



2016 State of the Village I hope 2016 finds you all well. It's been another good year for Wolverine Lake, so I'd like to update you on the state of our Village.

By the time you read this letter, we expect to have a new Village Administrator in place. After 25 years serving the people of Wolverine Lake, twenty of them as our administrator, Sharon Miller has decided to step down. She claims she isn't retiring, just planning to do different things. Since I know how hard she finds it to sit still while other people do things, I believe it. The next time you see her, please pass along your thanks for all she has done for our Village. She has truly made this Village a better place for all of us.

The Council continues to work on efforts to improve our Village. Planning continues for the new neighborhood park on Amenia Street on our Village's south side. I'm sure those of you who have been on the pathways this winter noticed something new: they were plowed! This is a great improvement for all of us during Michigan's long winter. And we have successfully welcomed Simple Recycling into our community to provide curbside recycling for items we couldn't previously recycle such as clothing, shoes, kitchenware, tools, toys, small electronics and books.

As many of you know there was considerable controversy over lake access via road endings in the Village this fall. We've adopted a new road-endings ordinance that we believe will protect the rights of everybody to access the lake, protect the rights of adjacent homeowners and spell out for all of us what can and can't be done at road endings. Look for new signage coming to the road endings this summer to help make things clearer. I'd also like to remind everybody that most of the lake access points in the Village are subdivision outlots controlled by the individual subdivisions, so please work directly with your subdivision association if an issue arises on one of those lots.

As spring approaches we'll enter another budget season for the Village. I'm glad to report back to all of you that we've achieved another solid step forward for our long-term finances, an agreement to close the long-term pension funding gap that affected our Police and DPW employees. In news terms that may go down as "dull but important" but I'm especially proud of that achievement because it brings more long-term financial stability to our outlook. And I'm especially thankful to Village Administrator Sharon Miller for shepherding it through to completion before her departure.

The Village remains financially sound. It continues to be a great place to live. That's Sharon's legacy. *With thanks, John Magee, Village President*

Village Administrator Sharon Miller is Retiring After 25 years of dedicated service to the Village of Wolverine Lake, Administrator Sharon Miller has decided to retire. Ms. Miller has been a tremendous asset in helping to shape the Village into the wonderful community that it is today. The residents of the Village have been incredibly fortunate to have such a fair minded, competent and capable Administrator overseeing the daily business of the Village for so long. Ms. Miller will be greatly missed! We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Sewer Connection Currently, Village Staff is collecting signatures from residents interested in participating in a Special Assessment District in order to pay most of the sewer connection costs over a 10 year period of time on their Village taxes. For more information contact Village Hall 48-624-1710.

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

Snow Removal Strategies for Driveways One of the clear advantages of living in the Village of Wolverine Lake is the excellent job our DPW does in clearing our local streets following a snowstorm. However, this attention to the village roadways can prove frustrating for some residents who have cleared their driveways, only to have the entrance buried by a passing Village DPW snow plowing truck. Please do not blame the truck driver for doing his job. If he raised the blade every time he passed a driveway the street would become a nightmare of snow moguls for motorists. Instead, residents should minimize the inconvenience by avoiding piling snow at the end of the driveway (left side as you face the street) where the DPW plow will likely push it back into the driveway as it passes. Instead, shovel the bulk of the snow to the right side of the driveway entrance and push snow at the left side of the entrance back away from the street leaving as little as possible at the street edge for the DPW plow to move. This won't totally eliminate the problem but it will minimize it considerably.



Upcoming Events

Bunny Lunch – Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Richardson Center. Eat lunch and visit with the Easter Bunny. Includes pizza, dessert, crafts and an Egg Hunt at 2:00pm! Register at Village Hall or on the Village website.

Eastern Market Bus Trip – Saturday, May 7, 2016. Depart Clara Miller Park at 8:30am. Spend the morning at the Eastern Market and the afternoon in Greektown. Pre-registration at Village Hall is required. Space is limited and will fill up fast! Call 248-624-1710 for information.

