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Village of South Rockwood



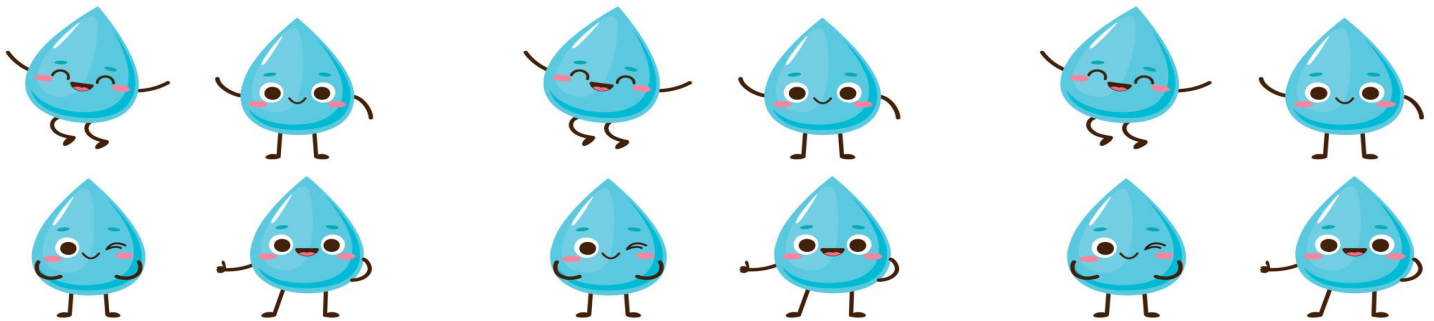
WATER INFORMATION

To pay your water bill online:

Go to the Village website at
villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com

- Click on, "Please click on this link here to pay by credit card"
- When a new page opens, Click on, "Make a Quick Payment" at the bottom of the page.
- On the first line of the next page, enter your **Account Number** as your **FULL HOUSE NUMBER & STREET NAME**
(We need this info so your payment does not get credited to someone else's account.)
- Follow the remaining directions to enter credit card information

3% convenience fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions by the bank



DROP BOX:

**The Village Hall drop box is located
to the right of the office doors.**

**After hours payments may be placed in the drop box
located next to the Village Hall entrance.**

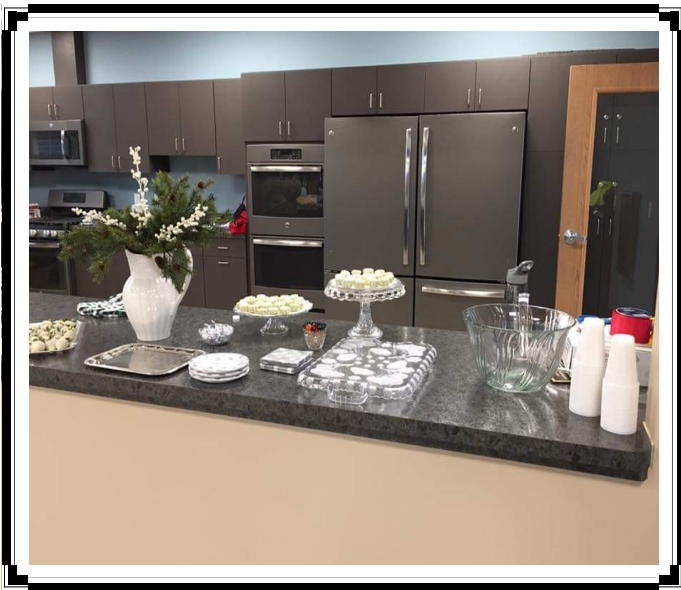
Please place your payment in a sealed envelope.

No cash please.

(The Library has a separate drop box, in front of Library.)

Community Room Rental

Our Community Room is available for Rent for Bridal or Baby Showers, Birthday parties, Weddings, Graduations, Retirement Parties, Conferences, or any occasion that you might need a large space. Our Community Room holds up to 125 guests with round or 90 guests with Rectangle tables and has a kitchen with a counter for serving.



Morley Riggs Park Rental

Summer is coming!

Schedule your next picnic, family reunion,
graduation or birthday party at
Morley Riggs park.
Call us to check availability.



* Park Rental \$75.00

* Park Rental Deposit \$100.00

* All deposits will be refunded once the keys are returned and
the facilities are inspected and are satisfactorily.

* Permits are still required to insure that the park is reserved on the date
of your request. Park use after dark must be noted on your application.

