Trash to Treasure Day: (Saturday May 5, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
The City will sponsor a garage sale which will be promoted as “Trash to Treasure Day.” This voluntary, free event is open to all Ferrysburg residents. Participants can display their items for sale on front lawns and driveways from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All residents participating in this event may register their address with the City allowing it to be placed on a map which will be available on the City’s website or for pickup at City Hall. Residents may register their home by contacting City Hall at 842-5803. The deadline to register your address with the City is Monday, April 30.

Spring Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, May 19
This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for City residents will be on Saturday, May 19. This is a one-day, one pickup event. Pickup crews will not make return trips. Please place items for pick up at the curb or street edge by 7:00 a.m. on May 19. Crews from Republic Services will pick up: trash in bags, boxes, or small containers; a maximum of two (2) appliances per residence. Appliances containing Freon must have a sticker certifying the coolant was evacuated by a certified technician. 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 May 19.

4th of July Parade
The 4th of July Parade is a great way to celebrate our nation’s independence. Begin the day with “Breakfast with the Mayor” at City Hall from 8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. The parade will begin at Ferrysburg City Hall at 10:30 a.m. and will end at Wm. Ferry Park where there will be a flag raising ceremony, music, games and food. The 2018 Grand Marshall is Ferrysburg resident, Tim Kuyt, Vietnam Veteran.

Coast Guard Festival Community Picnic
The City of Ferrysburg will host the Coast Guard Festival Community Picnic on Sunday, July 29, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. The event is open to all citizens and is a time to thank those that serve in the United States Coast Guard. There will be food available for purchase, games and music.

Web site
Check out the City’s redesigned web site at ferrysburg.org. There you will find contact information, the City Code, the Zoning Ordinance, the City’s Dashboard and more. Looking for something and not finding it, please contact City Hall at 616-842-5803.

Payments
The City of Ferrysburg will only accept the U.S. Postal Service postmark when determining if a payment is received on time. Postage meter, pre-stamped envelopes, and those without a postmark will be considered late payments when received after the due date. The City offers an automatic withdrawal program, a drop box at City Hall, and payments can be made at Fifth/Third Bank in Ferrysburg. You may obtain our Automatic Payment form on our website at www.ferrysburg.org or contact us at 616-842-5803 for further information.

Chili Cook Off
The 12th Annual Smith’s Bayou Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, August 25, 2018. The proceeds of this community event will be donated to Gracious Grounds. This organization looks beyond limitations to create an environment that is affordable, friendly and resident centered. Emphasize life enriching activities and togetherness by promoting; community involvement, inclusion, employability skills and opportunities, daily living skills and spirituality. Gracious Grounds build and celebrate the ability in all people. For additional information please contact: smiths.bayou.chili@gmail.com or Rebecca Hopp (616) 893-8553 or JoAnn Grotemat (616) 850-2636.

Bill Pay Options
The City offers auto-pay for taxes and water/sewer bills. To sign up for auto-pay, contact City Hall at 842-5803. The option to make payments or pay ahead is also available for water/sewer bills.
**Credit Cards**
We will be accepting credit cards soon!

**Poster Contest**
Ferrysburg's 4th of July Celebration Poster Contest. This poster contest is available to any Ferrysburg student in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Poster rules will be available at City Hall and at local elementary schools. For additional information, please contact Mayor Hopp, rhopp@ferrysburg.org or City Hall at 616-842-5803.

**Neighborhood Housing Services**
The City of Ferrysburg has partnered with the City of Grand Haven in the Neighborhood Housing Services Collaboration. Ferrysburg residents will have available to them educational services, which are foreclosure prevention, homebuyer education, pre-purchase counseling and one on one financial education. Ferrysburg residents also have access to the Neighborhood Impact Program which allows income eligible home owners to receive up to $7,500 in eligible home repairs. To access these services, please contact Neighborhood Housing Services at 616-935-3270.

**Master Plan Update**
State Statue requires communities to update their Master Land Use Plan every five (5) years. The Planning Commission is in the process of updating the Master Land Use Plan. Residents are encouraged to attend the Planning Commission meetings to provide input on what they would like to see included in the Master Plan.

**Join the Step it Up! Fitness Challenge!**
This free, 8-week program is designed to help you get active and visit new parks. All levels of fitness welcome! The challenge begins on April 9. Sign up by April 2! Participants can look forward to:
- Achieving fitness goals
- Guided group walks with varying paces
- Discovering new parks in Ottawa & Allegan counties
- Meeting new people
- Incentive prizes
- Motivation & accountability by logging activity

New this season: Opportunities to run, bike, and paddle as a group, plus a nature navigation challenge!

**Cross-Connection What is a Cross Connection?**
A cross connection is an arrangement of piping that could allow contaminated water, sewage, or chemical solutions to enter your drinking water/potable system as a result of backflow. Cross connections with potable piping systems have resulted in numerous cases of illness and even death if not working properly. Examples where cross connections are: Lawn Irrigation System, Swimming Pools, Hose connections to a chemical solution aspirator to feed lawn/shrub, herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers.

The City of Ferrysburg first established the cross connection control program in 1978, revised in 2002. Since 1982 the City has annually submitted a cross connection control report to the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality). In this report the City is required to have all commercial, industrial and governmental and institutional accounts test their backflow devices. A backflow prevention device is used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow.

Recently there has been discussion within the DEQ for local governments to implement a residential cross connection control program. When and if this becomes mandatory is hard to say, however, if it does become mandatory, it would require all homeowners with lawn irrigation to have their backflow devices tested.