Other Upcoming Events that the Park & Recreation Board are working on include a Bus Trip to a Tigers Game, the 17th Annual Fishing Tournament and the 28th Annual Village Corn Roast Festival.

Protect the Huron River Watershed The Village of Wolverine Lake is part of the Huron River Watershed. Water runoff that flows into storm drains and roadside ditches all goes to the nearest lake, stream, river or wetland without any kind of treatment. To protect water quality, make sure you do your part to keep pollutants off the land. Pollutants that can impact our waterways includes sediment, nutrients, bacteria, pesticides and hazardous chemicals such as grease and oil. **1.** Never dump anything down a storm drain. **2.** Minimize soil erosion and sedimentation. **3.** Bag it! Pick up pet waste. **4.** Get Pumped! Have your septic tank pumped every 3 to 5 years, at a minimum. **5.** Wash Right! Use environmentally safe car wash soaps. **6.** Properly take care of your lawn. For more environmental information, please visit our website at www.wolverinelake.com and click on the Local Environmental Information page.



Get Email Notifications The Village of Wolverine Lake has an email information line available. This hot line keeps everyone up to date on news and events in the Village. To join, simply visit the website www.wolverinelake.com, click on the envelope icon and follow the prompts.

Temporary Storage Structures, Construction Trailers & Dumpsters Village Council has implemented a permit procedure for Temporary Storage Structures, Construction Trailers and Dumpsters. Whenever you're erecting a membrane structure or placing a Portable On-Demand Storage (PODS) unit, construction trailer or dumpster on your property a permit is required. There is no charge for the permit but Village Ordinance 1250.08 does stipulate where these items may be placed on the property and how long they may temporarily remain there. Permit applications are available at Village Hall or on the Village website.

Dog Licenses Dog Licenses are available at Village Hall at regular prices through June 1, 2016. There is a delinquent fee effective on June 2, 2016. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided. Michigan State law requires all dogs to be licensed.



Village of Wolverine Parks and Recreation is on Facebook. Check them out and like their page.

Winter Reminders

- Remember it is illegal to push snow from your driveway onto the roadway.
- Place trash cans and recycle bins off the road. Plows are required to push snow back to the mailboxes.
- When following a salt truck be aware the driver may stop and back up at any time. Remember, if you cannot see the driver's face in the side mirror they cannot see you. Please give the salt trucks room to work. When in doubt, stay back 100 feet.
- Be extra cautious about ice thickness. Always check to make certain the ice is thick enough to support your weight; 5" inches is needed for general use (fisherman, ice skaters, etc.) 8" inches is needed for travel by snowmobile. Ice thickness varies from place to place. Never go on the lake alone. Taking vehicles on the lake is never recommended. Should one fall through the ice, the owner is responsible for its prompt removal and related costs.

Village History

The Historical Team desperately needs help archiving old photos and documents that are important to the history of the Village. They meet the second Monday of every month for a short meeting and/or a work session from 9:30 a.m. to around 11:30/Noon. If you are interested in helping or if you have anything you think has historical value please call Village Hall at 248-624-1710.

Can We Find You?

Is your house number properly displayed? Precious moments can be lost in emergency situations searching for a house without a proper number. Your mail carrier may be able to find you but will the Police, Fire, ambulance or utility company be able to? For your protection, Village Ordinance requires that your house numbers are at least 3 inches in height, of contrasting color to their background on the house and are readily visible from the street. Numbers placed on mailboxes alone are not sufficient to meet the Village Ordinance. Please take a few minutes to check your house numbers and help insure that help can find you when it's needed.

Senior Services

- Bus Transportation: Need to visit the bank, doctor, grocery store or even the mall? Contact 248-698-3994 to make an appointment.
- Visit the Richardson Center for a variety of activities at 1485 Oakley Park Road, Contact 248-926-0063

