Fire Prevention Week
Fire Prevention week is October 4 through October 10. The Ferrysburg Fire Department will have their annual open house on Monday, October 12 at the Fire Station from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be games, handouts, and fire truck rides. Firefighters will be on hand to explain fire safety.

Monster Bash
The Beautification Commission is sponsoring a “Monster Ball” on Friday, October 30, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Ferrysburg City Hall, 17290 Roosevelt Road. Kids will have the opportunity to wear their Halloween costumes and learn how to dance to songs such as the “YMCA” and the “Hokey Pokey”. Apple cider and donuts will be provided. Admission is free and kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. All are encouraged to wear a costume.

Fall Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, September 19
This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for City residents will be on Saturday, September 19. This is a one-day, one pick up event. Pick up crews will not make return trips. Please place items for pick up at the curb or street edge by 7:00 a.m. on September 19.

Crews from RMS Disposal will pick up: trash in bags, boxes, or small containers; a maximum of two (2) appliances per residence; and limited building material boxed or bundled and no more than four (4) feet in length. Crews will not pick up: tires, leaves, brush, yard waste, tree stumps, loose building material, garbage, auto parts, concrete, blacktop, batteries, scrap iron or steel, hazardous wastes, and loose trash items. Property owners will be responsible for any items left at the curb or street edge after completion of the pick up on September 19.

Fall Street Edge Leaves Collection Coming!
The City’s street edge leaves collection program will begin soon. All City residents are encouraged to take advantage of the pickups that will be provided at no cost to our residents. While this program is intended to pick up loose leaves, crews will accept bagged leaves in paper bags only. Paper bags are available for purchase at City Hall for 5/$2.00. All other types of bags will be left at the curbside and will be the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of in a method other than land filling or burning. Please rake leaves as close as possible to the street or curb.

Area 1: Monday, November 2, 9 and 16
All City Residents east of 168th Avenue and north of Spring Lake.

Area 2: Tuesday, November 3, 10 and 17
All City residents east of 174th Ave, north of Ridge Ave and west of 168th Avenue.

Area 3: Wednesday, November 4, 11 and 18
All City residents north of North Shore Road and West of 174th Avenue.

Area 4: Thursday, November 5, 12 and 19
All City residents south of North Shore Road to the City limits, south of Ridge Avenue and west of Spring Lake.

Open House
You are invited to an open house on Monday, September 21 from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., to have an opportunity to learn about the various City Boards and Commissions. The City Council will host an open house here at City Hall in place of their regularly scheduled meeting. City Council Members and members from the City’s various Boards and Commission will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding how a Board or Commission operates, what they do, or any other questions you may have. The open house will be informal, just come in anytime between 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve
On Sunday, September 20, the Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve Board will host visitors from 2 – 4 p.m. Hikes will be led by trained docents who will point out various plants and animal species that can be observed at the Preserve. The Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve is owned by the City of Ferrysburg. The Preserve is approximately 112 acres, one-half of which was donated by the late Connie Lindquist, by Gerald Lindquist and Harold V. Hartger. The other half was purchased primarily with the financial assistance of the Nature Conservancy and a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

Thank You!!!
The City of Ferrysburg would like to thank Public Services Supervisor, George Dunning for his 40 plus years of dedication to the City of Ferrysburg. On August 31, 2015 George Dunning officially retired from the everyday operations of the City of Ferrysburg Department of Public Works. September 1, 2015 Matt Schindlbeck took over the operations of the City as the Public Services Supervisor. We offer George a happy fun filled retirement and Matt good luck in his new position with the City.

Youth Council
The Ferrysburg City Council has created a Youth Advisory Council to involve students in government while serving their communities. If you are a student in grades 9-12 and reside in the City of Ferrysburg, applications are now being accepted. Youth Advisory Council Members will also serve as non-voting members on the Recreation Commission, the Kitchel-Lindquist Hartger Dunes Preserve Board and the Beautification Commission. If you would like an information packet, or have additional questions, please contact City Clerk Debbie Wierenga at 842-5803.

Unused Medications
Don’t flush unwanted meds, instead, safely dispose of your personal medications at the Ottawa County Sheriff/Spring Lake Village office during regular business hours. Please remove pills from the pill bottles and place them in a plastic bag before dropping them off.

General Election Tuesday, November 3
The City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Ferrysburg City Hall, 17290 Roosevelt Road. The terms of Mayor and three (3) City Council Members expire in November. Incumbent Dan Ruiter is running for Mayor. Incumbents Kathy Kennedy and J. Patrick Twa are running for City Council and Tim O’Donnell is running for the remaining open seat. Persons interested in running may file a Declaration of Intent form by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23.

Voters may obtain absentee ballots by contacting City Clerk Debbie Wierenga. Absentee ballots may be obtained and voted at City Hall until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2. The City Clerk’s office will be open until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31 for absentee ballots.

Back to School Safety
As the summer comes to an end, we start to think about going back to school. The Ottawa County Sheriff’s office wants to remind the citizens of Ferrysburg that getting to and from school safely is our goal. Children will be walking, riding bicycles, and taking the bus to school. Students walking and riding bicycles should always use bike paths and sidewalks where they are available. Where there are no sidewalks, students should walk along the side of the road facing traffic. Students should wear light colored clothing and avoid using electronics and headphones. If riding a bicycle, wear a helmet, ride with traffic, and always ride on the bike path where available. Students should seek crosswalks when crossing roadways.

