Trash to Treasure Day: (Saturday May 8, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm)
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 am to 4:00 pm. 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 616-842-5803.

Spring Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, May 15
This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for Ferrysburg residents will be on Saturday, May 15th. 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 am on May 15. Crews will pick up the following: trash in bags, boxes, or small containers, and 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 will also be picked up. Crews will not pick up tires, leaves, brush, yard waste, tree stumps, batteries, scrap iron or steel, hazardous waste, and loose trash items. Property owners will be responsible for any items left at the curb or street edge after completion of the pickup on May 15.

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

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; and on the third full week, streets east of US-31. Brush must be stacked by Monday at 7:00 am. Brush must be stacked all in the same direction. There is a 10-minute time limit at each stop. Generally, crews can chip in 10 minutes what you can stack in 10 minutes. Brush not picked up will be the property owner’s responsibility to dispose of. DPW crews will pick up brush after storms.

Community Garden
Interested in growing your own garden? The City has garden plots available by reservation only at City Hall for your use. Most plots are 4’ x 8’. The garden is located on the Ferrysburg City Hall property. Dirt and water are provided. Those using the garden are responsible for bringing their own gardening tools. If interested in reserving a plot, please contact City Hall at info@ferrysburg.org.

Election
The next election will be Tuesday, May 4th. On the ballot is the City of Ferrysburg Motorized Equipment Millage Proposal and the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal. The Motorized Equipment Millage was first levied in 1988 for 10 years and since that time has been renewed 2 additional times. The 2021 millage request is for one-half mill (0.5000) for 10 years. The funds from this millage are used to purchase all Fire, Police, and Public Works vehicles. Absent Voter Applications may be obtained at our website: www.ferrysburg.org. If you have any questions regarding the election, please contact City Hall at 616-842-5803 or email dwierenga@ferrysburg.org.

Fourth of July
Out of concern for the health and safety of Ferrysburg residents, the Fourth of July parade and breakfast with the Mayor have been cancelled. While we certainly hope to hold these events in the future, the wellbeing of our community is at the forefront.

Trash Containers
Trash containers and recycling containers placed by the street prior to 6:00PM the day before scheduled pickup and empty containers left by the street after 7:00PM the day of collection are violations of the City Code.
Parking of Vehicles
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.

Recreational Vehicles and Trailers
The placement of recreational vehicles and trailers is relegated to a side yard (a minimum of ten (10) feet from the property sideline) and the rear yard. Parking in the front yard or driveway is prohibited.

Ferrysburg Fire Department is Hiring
The Ferrysburg Fire Department is currently accepting applications for part-time, on call fire fighters. If you are interested in a position, applications are available at City Hall.

Use Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer to Keep Your Lawn Green and Your Streams Clean

Protecting Water Quality
Phosphorus is a naturally occurring essential nutrient for plant and animal growth. It is also a primary water quality concern in Michigan. When excess phosphorus is applied on land, it may run into nearby lakes, rivers, and streams. This runoff can lead to increased algae and aquatic plant growth which can have negative effects on water quality, fisheries, recreation, and property values. By reducing unnecessary phosphorus applications, you can help maintain and protect Michigan’s vast water resources.

It’s the Law
Since 2012, Michigan Fertilizer Law (1994 PA 451, Part 85, Fertilizers) has restricted the use of phosphorus fertilizers on residential and commercial lawns, including athletic fields and golf courses statewide. Both homeowners and commercial applicators must follow the phosphorus application restrictions. However, there are a few exceptions, including new turf establishment, soils where a test shows deficient phosphorus, and fertilization of agriculture, gardens, trees, or shrubs.

What Fertilizers do I Use?
Look for lawn fertilizers with zero phosphorus in them. On the bag or box of fertilizer is a row of three numbers. These numbers indicate the amount of total nitrogen (N), available phosphate(P2O5) and soluble potash (K2O) in the particular product. The middle number is available phosphate and should read “0.”

Where can I find Phosphorus-free Fertilizers?
A majority of garden centers, hardware stores, and large chain stores carry phosphorus free lawn fertilizers.

For more information on how to landscape for water quality, visit www.LGROW.org/rainscaping.
Article information courtesy of the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.

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

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For a water, sewer, or street emergency after office hours, call 616-994-7850.

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Richard Carlson William Montgomery
Scott Blase Jerry Sias

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Public Serv. Tech. Karl Rowland
Fire Chief Mike Olthof
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