



# Village Newsletter

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Dear Lakeview Residents,

In 2020, the Village, as well as our Country, saw a dramatic change in our daily lives due to the COVID-19 crisis. I would like to first applaud you all for sticking together and fighting through these maddening times for yourselves, your neighbors, our local businesses, and our community. We are expecting exciting things to happen within the community this year. The Festivals Committee held its Winter Celebration already and plans are in the works for an upgraded Summerfest, including an expanded carnival and more family events. The Festivals Committee is also planning another Fallfest and Christmas in Lakeview this year.

The Village is continuing the joint community clean up event in partnership with Cato Township. This popular event will be returning this year in the Spring and Fall. Thank you for taking pride in your homes and our community by taking advantage of these FREE clean up events.

The Lakeview Dog Park in Wiseman Park continues to have more users as this has become a destination for people from all over. This has been a great addition to the community! The Community Garden continues to grow, literally! Thank you to all of the people involved with this process from tilling, to planting, to watering and weeding, and the harvest. Many lives are being touched by the produce and kindness that is being shared.

As a result of the Covid-19 crisis, the grant that the Village and the Downtown Development Authority were to be awarded for the Shoreline Development Plan was canceled as the grant money was reallocated to assist small businesses by the state. As a result, the DDA made strides to better the community with the new Lakeview sign out on M-46, the outdoor tables, and the docks for kids to fish from and residents to enjoy Tamarack Lake.

This year the Planning Commission and Village Council will be rewriting the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission will receive input from residents and other community members in this process. This is a lengthy project and will make our zoning application and process easier for residents and contractors to understand as well as make it align with current zoning standards.

Infrastructure and asset management continue to be a priority to the Village. Last year a water main was replaced on Mill St. where numerous breaks had occurred over the past several years. About a third of the streets were resurfaced last year based on their condition in a pavement rating study that was done. This summer, the remainder of the roads in the Village will be rehabbed and resurfaced. There are two areas where the roads will wait until 2022 as a grant is being written to also include the water and sewer infrastructure in those areas. Those areas are Niles from First St. west to the limits, all of Richardson, and 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> from S. Lincoln to the lake. Village staff has been working on a multi-year plan to identify projects and funding strategies to maintain roads in good condition.

I am sure you have all noticed the positive change in the snowplowing services provided by the DPW this season. The new plow truck has cut a huge portion of time that it takes to plow during a snow event. The DPW has come up with a plowing strategy that is much more efficient where they can they plow the streets, runway, parking lots, and sidewalks all in one shift.

The Village Council is being led by Village President Steve Case who was elected to that role in 2020. The Council saw additional changes as Dave Lund stepped down from Council after over 20 years of service. Lane Leppink was elected to fill the open seat. The Village staff would like to thank Dave and the current members for their many years of service and continued dedication to the community.

The Village purchased the old Bollinger's building last year and has been making strides to make it into the Village of Lakeview Municipal Complex. The facility will house the DPW, the Police Department, and Administrative services. The remodel should be completed by early fall. On behalf of the Village staff, I thank the community for your support and partnership in making Lakeview a place where people love to live, work, and play.

In Service,

Darin K. Dood, Village Manager

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP

### JOINT CLEAN-UP

The Village of Lakeview and Cato Township will be holding joint clean-up days scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM. The dumpsters will be located at the North Street DPW building. This is the perfect time to rid yourselves of unwanted clutter. Please note that if the dumpsters fill before noon, the site will be closed. You will need to show proof of residency to use this service. Examples would be a tax bill or picture ID.

#### Examples of accepted items:

printers, monitors, TV's  
construction, demolition waste  
couches, mattresses, chairs, etc.  
scrap metal, recycled material  
appliances (NOT containing Freon)  
household garbage

#### Items NOT accepted:

tires of any size  
pesticides, asbestos  
Fluorescent bulbs  
paints, solvents, oil  
grease, batteries  
flammable or  
explosive materials

### HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing takes place twice a year. Residents should check their water for redness prior to washing their clothes. The redness is not harmful. It may, however, stain your clothes. If redness occurs, please flush your lines for a few minutes and it should clear up. Flushing is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> and October 7 beginning at 10:00 PM.

### SNOW REMOVAL

When you remove snow from your property or driveway, make sure you do not put the snow on the sidewalk or in a street right-of-way. We would also like to remind homeowners and business owners to keep the sidewalks clear and any hydrants that are located on, or in front of, their property in case one is needed in the event of an emergency.