* **Please note that due to liability purposes the Village will no longer issue any
permits for alcohol use. In accordance to Article 1, Sections 20-37, which states:
no person shall consume any alcoholic beverages within the Village parks without
a permit approved by Village Council.



2023 Village Taxes

Taxes are payable from July 1, 2023 thru Sept. 14, 2023.

- You may pay your taxes at the Village of South Rockwood Hall or at First Merchants Bank in Flat Rock (28417 N. Telegraph Rd).
- If you wish to make a partial payment, it may only be done at the Village Hall.
- If you received a Village Tax Statement that says ***Copy for your Records***, this means that your taxes are paid by your mortgage company.
- ***Yellow copies*** are the original tax bill to be paid by the home owner or business.

Phone Numbers:

Should issues arise within the Village and we need to contact you,
we need to have accurate phone numbers!

Please call the Village Hall at 734-379-3683 to update your phone number. It is important that we have your up-to-date information in our system.



Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission dates are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

Building Department

Building Permit Applications can be picked up from the Village Hall or printed from the Building Department Page on the Village of South Rockwood website at: **villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com** and submitted to the Village Hall.

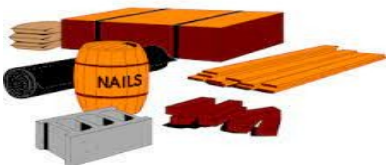
If you are a contractor, please be sure to include a copy of:

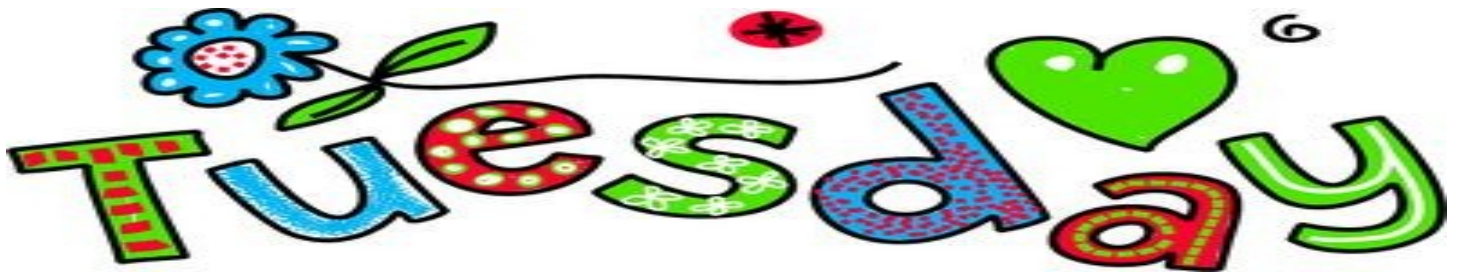
- Your contractor's license
- Your state I.D.
- Your Liability Insurance with the Village of South Rockwood listed as the certificate holder.

Please call 734-379-3683, ext 101 if you have any questions.

****Please be sure to check with the Building Department before making any structural changes to your home or putting up any type of accessory structure on or around your home.**

****The Ordinance Officer will be going through the Village periodically checking for unlicensed vehicles.**





BERLIN SENIOR TUESDAY:

Come on out!

**Play some cards, enjoy delicious
food and great company!**

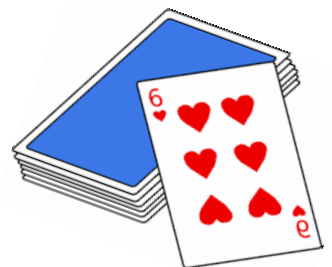
**The Seniors meet on Tuesdays from 10:00am-3:00pm
at the Village Hall in the Community Room
(5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd).**

The cost is only \$15.00 annually to join.

Lunch with your membership is \$5.00 & \$7.00
without membership. Lunch is served around noon.

If you are interested in joining the seniors group
and are 60 years of age, and a Monroe County Resident,
you can sign up on any Tuesday.

