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Update from the Village President: So Long and Thanks for All the Fish Stocking

As many of you know, I decided not to run for another term on the Wolverine Lake Village Council. Twelve years as our Village President was a good run but it's time to let somebody else pick up the gavel.

I'm pleased with the state of the Village these days. The finances are rock solid and our leadership team is strong. When I joined our Council, Wolverine Lake faced some serious financial challenges. Thanks to a huge amount of work by a ton of people: staff, boards, volunteers and my fellow council people, we made it through the hard times and emerged better than ever. There aren't enough thank yous in all the world to cover everybody who helped us get to this point.

As my time at the Council table draws to an end I've been pondering the many things I've learned during my time on Council – everything from municipal finance to police equipment to snowplow options to the shocking cannibalistic truth behind fish stocking schedules. (You can't stock walleye two years in a row because the one-year-old ones will have grown to just the right size to eat the newly stocked fingerlings!)

Given all that learning, what's the most important piece of wisdom I can hand to all of you as I head out the door? TRY YOUR BEST TO GET ALONG WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS! It's not Dear-Abby level advice but some of the neighbor disputes that came before the Council over the years have made me both sad and also truly grateful for my own excellent neighbors. Not everybody is so lucky, so I'll settle for advising an extra cupful of tolerance and patience with one another's quirks.

What am I proudest of? I was appointed to Council in early 2006. My unofficial motto when I ran for re-election that year was, "Wolverine Lake is a great place to live and I aim to keep it that way." I like to think I did my part to make that happen.

What's left that I wish I'd been able to fix while I was in office? Something specific comes to mind here: South Commerce Road and the need for a safe pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists. It's a complicated situation for a variety of reasons. We made progress with the paths that we were able to put in near Penny Lake and from Glengary up to Oakley Park Road. But I really wish we'd been able to get something in place for the full length of the road. We have a traffic safety study under way for South Commerce that I'm hoping will lead us to a good solution for everybody.

Finally, since folks have asked, what's next for me? Nothing in particular. I'll be around. I'm just taking a bit of a break and catching up on a few other things in my life. In the meantime, there might be a few extra date nights with my fabulous wife, an extra nap or two and a bit more time spent fishing for some of those fish we've stocked.

I'll see you all around the Village. So long and thanks for ... everything!

John Magee – Wolverine Lake Village President

Vacation Time? Getting away for a little while? Help protect your home and add extra security from your Wolverine Lake Police Department. Simply fill out a Vacation Request Form at Village Hall. This information will give our officers the details needed so they can monitor your home efficiently. Request forms also available on the Village website.

Village Offices Closed

Thanksgiving – November 22 & 23, 2018
Christmas – December 24 & 25, 2018
New Year's – December 31 & January 1, 2019



Fall Reminders

Yard Waste: The last day for yard waste pick up by GFL is Tuesday, November 27th.

Lake Draw Down: The lake draw down will begin sometime in early 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 Friday, November 2nd. 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.

Charter Amendments on the November 6th Ballot

Voters in the Village of Wolverine Lake will see nine Charter Amendments on their November 6, 2018 ballot. Changes to the Village Charter can only occur by a vote of Village residents. These amendments would align the Charter with current state election laws and revise several other outdated sections. To learn more about these amendments and why they have been proposed, please visit www.wolverinelake.com and click on the Charter Amendment link on the homepage. Residents with questions are also invited to send an e-mail to admin@wolverinelake.com or call Village Hall at 248-624-1710.

Support Our Troops Packing Party

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 6, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2905 S. Commerce Rd. in Wolverine Lake.

Remember to Vote! At this Village election there are five Council seats available. The following are the candidates running for Council in this year's election: Mark Duff, David Dumont, Bob Malek, Ed Sienkiewicz and Walter Yourke. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

30th Village Festival & Corn Roast It was beautiful weather for Village residents who were at the park on September 8th enjoying the band, inflatables, great food, vendors and classic car show. Many thanks go out to the Park and Recreation Board, sponsors and of course our faithful volunteers; none of these events would be possible without you!!

Halloween

Trick or Treating
6:00 to 8:30 pm
Oct. 31st



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.

Senior Activities

Visit the renovated Richardson Center for a variety of activities at 1485 Oakley Park Road. 248-926-0063

Winter Parking is prohibited on Village Streets November 1st through March 31st between 2 am and 6 am

Snacks With Santa

Mark your calendars! Santa will be visiting on **Saturday, December 8th** 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

Internet Trade Safe Zone

Need to meet someone in person to complete an online transaction? Arrange for the meeting to take place at Village Hall. The Wolverine Lake Police Department has established an Internet Trade Safe Zone in the parking lot that is constantly under surveillance. This will increase your safety and reduce the possibility of fraud.