### RATE ADJUSTMENT

Beginning March 1, 2021, you will notice a slight increase on your water/sewer bill. The adjustment, as with the past year, is adjusted to the Consumer Price Index Increase or 2.0%, whichever is the greater of the two.

### CEMETERY

With spring on its way and Memorial Day fast approaching, many will be visiting the cemetery to freshen grave sites.

Winter blankets, wreaths, artificial flowers, and all other decorative items must be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. You may place authorized items after May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Cemetery staff will remove trees, decorations, shrubs, fieldstones and other unauthorized items that have been placed on or around grave sites. Visit our website at [www.villageoflakeview.org](http://www.villageoflakeview.org) to view the cemetery ordinance and fee schedule that was adopted March 2019.

*-Due to weather conditions, the DPW will occasionally keep the gate locked to protect the road and grounds. You may still walk in.*

### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

It is rare, but occasionally sewer and water problems do happen. If you notice water coming out of the ground that shouldn't be or you have a slow or noisy sewer, don't hesitate to call the DPW. We have an "on call" worker 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Our DPW will be able to take care of the problem or give you direction on how to take care of the problem if it is your responsibility. Problems that are caught early on are much easier to deal with. **Emergency # (989) 818-0911**

### LEAF PICK UP

The leaf pick up for Village residents will start in April this year as indicated in the schedule. The **leaf vac** will run April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> this spring and start up again the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> through October or until the majority of leaves have fallen. Our goal is to pick up the leaves at the beginning of each week. Some weeks will require more. Please understand, this is all weather permitting. Mother nature sometimes is on her own schedule.

This is the only form of leaf pick up the Department of Public Works will perform. ***The Leaf Vac is meant to pick up leaves only.*** It is not intended for yard waste.

When placing leaves curbside, we ask that leaves are separated from the brush piles.

An area has been designated at Griffith Airport for leaf disposal by the residents. If you are unable to have your leaves raked curbside on the dates listed above, it will be your responsibility to transfer the leaves to the drop site at the airport. Only environmentally friendly paper bags are accepted at the drop site. If you have any questions or need to be directed to the drop site at the airport, please call Village Hall at (989) 352-6322.

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER AND SEWER LINES

**Homeowners-** you are responsible for the installation and maintenance costs of the water and sewer line on your property. Plugged sewer lines and leaking water lines are your responsibility.

**The Village** is responsible to provide the citizens with 36,475,000 gallons of potable water (2020 usage), maintain 65,000 feet of water main, 23,000 feet of service lines, 210 main line valves, over 1,000 service line related valves, 85 hydrants, 478 water meters, the water wells and a water tower.

**The Village** is also responsible to treat 43,612,925 gallons of raw sewage (2020 usage), and return it to the environment, maintain 44,600 feet of sewer main, 166 man holes, 8 sewer pumps, four pumping stations, 44 sewer control valves, 470 service laterals, five lagoons covering 15 acres and a three acre filtration bed.

Additional responsibilities for the Village include maintaining the water and sewer systems, and maintaining 12 miles of streets, 35,000 feet of sidewalk, over a hundred trees, and remove the brush and leaves from hundreds of trees, two parks, cemetery, airport, 11 buildings, equipment and vehicle maintenance. The list could go on and on, but we think that you can begin to understand the immense responsibility the DPW employees have.



### CAMPFIRES



**There are restrictions!** You cannot build a fire that exceeds four feet in diameter. The fire must be a minimum of 40 feet from a street and 20 feet from a building or property line. A person of suitable age or discretion must be present at all times. **You must remain in complete control of the fire at all times.** Materials burned in any grill or campfire are limited to wood or charcoal. **You are not allowed to burn garbage, trash, refuse, construction material, brush, grass, or leaves.**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### 2019-20 ACTIVITY REPORT

The Village Police Department is not on duty 24 hours per day, seven day a week. There will be times when you call, and an officer will not be on duty. If it is an emergency or you need an officer, please call **911**. If our Village Officer is on duty the Dispatch Center will send them. Otherwise a County Sheriff or State Police officer will assist.