The menu can be found on our website at:
villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com



Local Fireworks Events

(Subject to change)

Monday, June 26th at 10:06pm

Ford Fireworks Detroit 2023 / Detroit River

June 30, July 1,2 & 3 from 5p-10p each night
Greenfield Village Salute to America Fireworks

20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn

Saturday, July 1st at dusk

Willow Metropark Fireworks

23200 S Huron River Dr, New Boston

Monday, July 3rd at 10pm

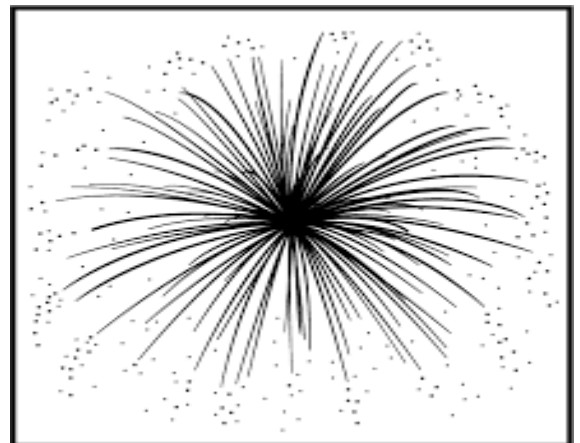
Lake Erie Metropark Fireworks

32481 W Jefferson, Brownstown

Friday, July 7th at dusk

Uncle Sam Jam Fireworks

Corner of West Rd & Hall Rd in Woodhaven



NOTICE:

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Firework Ordinance

- Consumer Fireworks are defined as: Firework devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA Standard 87-1,3.1.2,3.1.3, or 3.5. "Consumer Fireworks" does not include low impact fireworks.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to ignite or discharge except for the use of consumer fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after the following holidays in accordance with the listed prohibited hours of use.
- Prohibited hours of use: Independence Day, July 4th, 12:00 Midnight-8:00am. Labor Day, first Monday of September, 12:00 Midnight-8:00am.
- No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property or another person property without that organization's or person's express permission to use consumer fireworks on those premises.
- Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance or combination of both.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

With a sad but proud heart, we say good-bye to Chief Wright, as he is retiring from law enforcement. With great honor, we thank him for his commendable and dedicated service to the Village of South Rockwood and it's residents for the past 13 years.

With that being said, we are excited to introduce our new Chief of Police William (Bill) Mittlestat, who has served as the Sergeant under Chief Wright for 8 years.

Officer John Price will now be taking over the duties of Sergeant of the South Rockwood Police Department. He has served as a Police Officer for the Village for the past 6 years.

THANK YOU Chief Wright, good luck on your next endeavors and CONGRATULATIONS Chief Mittlestat and Sergeant Price!

Notice of Curfew Hours

The Police Department would like to remind Village residents of the following curfew hours for unaccompanied minors.

Ages 15-17 years
Under 15 years

11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:

MONROE COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER

734-243-7070

In case of Emergency, Dial 911

It has been noted that citizens have become dependent on contacting the Police Department via the general office phone.

Although it is ok to contact us using the office phone, if there is something happening that needs attention by an officer, **the best and quickest way to get in contact with someone from the Police Department is through Central Dispatch.**

In the case of an emergency always dial 911.

The Monroe County Central Dispatch center is always in constant radio contact with our on duty officer.

734-243-7070 is the number you should call if you need a police officer sent to your house for non-emergency services.

Please make note of this number so that you may better activate and utilize the services that your Police Department provides.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

GUN REGISTRATIONS:

The Village Hall **DOES NOT** handle gun registrations.

- All gun registrations in the County of Monroe are handled by and through the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.
- The Village of South Rockwood is not involved in any part of the gun registration process.
- For more information or for filing your gun registration you may contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Department at 734-240-7415.



Gun Safety:

Gun safety is very important!

We provide gun locks for FREE here at the Village Hall. Feel free to come in and pick one up during normal business hours.

There is a limited supply.

First come, first serve.

*****We still have N95 Masks available at the Village Hall for those who are in need**

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Summer Driving Tips:

According to the recent Department of Transportation data, summer, not winter, as many might expect is the most dangerous driving season. To help prepare for this summer driving season, here are a few tips to ensure that your next road trip is a safe one.

Check your tires to stay safe and save money. Well-maintained tires provide protection against avoidable breakdowns and crashes, improved vehicle handling, better fuel economy, and increased tire life.

Manage glare and heat. Keep sunglasses handy and use a sun shield beneath your windshield when parked to keep your interior heat down. Never leave a child or a pet unattended in a vehicle. The summer sun can also dehydrate you during long road trips so always travel with plenty of water.

Summer storms and even sun showers require extreme caution. Roads become very slippery in the first few minutes of rainfall because the rain mixes with the oil and dirt on the road. It takes about 30 minutes of steady rain to wash the oil and dirt off the road.

Texting and driving. If you're texting while driving, your chances of being in a serious car or truck accident increases 23 fold. The Michigan texting while driving law prohibits reading, typing, or sending text messages using wireless two-way communication device in a persons hand or lap while driving a car.

