We hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe. To comply with the Governor’s Executive Orders all City events were/are cancelled this year: the Mayor’s breakfast, 4th of July Parade, the Coast Guard Festival Community Picnic, the Monster Bash, and the Fire Department’s annual open house during Fire Prevention Week.

City Hall was closed to the public during the “Stay at Home Order”. Although the City Hall building was closed to the public, staff continued to work to keep essential services open and operational. On June 18, City Hall opened back up to the public and is open 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. Masks are required when entering the building.

A drop box is located near the entrance to City Hall. To help limit contact with staff, residents are encouraged to use the drop box to make payments, drop off ballots, and for correspondence to City Council or staff. During this pandemic if using the drop box and you would like a receipt, please note on your payment, and provide an email address and we will email you a receipt. For those without access to email, a hard copy of the receipt will be mailed.

**Leaves:** Ferrysburg residents may place leaves in paper bags on the west side of the Public Works Building located at 545 Maple. Please do not place other material than leaves in the bags. Recently when leaves were being processed a large piece of metal was ejected from the pile which could have injured the operator.

**Address Numbers:** Time is of the essence when emergency personnel are responding to an incident. The Michigan Residential Building code requires address numbers to be visible from the street and not less than 4 inches in height. Numbers are not to be spelled out. Where the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument or pole shall be used to identify the structure.

**Motor Homes, Recreational Type Vehicles, travel trailers, and Boats:** The placement of these types of recreational vehicles are required to be parked or stored in a side yard (a minimum of ten (10) feet from the side property line) or rear yard. Temporary placement of a recreational camping unit may be temporarily placed in a driveway and shall be limited to seven (7) consecutive days, provided, however, placement may occur at the rate of two (2) seven (7) day periods per month, but not to exceed six (6) periods per year.

**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 9, 16 and 23
All City Residents east of 168th Avenue and north of Spring Lake.

**Area 2:** Tuesday, November 10, 17 and 24
All City residents east of 174th Ave, north of Ridge Ave and west of 168th Avenue.

**Area 3:** Wednesday, November 11, 18 and 25
All City residents north of North Shore Road and West of 174th Avenue.

**Area 4:** Thursday, November 12, 19 and 25
All City residents south of North Shore Road to the City limits, south of Ridge Avenue and west of Spring Lake.

**This fall, practice the 3 R’s of Fall Yard Care to help protect water quality in the Lower Grand River Watershed:**
Reduce pollution (Rake) - Raking leaves prevents pollution by keeping them out of storm drains. Storm drains can carry leaves directly to local lakes and rivers, and decomposing leaves contain excessive nutrients that can cause algal blooms and harm our water quality. Leaves can also clog storm drains and cause localized flooding.

Reuse nutrients (Mulch) - However, extra nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are great for lawn fertilizer! Mulch leaves into small pieces using a lawnmower and spread them across your yard.

Recycle yard waste (Compost) - Instead of bagging leaves, compost them to use later in your garden. Mix in grass clippings or other nitrogen rich organic material to balance compost.

If you cannot mulch or compost your leaves, make sure to dispose of them according to your community’s guidelines. Visit www.LGROW.org/disposal to find yard waste disposal information for communities across the Lower Grand River Watershed.

**Be a Good Stewart!**
Dispose of waste properly. Use chemicals, pesticides, and always use phosphorus free fertilizers sparingly and according to the directions on the package. Never dump anything into catch basins. They connect directly to lakes and rivers!
General Election: Tuesday, November 3
The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. with voting taking place at Ferrysburg City Hall, 17290 Roosevelt Road. As a reminder, with the passage of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to the City Clerk.

Prescription Drug Disposal
The Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and medications. There is a drug collection box at the Spring Lake Township Fire Station/Ottawa County Sheriff’s Branch Office located at 106 North Fruitport Road. Any liquids or sharp items are not permitted. Those living in Ferrysburg are urged to use the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Spring Lake Branch drop off.

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 payment 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.

Winter: With the heating season coming upon us, now may be a good time to have your furnace or heating appliances checked as well as having fireplace chimneys cleaned and serviced.

Opportunities
There are openings on the City’s various Boards and Commissions. Positions are available on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Recreation Commission, the Beautification Commission, the Construction Board of Appeals, and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. If you would like more information or would be interested in applying, contact City Clerk Debbie Wierenga at 842-5803.

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 and carbon monoxide detector? Is your smoke detector and carbon monoxide 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”.

Fire Hydrants
If you live near a fire hydrant, we ask that you “adopt a fire hydrant” and keep snow shoveled away from it during the winter season. Doing so will save valuable time when the use of the hydrant is needed.

Meetings

| City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 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 pm. |
| Other Boards and Commission meet on an irregular schedule. |

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