With that being said, we would like to encourage each homeowner within the City to have their backflow devices tested. As of January 1, 2018 the state has made law that only state certified plumbers who have gone through the state training program can test backflow devices. Some of the plumbers in this area include: Bilz’s Plumbing, Beecham Plumbing, Chad Fellows, Micha Golba, Jerry Hines, Jerome Hoffman.

Why test your device? It’s imperative to have your device tested in the unlikely event that backflow does occur. If an event occurs and your device fails, your drinking water, your neighbor’s drinking water, along with the communities drinking water can become contaminated, which could result in illness or even death. Please do your part and have your devise tested. You can pick up report forms at Ferrysburg City Hall. Please return the completed form back to Ferrysburg City Hall. Thank You!
**Smart 911**

The Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office, in conjunction with the Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority, is committed to your safety. With this in mind, we are pleased to support the Smart911 program launched by Central Dispatch. Smart911 is a free service that allows citizens across the U.S. to create a Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency. Then, when anyone in that household dials 9-1-1 from a phone associated with their Safety Profile, their profile is immediately displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker providing additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to the proper location. In an emergency, seconds count. Being able to provide 9-1-1 with all details that could impact response, the moment an emergency call is placed, could be the difference between life and death. The details you include in your Safety Profile will only become available to a 9-1-1 dispatcher and emergency responders when an associated phone dials 9-1-1 received by a participating call center. While not all 9-1-1 call centers participate with Smart911, there are call centers throughout the country that do. The Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority is now a participating 9-1-1 call center.

*What is a Safety Profile?*

A Safety Profile is a set of information about an individual, or a household that is contained within one account on Smart911.com. Information can include details about all members of the household, all phone numbers (mobile, landline or VOIP) and all addresses including home, work and even vacation homes. Users can also add details about medical conditions, medications, vehicles, pets and even emergency contacts.

*How does Smart911 work?*

Smart911 allows citizens to provide the additional details that 9-1-1 call takers may need in order to assist them during an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1 today the information received by the 9-1-1 call center can be limited based on the type of phone you are calling on. With Smart911, anytime you make an emergency call from a phone registered with your Safety Profile, the 9-1-1 system recognizes your phone number and automatically displays your profile on the screen of the call taker who receives your call. To sign up, please visit Smart911.com.

**Reduce and Report Pollution Entering the Grand River**

When it rains, water that isn’t soaked into the ground flows across the land, eventually making its way into our local waterways. This water is called ‘stormwater.' The area that water flows over on its way to a river or stream is called a watershed, and we live in the Lower Grand River Watershed. As stormwater passes over hard surfaces like streets and parking lots, it can pick up pollutants such as oil and grease from parking lots and roadways, excess fertilizer from lawns, pet waste, and eroded soil. Locally, this stormwater is not treated but is discharged directly to the Grand River and its tributaries through storm sewer systems and drainage ditches. Dumping anything into storm drains, including yard waste, is illegal and pollutes our waterways! If you see something being dumped into a storm drain that doesn’t belong, please contact your local community to anonymously report it. Reporting information can be found at www.lgrow.org/report.

*Here are a few ways YOU can reduce stormwater pollution from entering the storm sewer system in your community:*

- Properly dispose of any pet waste in a closed trash receptacle. Pet waste is raw sewage and contains harmful bacteria, easily transported through stormwater.
- Be conscious in closing lids on dumpsters and outdoor trash cans.
- Keep storm drains near your home clear of litter by disposing of trash and recyclables in proper containers.
- Collect yard waste to prevent grass clippings and leaves from clogging the storm sewer system.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a storm, use per the manufacturer’s recommendations, and sweep up excess fertilizer on hard surfaces like sidewalks, driveways, and roadways.
- Ensure that soiled water and other wastes from car washing practices do not enter the storm system by washing your car on grass or gravel, rather than your driveway. Better yet, take your vehicles to a commercial car wash that sends wash water to the sanitary sewer.
- Reduce stormwater runoff by planting rain gardens and using rain barrels in your gardens to prevent water from leaving your property.
- Be Septic Smart! Maintain your septic system to protect your family’s drinking water and reduce the risk of contaminating local water.
**Brush Chipping**
For 2018 there is a new schedule for brush chipping. Brush chipping will take place in the months of April, June, August, and October. During these months, brush chipping will take place on the second full week, streets west of US-31; on the third full week, streets east of US-31. Brush must be stacked all in the same direction. There is a 30 minute time limit at each stop. Generally, crews can chip in 30 minutes what you can stack in 30 minutes. DPW crews will pick up brush after storms.

**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.

**Lubbers Cup**
On Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15 the Lubbers Cup Regatta will take place on Spring Lake, beginning at the Spring Lake Yacht Club in the City of Ferrysburg. Grand Valley State University is the host university. Competitors will include rowers from Grand Valley State University, Illinois, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Case Western Reserve, Drake, Ohio State, Minnesota and Notre Dame Universities. The public is invited to watch the Regatta from the Spring Lake Yacht Club or other locations around Spring Lake.

**Parking of Vehicles, Recreational vehicles and Trailers**
Residents are reminded that the Zoning Ordinance restricts parking of vehicles to the driveway, carport or garage. Also, parking in any right of way is prohibited. The placement of recreational vehicles and trailers are regulated to a side yard (a minimum of ten (10) feet from the side property line) and the rear yard.

**Leaf Pick-Up**
The City of Ferrysburg does not have a Spring street edge leaf pick up. Residents with leaves in **paper bags only** may drop them off at the West side of the Public Services Garage. Paper bags are available at City Hall for $.40 each. Thank you for your cooperation.

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