Under Michigan Law, Texting while driving is classified as a primary offense. This means that you can be pulled over and ticketed based on a TEXT MESSAGING OFFENSE ALONE.

PLEASE DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE.



Summertime Ideas For the Kids

Here are some fun things to do with the kids this summer:

- Fly a kite
- Visit the Library
- Play mini golf
- Have a backyard dance party
- Play horseshoes or ring toss
- Go camping, even if it's just in the backyard
- Visit a splash pad or go swimming
- Go bowling
- Skip rocks
- Catch fire flies
- Go to the zoo
- Have a water balloon fight
- Build sandcastles
- Pick berries
- Blow bubbles
- Go puddle jumping
- Run through a sprinkler
- Collect rocks and paint them
- Go on a nature walk
- Plant your own garden
- Play freeze tag
- Go on a scavenger hunt
- Walk in a parade
- Visit playgrounds
- Volunteer at an animal shelter
- Build a fort
- Play with sidewalk chalk
- Film a movie
- Tie-dye t-shirts
- Jump in a bounce house
- Feed ducks



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Summer Holidays



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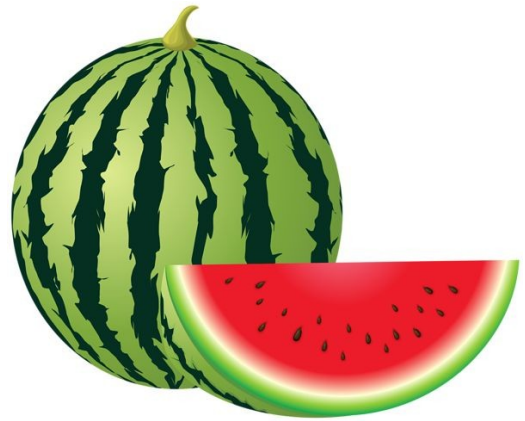
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SIMPLE SUMMER RECIPE'S TO BEAT THE HEAT

Watermelon Feta Salad

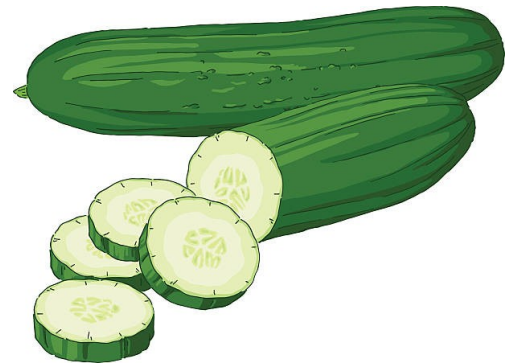
Ingredients

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2tbsp. Red wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 3c. Cubed seedless watermelon
- 1c. Medium cucumber, chopped
- 1c. Crumbled feta
- 1/2c. Red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2c. Coarsely chopped mint, plus more for garnish
- Flaky sea salt, for garnish (optional)



Directions

- In a small bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, and salt.
- In a large serving bowl, combine watermelon, cucumber, feta, red onion, and mint. Add dressing and toss to coat.
- Garnish with more mint and flaky sea salt if desired.



Cucumber Tomato Onion Salad

- Combine the tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and basil in a bowl.
- Drizzle with olive oil and vinegar.
- Sprinkle with sugar, salt and pepper.
- Stir well to coat.
- Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH

ROCKWOOD LIBRARY

At our meeting on May 17th, four new Board members were elected. First timers, Lynn Maniak & Christina Rillston will be joining veteran's Danyel Bucki & Denise Camillo. These ladies are responsible for where & how our money is spent.

President Holly Chinavare and Secretary/Treasurer Denise Camillo volunteered for another year.

We are still seeking someone to take over the Secretary duties.

- Essay Contest to Win a \$500 Gift Card for Monroe County Community College's Book Store.
- Requirements: You *MUST be a resident of S. Rockwood, attending MCCC in the fall & have a GPA of between 2.5-3.5.(Providing proof of all requirements). Write a 50 word or less essay on "The Importance of Libraries in our Communities" & turn everything into the Library by July 18, 2023.*
- Winner will be selected on August 1. Funds will be added to the student's eCampus account There is no age limit. This is open to anyone enrolled in fall classes at MCCC.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 7:00pm-

