Trash to Treasure Day: (Saturday May 14, 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 at City Hall. Residents may register their home by contacting City Hall at 616-842-5803.

Spring Residential Trash Pick Up is Saturday, May 21
This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for Ferrysburg residents will be on Saturday, May 21st. 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 21. 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 21.

Garage Sales
If you are having a garage sale or a yard sale, please remember that these signs are permitted on the premise on which such sale is being conducted and one (1) sign is permitted off premises on a private parcel on the nearest cross street. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall.

Burning
The burning of leaves, yard waste, and brush in Ferrysburg is prohibited. The burning of trash and waste building material is also prohibited.

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. 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. The application is available on the City’s website, or you may pick up at City Hall.

Dogwood Drive
This summer work will begin to reconstruct Dogwood Drive from 174th Avenue to the City limits. The project will consist of pavement removal, reconstruct the base, some storm sewer work, and new asphalt. As part of the project, the existing sidewalk from 174th Avenue to Mohawk Drive will be removed and replaced with an 8’ wide asphalt path. New ADA sidewalk ramps will be installed at each intersection. The project is expected to take 8-10 weeks to complete.

Prein & Newhof will provide design and construction engineering. The estimated cost of the project is $1,128,000.00. An MDOT grant of $400,000, HIC funds of $88,593, and $139,602 in STP Flex funds will help finance this project.
Fire Barn Park
The Recreation Commission and PM Blough, Inc. have developed a site plan for Fire Barn Park. The site plan includes: a large, grassy area for impromptu games, six pickleball courts, new paved parking lot, bike path route to increase accessibility and safety, and picnic pavilions.

This spring the Recreation Commission again with the assistance of PM Blough plan to submit a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund application for funding for the proposed improvements.

To increase the local match for the grant, the Recreation Commission has set a goal of raising $100,000 this year. Donations can be made online at give.ghacf.org/grand-haven-donations (select Ferrysburg Fire Barn Park Fund from the drop-down menu) or mail a donation to Ferrysburg City Hall. The approved site plan of the proposed improvements can be found on the City’s website.

Packing 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
Current regulations require recreational vehicles and trailers to be parked in the rear yard or side yard (10’ from the side lot line). The Planning Commission received a petition to permit recreational vehicles to be parked in the driveway from May 1 through September 30 and is discussing possible changes to the current ordinance. The Planning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7PM at City Hall.

Picnic Shelters
William Ferry Park and Coast Guard Park picnic shelters are available to Ferrysburg residents and the public on a first come, first served basis. The City does not take reservations for these facilities.

LGROW Spring Tips to Protect our Watershed
Plant – Choose a variety of native species for your landscape as their deep roots soak up spring rains. Native plants provide food and habitat for pollinators and ensure you have something in bloom all growing season.
Maintain – Inspect septic tanks routinely, about every 5 years. Pump your tank when recommended by a professional. Keep basements dry by making sure sump pumps are working properly.
Protect – Move stored chemicals such as salt, fertilizers, and pesticides to high areas where potential flooding cannot reach.
Clear – Picking up trash and removing debris from storm drains reduces the amount of pollution entering waterways.
Dispose – Dispose of any household chemicals leftover from spring cleaning, yard work, or vehicle maintenance at a Kent Co. SafeChem event or the Ottawa Co. Resource Recovery Center.
Swap – Make the change and swap our harmful cleaning products for biodegradable or homemade ecofriendly options.

Visit www.LGROW.ORG for more information.

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 6:00 pm
Kitchel-Lindquist-Harter Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Economic Development meets 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 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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