

The Villager



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Winter 2019 Edition

2019 State of the Village

Happy New Year Village Residents. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. I would like to bring your attention to some of the things that have been accomplished over the last year in the Village and where we are headed for 2019.

First off, the Village remains in very good financial shape. Our fund balance is solid and we have made improvements in many areas of the Village including the Village Staff. Over the last year, we have brought on a fourth full time employee to our DPW, which will help maintain our Village as we have become accustomed to. We have increased our Police Department to 7 full time officers, 1 part-time Deputy Chief and 2 Reserve officers. We have also increased the hours of Lake Patrol to help insure a safe boating season. We have a new Ordinance Officer as our previous officer had left to pursue another direction. John Magee has stepped down from the Village Council after 12 years as Village President. We thank John for his effort and service to the Village. Nathan Burd, our Village Administrator of 3 years, has left to become City Manager in Adrian so we are in the process of getting a new Administrator. Hopefully by the time you read this article the position will be filled. We continue to have openings on some of the Village Boards and Commissions. Please contact the Village if you are interested and willing to give back to your community. It doesn't pay well but does help this community continue to be a great place to live.

Continuing with the lake theme, we have purchased 5 lighted no-wake buoys to help mark the no wake areas after dusk. We have continued the aeration of Penny Lake and, along with the Water Management Board, continue to harvest weeds under the direction of our Lake Consultant, always focusing on the quality of the lake.

We have made some improvements to the Village Hall by re-paving and increasing the size of the parking lot and replacing the east property line fence adjacent to the parking lot. We replaced and updated the sign at Glengary and South Commerce, which will allow for more information to be posted. We hope to also replace the sign at the entrance to Clara Miller Park on Benstein as we make improvements there in the future. In addition, we are proceeding with the pathway from the park entrance north to the Dairy Twist. We passed the Clara Miller Park Master Plan which will give a framework for improvements over the next couple of decades along with allowing us to apply for grants to help with funding. Improvements also have been made to the Neighborhood Pocket Parks on Oak Island and Amenia. We are in the process of developing a Veterans Memorial in the Village and we have a committee that is moving forward with that project. If you are interested, please contact the Village Hall for more information.

We are continuing to spend money from our general fund to help with the paving and upkeep of our roads. The State Shared Revenues still are not enough to keep up with the requirements. We have been working with our Village Engineer and have developed a 5-year road plan to facilitate needs and spending estimates. This has ensured a cost-effective way to keep our road infrastructure up to par.

Please remember that the Village Council meets the second Wednesday of each Month. In addition to coming to Village Hall to attend the meetings, you can watch them online on YouTube either live or after the fact. Go to the Village website for the link and other information or social media to keep up on what is going on in your Village.

I hope that 2019 is another Great Year in the Village of Wolverine Lake,

Sincerely,
Brian Nedrow, Village Council President

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day Bus Trip to the Corktown Parade – Sunday, March 10, 2019 - Leave Clara Miller Park at 9:00 am. and return from Corktown at 5:00 pm. Heated Indoor & Outdoor Tent Party with music and food vendors Located in a premier parade route. \$27.00 pre-registration is required in advance. Space Limited. Must be over 21. BYOB. Register at Village Hall. See website for details.

Bunny Lunch – Saturday, April 13, 2019, 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 11, 2019. 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.

Waterfront Wisdom

Warm weather is right around the corner and now is a perfect time to consider and plan the expansion of your lake front gardens in early spring. Excess nutrients from fertilizers, yard waste and pesticides from home lawn and garden activities can enter waterways in storm water runoff. Creating a garden buffer along the lake shore is not only beautiful but easy to do! It slows runoff, prevents erosion and provides added filtration to the lake. Utilize natural materials, such as wildflowers, grasses and shrubs, to stabilize shorelines. Native Michigan plants have extensive root systems that cut down watering needs, help infiltrate water back into the ground, minimize shoreline erosion and filter pollutants before entering the lake. ***Seawalls greatly reduce or eliminate riparian habitat. If you have an existing seawall, try supplementing the area in front of the structure with native *aquatic vegetation to help restore lost aquatic habitat*. They hold bottom sediments *in place and protect the shoreline from the erosive forces of wind and ice action along with restoring aquatic habitat*.

Dog Licenses are available at Village Hall at regular prices through June 1, 2019. There is a delinquent fee effective on June 2, 2019. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided. Michigan State law requires all dogs to be licensed.



News from the Water Management Board – Upcoming Meetings

February 6th - Canal Follow-up Meeting. Did you come to the October Canal meeting? Did you miss it? Did you attend and have come up with some new constructive doable ideas for issues in the Canal area? Please attend this meeting for the promised follow up to the October meeting. / LEADER: KATHRYN DUFF

March 6th - Meeting with a Riparian Legal Expert on legal issues concerning individual riparian, members of one of the Associations and the Associations themselves. Please note this is not an opportunity to get free legal advice on specific cases but an informative meeting to allow general questions about liability, rights and obligations for Wolverine Lake Residents and Associations. / LEADER: JOHN SCOTT

April 3rd - Erosion in Wolverine Lake. Have you noticed your beach getting smaller? Larger? That shallow area in front of your home is disappearing or getting larger? The Lake Management Board wants to know if you have issues with erosion, the severity and to hear what Residents have to say about the topic. If you have noticed these things and others and have constructive ideas on what can be done about it please come to the April Water Board meeting. / LEADER: MICHAEL HURST

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

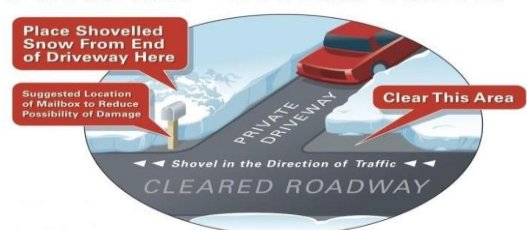


Get Email Notifications The Village of Wolverine Lake has an email information line available. To join, simply visit the website www.wolverinelake.com, click on the envelope icon and follow the prompts.

Winter Reminders

- Remember it is illegal to push snow from your driveway onto the roadway.
- 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.

Avoid the "Second Shovel"



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