Local Author David Gelwicks

David Gelwicks will be discussing his book "Michigan Mining Scrip: Paper of the Northern Michigan Copper and Iron Mining Districts". He will cover the period of 1824 - 1963 in Michigan's mining history from a new perspective, that will be both informative & entertaining. David is a graduate of Michigan Tech and has worked for North Star Steel & Hickman, Williams & Company, both in Monroe. His book will be available for purchase for \$50.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH

ROCKWOOD LIBRARY

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 @ 7:00pm-

"Black Holes"

Ethan Partington, a graduate of astrophysics at Wayne State University, will have us looking to the stars, to learn about distant Black Holes. He'll discuss how they form, the different sizes & what discoveries were made that led to Nobel prizes being awarded in 2017 & 2020. In doing his research, he used NICER, a state-of-the-art X-ray detector located on the International Space Station. He was also an "invited" speaker at NASA's 2022 Summer Science Workshop. There will be a Q & A after his presentation. This is geared for High School students-Adult, but anyone is welcome.

Sunday, September 24, 2023 @ 9:00am-

Quarry Challenge 5k Walk/Run

Open to anyone, any age, whether you are a serious runner or novice walker.

\$25- Before July 31 \$30- Before September 24 \$40- Day of Race
to Register or for more information go to:

<https://www.greatlakesagg.com/quarry-challenge/>

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 7:00pm-

"The Eden-Atlantis Project" with Author Robert Bates

Author Commodore Robert Bates will be discussing his book "The Eden-Atlantis Project" via Zoom. You will learn about his research into finding the actual location of the sunken island civilization called Atlantis. He will discuss his leading the first expedition, then being a consulate for his second with The History Channel. He will give his personal interpretation of the evidence collected. If you have ever been curious about the lost city of Atlantis, this is your chance to get some of your questions answered.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH

ROCKWOOD LIBRARY

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 6:00pm-
General Membership Meeting

We'll be discussing event ideas for the upcoming year. Please join us with your suggestions for presentations or project/craft ideas.

Just a reminder, there is NO fundraising involved.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 7:00pm-

"Hooked on a Bean" presents the process of coffee from plant to your pot. Listen to the owners, Lorie & Noah, of Hooked on a Bean in Flat Rock, tell us the history of the coffee bean. From what the plants look like, drying process, export/import & what happens once they receive the beans. Learn about how they grade, blend & roast. Sample some of their end results, with an explanation of the different ways to brew. There will be a Q & A after the presentation. Roasted coffee beans will be available for purchase. Cash or Credit Card.

Registration is required for all events, except "Meetings".

You can register at the library, by calling the library (734-379-3333), from our Facebook page (once an event is posted there will be a link), or on the MCLS website under "Events / Calendar".

Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook so you will receive notifications of all our exciting happenings: facebook.com/friendsofsouthrockwood

We are always looking for ideas for events at the library. If you have a suggestion for an author, subject you'd like to learn more about or even a project/craft you think others would enjoy doing, please let us know. You can either mention it to Kelli the next time you're at the library or you can email us at: friendsofsouthrockwood@gmail.com

Water/Sewer Unit Charges 2023 / 2024

Water Usage (WA) rate \$4.13 per 1000 gallons.

This rate is used to pay the City of Detroit for the water purchased.

Water Debt Service (WD) \$10.71 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee pays for the Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund Bond Principle and interest payments.

Water Maintenance (WM) \$17.94 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee covers all other expenses of the water fund which include the following: Payroll for reading meters, preparing utility bills and posting payments; the water departments share of utilities, legal and engineering fees; water main break repairs; purchase and installation of meters, hydrants and valves; hydrant flushing, valve turning and all other required maintenance. It also covers the cost of training and certification for the employees as required by the Michigan Department Environmental Quality.

Sewer Usage (SW) rate \$6.26 per 1000 gallons.

This usage pays for the processing of the sanitary sewage, downspouts, sump pump or other groundwater diverted into the sanitary sewer.

Sewer Debt (SD) \$20.35 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee pays for several bond principles and interest payments each year. The State of Michigan has required several improvements to the sewer processing plant. These improvements were paid for by the sale of bonds.

Sewer Maintenance (SC) \$16.76 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee covers all other maintenance cost of the village's sewers which include the following; any upgrades to the sewer mains; contractual services with the Monroe County Drain Commission to operate and maintain the three pump stations and to flush and remove clogs from the sewer mains. It also covers Sewer Funds share of utilities, engineering, legal fees, payroll and payment collections.

