Trash to Treasure Day (Saturday May 13, 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 by May 5th 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 20
This year’s City-wide one-day residential trash pickup for Ferrysburg residents will be on Saturday, May 20th. 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 20. 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. Limit of 2 mattresses (must be wrapped in plastic). 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 20.

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.

Street Millage
At the November 2, 2021, City Election, voters approved a five-year dedicated millage for street repairs, with the first levy of the millage on the July 1, 2022 summer tax notice. In the fall of 2022, Fourth Street was repaved and Virginia Avenue from West Spring Lake Road to 168th Avenue was repaved. The cost of these projects was $224,000. In summer of 2023, Roosevelt Road from Ridge Avenue east to US-31 will be repaved.

Smith’s Bridge  Design work has begun to replace Smith’s Bridge, with a tentative start date in March 2024. The scope of the project is to replace the Superstructure and deck, the piers will not be replaced. However, certain piers will be repaired. Boating traffic will be impacted at certain phases of the construction.

US-31  In mid-September, MDOT will replace a culvert that runs under US-31 in Ferrysburg. To do this work, US-31 will be closed between VanWagoner Road and Third Street from mid-September through September 29.

Arbor Day  On Friday, April 28, the Ferrysburg Tree Board will celebrate Arbor Day with the 6th grade students from Walden Green Montessori School. A tree will be planted in the school’s Peace Garden at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend this event.

Smith’s Bayou Annual Chili Cook-Off  The Smith’s Bayou Annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 pm located on Cecelia Lane, Ferrysburg. The proceeds of this annual community event will benefit the Momentum Center, Grand Haven. The Momentum Center is a grassroots movement to create a sigma free community where every person is a valuable piece of the community puzzle. For additional information please contact: Rebecca Hopp (616) 893-8553 or Jordin Weber 566-0614. Like us on Facebook: Smith’s Bayou Chili Cook-Off 2023 or smiths.bayou.chili@gmail.com

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.
**Brush Chip**

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.

**Community Garden**

Interested in growing your own garden? The City has garden plots available by reservation only at City Hall for your use. Plots are 4’ x 8’ or 4’ round. 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 one up at City Hall.

**Fire Barn Park**

The City submitted a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for improvements at Fire Barn Park. In the fall of 2022, the City was notified the expansion of the Fire Station violated a previous grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund to use the property only for recreational purposes which resulted in a deduction of points on the grant application and any future grant applications. The City is working to mitigate this violation and we continue to work to raise funds for improvements at the park.

**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**

The ordinance regulating the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers was amended in 2022 to permit a small recreational vehicle 18 feet or less to be parked in a front yard if less than 8.5 feet in height, no further that 10’ from the principal dwelling and setback at least 10’ from the public right-of-way from May 1 through September 30. If unable to meet these standards, a recreational vehicle then must be parked in a side or rear yard.

**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.

**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](http://www.LGROW.ORG) for more information.