardson Center. Pre-registration is required at the Village Hall.



Shake your mail box As the sports saying goes, "the best offense is a good defense". Snow and ice coming off the plow at 25 MPH in mass quantities pack a much bigger punch than any snowball ever could! Before the ground freezes is a good time to check your mailbox installation to be sure it can weather the upcoming winter season by answering the following questions:

**Is the wood board your mailbox is setting upon in good condition? **Are the nails to the board loose? **How about the wood post in the ground; is it split or starting to deteriorate? ** A simple check: If you can physically jiggle your mailbox and it 'gives' a little, it will give out when the snow removal season is here. **If your mailbox has been in place for any length of time, weather can compromise a good installation.



Village of Wolverine Lake is on Facebook. Stay up to date on news and events in the Village. Check us out and like our page.

Services Available to Village Residents

HAVEN Help-Against-Violent-Encounters-Now: The 24-hour crisis and support line is: 248-334-1274 Toll Free: 877-922-1274

LAKES AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE: Provides programs and counseling to strengthen families. Call 248-956-5070

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE: Available for Seniors and the Disabled. Reservations required. Call 248-698-3994

Recycling

According to the EPA, the national recycling rate is just 34%. Increasing recycling in the US to 60% could save the equivalent of 315 million barrels of oil per year. Recycling is a great way individuals can make a difference, both locally and globally. Before recycling paper and cardboard remember to remove all staples and paperclips. Plastic, metal cans and glass should only be recycled if it has been thoroughly cleaned so that no food particles remains. Any leftover residue can contaminate the recycling process!