Rubbish (RU) \$13.04 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

Effective July, 2023

Monroe County Animal Control Ordinance

With warm weather approaching we would like to remind our residents that it is unlawful to permit any dog to trespass upon the property of another person, or stray beyond the owner's property, unless the dog is restrained by a leash, or within voice command of the owner.

Be courteous and clean up waste left by your animal.



**Remember, your pet
is your responsibility.**

Cats

Cats are a roaming animal that can be mischievous.

Please keep your cat at home.

Those who do not own a cat don't want them in their yard.



How to grow a green lawn while protecting our lakes, rivers and beaches

Keep fertilizer and lawn clippings on the lawn

Sweep or blow fertilizer and grass clippings back onto the lawn and not into the street to prevent them from getting into the storm drains and ditches , which can cause algae problems. Don't dump lawn clippings into drains or ditches.

Mow high and leave clippings

Set your mower deck high (Three inches) to establish strong, healthy roots and shade out weeds. Leave clippings on your lawn to return nutrients to the soil.

Hire a knowledgeable contractor

Check out Michigan Green Industry Association endorsed companies for the Healthy Lawn Care Program for Watershed Protection at www.landscape.org

Create fertilizer-free zones

Keep a 15ft buffer along waterfronts in your yard by not fertilizing or just letting the grass grow. A buffer helps keep grass clippings and fertilizer from getting into the water and causing algae problems. A buffer can also help discourage geese.

Reduce your lawn area

Making your lawn smaller by creating more planting areas with native plants will help infiltrate more water and reduce the amount getting into storm drains.

Keep Your Ditches Cut

The upkeep of your ditch is your responsibility.

Section 8.303: Property Between Lot Line and Street Edge
The area between the lot line or sidewalk and the edge of a street shall be maintained with grass or other suitable groundcover. **Property owners shall be responsible for the condition, cleanliness and maintenance of the areas within the right-of-way. in front of their lot between their lot lines and the adjoining street edge of pavement.**

Keep Your Grass Cut

**It is the land owners responsibility
to keep their grass under 6" in length**

Section 10-102: Duty to Remove
It shall be the duty of every person who owns or occupies land within the Village to cut to a height not to exceed six inches and destroy from said lands all such weeds and/or grass growing within 200 feet of the road right-of-way.

Yard Waste

Grass clippings & leaves will be picked up every Monday.
They need to be in a green mesh or biodegradable bag.

**Brush is picked up on the
2nd and 4th Monday of the month.**

Burning Brush at the Village Hall:

Please note that the gate to burn
brush in the back of the Village Hall
closes at 2:45pm, Monday-Thursday.

***No treated lumber
No plastic garbage bags***

ONLY grass, weeds and brush allowed!

Cemetery Lots for Sale:

Riverside Cemetery has lots for sale in
our new section. Please call the Village
Hall for more information.

RUBBISH PICKUP

Remember to place trash and recycle out by the road by 6:00am, as recycle collection is very early.

Make sure ALL your garbage is placed IN A BAG. This prevents loose garbage from falling onto the roadway and into our yards when the garbage company dumps the cans.

In the event that your garbage falls on the ground, please pick it up and bag it so we can keep our community clean.

Please remember that Ord-35,102 Section 2. states that:

- Rubbish containers shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00pm on the day before collection day.
- All containers must be taken in before 8:00pm on the day of collection and placed out of general view.

This includes recycle totes.



Damaged totes & trash cans will be replaced at the expense of the homeowner.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Steven's Disposal Recycle Dates:

July 6th & 19th
August 2nd, 16th & 30th
September 13th & 27th

****Place your trash & recycle at the road by 6:00am as
recycle collection is very early.****

**Please contact Stevens Disposal directly if you have any trash or recycling
questions at 800-779-0344 OR 734-279-2611. www.stevensdisposal.com**

Please remember that Ord-35,102 Section 2. states that rubbish containers shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the collection day and all containers must be taken in prior to 8:00 p.m. on the day of collection and placed out of general view. This includes recycle totes. Totes & trash cans damaged by traffic will be replaced at the expense of the homeowner.

Water Meters

**Please trim or remove any bushes, shrubbery, etc.
from around the outside water meters.**

Section 38-71 of the Village Code of Ordinances states: Owners and occupants are prohibited from obstructing meters or to do anything that interferes with the reading of water meters.

**The Village Hall will be closed for the
following Holidays:**

Monday, July 4th, Independence Day

Monday, Sept. 5th, Labor Day



Hours:

Monday & Wednesday

8AM-1PM

Tuesday & Thursday

11AM-4PM

Closed Fridays

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