<u>Activity Report</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Traffic Stops	1033	321
Verbal Warnings	1102	330
Civil Infractions	246	35
Arrests	135	11
Misdemeanor Citation	46	12
Juveniles Apprehended	2	8
Accidents Investigated	28	19
Criminal Complaints	413	185
Property Inspections	1540	2932
Liquor Inspections	335	45
Ordinance Complaints	42	76
Ordinance Warnings	181	87
Ordinance Citations	2	1
Foot Patrol Hours	469	647.5
Report Writing Hours	509	357.4
Court Hours	21	25.5



## **LAKEVIEW SUMMERFEST**

Lakeview Summerfest will be held June 17-19, 2020. Follow Lakeviewfestivals on Facebook for up to date information.

### **EYES AND EARS**

The majority of citizens in town have lived here for many years. You know the sights and sounds that are a normal part of your neighborhoods. If you see vehicles or individuals that seem out of place for that time of day or night, do not confront them. Try to get as much information as you can. Color, make, model of vehicle, license number and any identifying damage. Location and time of observation. Male or female, approximate height and weight, hair color and length, type and color of clothing. Write the information down and pass along to the Village Police at 352-6211, or for emergencies 911. Eyes and ears are our best defense.



### **BLIGHTED STRUCTURES AND PROPERTY**

Ordinance No. 2019-6: TO REGULATE BLIGHT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW.

Throughout the year the zoning department and the police department spend numerous hours pursuing enforcement for blighted conditions.

Junk, trash, garbage and building debris are the primary problems. Please take advantage of the spring and fall clean-up days. Let's make sure Lakeview stays a beautiful place to live and visit.

### VILLAGE COUNCIL

Steve Case	President
Dominic Trevino	Trustee
Kate Behrenwald	Trustee
Chris Fryover	Trustee
Emily Griffith	Trustee
Greg Saxton	Trustee
Lane Leppink	Trustee

### VILLAGE OFFICE **352-6322**

Darin K. Dood	Village Manager
Melissa King	Village Clerk

### DEPT PUBLIC WORKS **352-7473**

Brian Bucholtz-Supervisor	DPW
Scott Smith-OIC	DPW
Dave Jensen	DPW
Scott Englund	DPW

**DPW Emergency Cell (989) 818-0911**

### LAKEVIEW POLICE (911) **352-6211**

Darin Dood	Chief of Police
B. Russell	Lieutenant
G. Hansen	Officer
N. Tarrant	SRO Officer
J. Campbell	Officer
B. Braunschneider	Officer
T. Kelley	Officer
J. Ludwick	Officer

### DDA Board Planning Commission

Ed Jonaitis	Steve Case
Kevin Griffith	Lane Leppink
Barb Huttinga	Lynn Saxton
Ransom Leppink	Ed Winter
Raymi Sunabe	Chad Lincoln
Paul Mesman	Allen Griffith
Greg Mckenna	Craig Farrell
Bill Helmer	
Steve Case	

## VILLAGE ORDINANCES

**Ord. #35:** No parking on any Village street between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. No parking in any Village parking lot for more than 72 hours.

**Ord. #9:** An ordinance to prohibit the running of dogs in streets and other public places. Leash is required.

**Ord. #94-10: Keeping of Pets.** No more than three adult dogs and/or cats in combination shall be kept or housed in one residential unit or property.

**Ord. #2019-09: Peace Disturbances Ordinance.** An ordinance prohibiting acts relating to public peace and morals.

**Ord. 2019-09: Peace Disturbances Ordinance.** An ordinance prohibiting noise-creating activities. It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, or continue to permit an unreasonable loud, disturbing noise. Engine exhaust is also included.

**Ord. 2019-09: Peace Disturbances Ordinance.** An ordinance to establish a curfew for minors. No minor under the following ages shall loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, alley, or park between the hours of 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM under 12 years old and 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM for minors under 18 years old.

**Ord. 92-1: Dismantled or Inoperable Vehicles.** An ordinance to regulate inoperable or dismantled vehicles. Storage of inoperable or dismantled vehicles is not allowed. Vehicles must be operational and must have a valid Michigan registration.

**Ord. 2019-08: Fireworks Ordinance** An ordinance to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the Village of Lakeview through regulation of the possession and use of fireworks pursuant to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended.

Visit [www.villageoflakeview.org](http://www.villageoflakeview.org) for all Ordinances for the Village of Lakeview.

# Recycling in Lakeview

Recycling is available at 10300 North Street. These unmanned centers are available for self-serve Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm. Please visit our website at [www.villageoflakeview.org](http://www.villageoflakeview.org) or our Facebook page for other opportunities to dispose of material or hazardous waste.

