



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

APRIL 2023

News and Information

SPRING CLEAN-UP: May 15-20 the Village will be collecting unwanted items. Dumpsters will be available at the Department of Public Works (DPW) building Monday - Friday 8:00PM - 5:00PM and Saturday 8:00AM - 12:00PM. Please provide proof of residency (i.e. license, utility bill). Any questions can be addressed to the DPW at 269.624.6406.

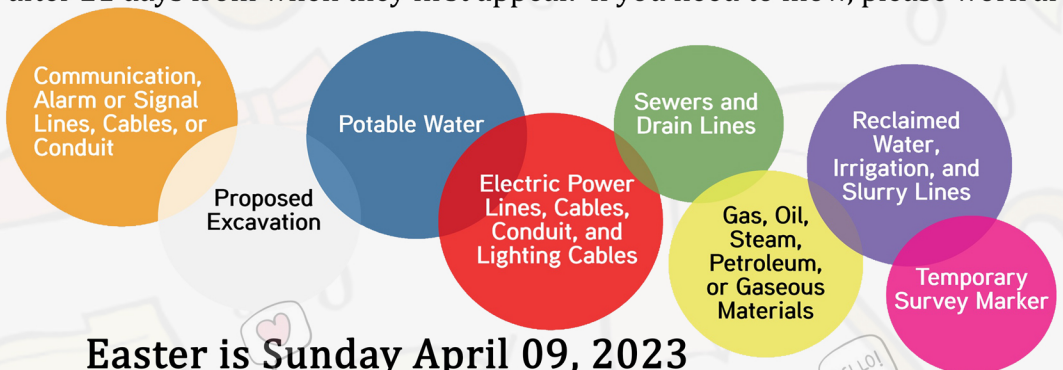
Construction Season Has Begun! MDOT is beginning work on the reconstruction of M-40. The tentative construction timeline for this project spans two years. From June to August in 2023, M-40 will be resurfaced from the Lawton Drain to south of Lagrave Street, and Union Street will be converted to a one-way street after the storm sewer is replaced. The remaining portion of the project will be completed from April to August in 2024 which includes water / sewer line replacement, new downtown streetscape and the reconstruction of M-40 from 72nd Avenue to the Lawton Drain.

Additionally, the Village is inventorying 20% of the existing water services to test for lead components in order to comply with the State's Lead and Copper Mandate. This is a random survey of water lines. If you are selected, you will receive a certified letter requesting your cooperation. Inspections include uncovering the water service to visually inspect, photograph, and document the service line material at both the curb line and the home. For more information on either of these projects, please visit our website.

Water Service Material Inspection: As part of the State's effort to eliminate lead water services, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is requiring all municipal water suppliers to randomly inventory 20% of their existing water service lines to determine what material was used for construction. The Village is beginning this process, which is why you may be seeing colorful flags and markings in your yard.

Why so many flags? What do they mean? Can I remove them? As required by law, any excavation requires a MISSDig notice which triggers utilities to mark their underground services. Do NOT remove the flags until the work is completed or after 21 days from when they first appear. If you need to mow, please work around the flags.

FLAG KEY CODE:



Easter is Sunday April 09, 2023

Easter Fun Fact:

16 billion jelly beans are produced in the U.S. every year. That's a big number, right? Not only is that a big number, there were apparently enough Jelly Belly beans consumed throughout 2021 to circle the earth more than five times.

BRUSH PICK - UP: SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES

Brush pick-up is done by zone April through November. ZONE 1 includes everything NORTH of 3rd STREET and will be picked up on the FIRST MONDAY of the Month. ZONE 2 includes everything SOUTH of 3rd STREET and will be picked up on the THIRD MONDAY of the Month. **Please refer to our website for a map.**

RESIDENTS NEED TO HAVE BRUSH TO THE STREET BY 7 AM ON THE MONDAY OF THEIR SCHEDULED PICK-UP. Material may not be placed out sooner than the weekend – two (2) days - before the scheduled Monday of pick-up. Materials placed or left on the roadside at other times will be declared a nuisance in violation of Village Ordinance 93.99, which is punishable as a Municipal Civil Infraction and can include fines up to \$500 for each day of occurrence.

- Stack your brush along the road (not in the road).
- Place only ONE pile of brush at the roadside no more than 4' high.
- Keep limb branch sections no longer than 8' in length, no thicker than 4" in diameter.
- Do not mix leaves, grass clippings or other vegetation in the brush.
- Do not mix any trash, debris, lumber, paper or other refuse with the brush.
- The Village is not able to take root balls.

This services is for trimming of shrubs and trees, and branches that may fall from storms. The program is not intended for lot clearing or removal of complete trees and shrubs by homeowners or contractors. Residents who require this type of service need to contract with a private tree removal company. Make it clear with your contractor that the job includes hauling away all debris from the project.

If you have any questions pertaining to brush pick up, please call the Department of Public Works 269.624.6406.



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Council meets the second
Tuesday at 7pm at the
Village Hall.

Planning commission meets
the first Tuesday at
7pm at the Village Hall.

DDA meets the third
Wednesday at 7pm
at the Village Hall.

Zoning Map:

Green - Zone 1

All residents North of 3rd St.
First Monday of the Month

Purple - Zone 2

All residents South of 3rd St.
Third Monday of the Month