Motorist should be aware of speed restrictions around schools and be alert for students walking and riding bicycles. Motorists are reminded that they must stop for any school bus that has its flashing red lights activated. Motorists should be aware that crossing guards are present at some intersections to assist children safely cross the roadways and must stop when indicated. Motorists should be aware that traffic will increase around schools prior to school and at dismissal time and may need to leave extra time to make their trip.
Do You Scoop the Poop?

Is it really a problem? It might not seem like a stormwater problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health. Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly, and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local waters unswimmable and unfishable, and have caused severe illness in humans. As you can see, animal waste doesn’t simply decompose. So, the easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly! Picking up after your pet is easy, if you’re prepared. Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your dog, and you’ll have the equipment to remove your dog’s waste. Then throw it in the nearest trash can, and you’re done! There are even compact, refillable bag dispensers that you can attach right to your dog’s leash. Visit www.splashco.org to request a free dog bag waste container.

Guide to Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The average U.S. household can have as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste stored throughout their house and garage. Improper disposal of these materials can contaminate drinking water, harm the environment, and create health hazards for you and your family. Simple alternatives can replace many hazardous substances. However, if you choose to use commercial products make sure to dispose of them properly.

Where Can I Take My Household Hazardous Waste?
The Ottawa County Health Department has four Resource Recovery Service Centers for the collection of household hazardous waste. These centers are open to Ottawa County residents at no cost. Center locations and hours of operation are listed below. For more information call 616-393-5645 or visit www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/hh_waste.htm

Coopersville Facility, 15600 68th Avenue
Hours: M, 12-5pm; W, 8-1pm; 3rd Sat. 8-Noon
Grand Haven Facility, 16850 Comstock
Hours: M & W, 8-1pm, 2-5pm; 4th Sat. 8-Noon
Holland Facility, 14053 Quincy
Hours: T & Th, 8-1pm, 2-5pm; 2nd Sat. 8-Noon
Jenison Facility, 6693 Roger Drive
Hours: T, 12-5pm; Th, 8-1pm; 1st Sat. 8-Noon

What Household Hazardous Waste Can I Dispose?
The Resource Recovery Service Centers offer free disposal of the following waste materials:

- Household Cleaners
- Drain Cleaners
- Used Motor Oil & Filters
- Anti-freeze
- Old Gasoline
- Paint Thinner/Stripper
- Oil-Based Paint
- Mercury & Acids/Bases
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Pool & Spa Chemicals
- Cell phones
- Pesticides & Garden Chemicals

Where Can I Take Recyclables?
The Resource Recovery Service Centers also offer residential recycling of plastics, paper, glass, metal, and cardboard. An annual recycle membership cost $50.00. For more information call 616-393-5645 or visit www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/hh_recycle.htm

Your current waste hauler or the following haulers offer curbside recycling programs:
- Potluck Pick-up Inc.: 616-895-6399
- Allied Waste Services: 877-698-7274
- Arrowaste Inc.: 616-748-1955
- EverKept Disposal: 616-669-2047
- Chef Container, LLC: 616-494-0561

Community Garden
After completing a successful inaugural year of the Community Garden, plans are being made for next year. The Community Garden is a place where residents can plant their favorite vegetable, fruit, flowers, cultivate and watch them grow, then take home fresh food or flowers. If you are interested in reserving a spot for the 2016 growing season, please contact City Hall at 842-5803. Applications will be accepted on a first come basis. Residents will be assigned an area approximately 4’ x 8’.

On September 9, 2015 volunteers from Light Corporation in Grand Haven constructed an additional 21 (4’ x 8’) garden boxes which will be ready for use next year. Thank you Light Corporation!
**Brush Chipping**
With the upcoming arrival of winter, the City crew will discontinue chipping brush October 23. In April they will continue brush chipping. A reminder that there is no burning in the city limits of Ferrysburg.

**Openings: Ferrysburg Fire Department** The City of Ferrysburg is looking for a few good men and women who are interested in a unique and rewarding opportunity to serve their community. The Ferrysburg Fire Department is a volunteer Fire Department, and is always accepting applications from individuals who are willing to become firefighters for the City of Ferrysburg. You must be at least 18 years old, a high school graduate, have a valid driver’s license, and be able to respond to fires at any time of the day. Firefighting experience is a plus, but is not required.

**Smoke Detector Safety**
Have you recently checked the batteries in your smoke detector? Is your smoke detector working properly? If you have answered “NO” or if you are not sure how to answer, the Ferrysburg Fire Department can help! Call Ferrysburg City Hall at 842-5803, to schedule an appointment. A member of the Ferrysburg Fire Department will then contact you to set up an appointment to check your smoke detector “free of charge”.

**Meetings**

| City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. |
| Planning Commission meets the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. |
| Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. |
| Beautification Commission meets the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m. |
| Recreation Commission meets 2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. |
| Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. |
| Other Boards and Commissions meet on an irregular schedule. |

To confirm a scheduled meeting, contact City Hall at 842-5803.