Montcalm County is providing all residents with an alternative direction for recyclable materials that might otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. The items accepted at the recycling centers will be processed and delivered to manufacturing plants to make new products, saving landfill space.

## How it works:

Consider whether those items you are throwing into the trash can be recycled. Bring your cleaned materials to the center at 10300 North Street, and simply toss your recyclables into the designated containers.

For additional information visit [www.Montcalm.org](http://www.Montcalm.org) and visit the Departments/Services link.

## What can you recycle:

Plastic #1 clear transparent containers only (example: water bottles)

Plastic #2 milk jugs, laundry detergent jugs, softener bottles, etc.

Grocery bags, newspapers, cardboard, and box board (example: cereal, cookie, cracker boxes, etc.)

Glass, aluminum, tin

## NOTE:

Plastic containers with numbers 3,4,5,6,7 or no number will not be accepted.

Styrofoam will not be accepted.

Please remove all plastic container caps.

**\*Note: No unrecyclable material may be disposed of in the center containers.**



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER & YEARLY SCHEDULE ENCLOSED  
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**\*\*\*\*\*APRIL\*\*\*\*\***

- April 2 Village Office closed 12PM
- April 5 Brush/limb chipping\*
- April 13 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- April 15 All wreaths, flowers, winter blankets to be removed from Cemetery
- April 17 Village/Township joint clean-up 8AM-12PM North Street
- April 19-20 Leaf Vac (weather permitting)
- April 23 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*MAY\*\*\*\*\***

- May 1 May place authorized items in the Cemetery (rules available on website or in office)
- May 3&4 Leaf Vac (weather permitting)
- May 3 Brush/Limb Chipping\*
- May 6 Hydrant Flushing
- May 11 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- May 17 AM Hours Street Sweeping
- May 21 Meter Reading
- May 31 Village Office closed Memorial Day

**\*\*\*\*\*JUNE\*\*\*\*\***

- June 7 Brush/limb chipping\*
- June 8 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- June 17-19 Summerfest Weekend
- June 21 AM hours street sweeping
- June 25 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*JULY\*\*\*\*\***

- July 5 Village Office closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 6 Brush/limb chipping\*
- July 13 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- July 19 AM hours street sweeping
- July 23 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*AUGUST\*\*\*\*\***

- Aug 2 Brush/limb chipping\*
- Aug 10 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Aug 16 AM hours street sweeping
- Aug 24 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*SEPTEMBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Sept 6 Village Office closed Labor Day
- Sept 7 Brush/limb chipping\*
- Sept 14 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Sept 18 Village/Township joint clean-up 8AM-12PM North Street
- Sept 20 Leaf Vac will start\*

- Sept 24 Meter reading
- \*\*\*\*\*OCTOBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Oct 1 Remove graveside items
- Oct 4 Brush/limb chipping\*
- Oct 7 10PM Hydrant Flushing
- Oct 12 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Oct 18 AM hours Street Sweeping
- Oct 25 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*NOVEMBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Nov 1 Grave blankets can be placed
- Nov 9 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Nov 11 Village Office closed for Veteran’s Day
- Nov 15 Cemetery seasonal rates applied
- Nov 22 Meter Reading
- Nov 25-26 Village Office closed Thanksgiving

**\*\*\*\*\*DECEMBER\*\*\*\*\***

- Dec 14 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Dec 21 Meter Reading
- Dec 24 Village Office closed
- Dec 31 Village Office closed

**\*\*\*\*\*JANUARY\*\*\*\*\***

- Jan 3 Christmas tree pickup\*
- Jan 11 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Jan 25 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*FEBRUARY\*\*\*\*\***

- Feb 8 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Feb 24 Meter Reading

**\*\*\*\*\*MARCH\*\*\*\*\***

- Mar 8 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Mar 25 Meter Reading

*\*Brush/limb chipping will take place the full week of the months indicated. Please have your brush/limbs curbside the Monday of that week by 8:00 AM to insure pick up. Please make sure that brush piles and leaf piles are separated. Christmas tree pickup will also be the full week indicated. Please make sure you have read the article on page 2 of this leaflet regarding leaf disposal going forward.*

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

- Village Police Department (989) 352-6211
- Village Hall (989) 352-6322
- Department of Public Works (989) 352-7473
- DPW Emergency (989) 818-0911