

# Village Voice

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Office Hours Mon. & Wed. 8:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. & 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Tues. & Thurs 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Village Council meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
Village Work Session meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 6:00 p.m. If it falls on a Holiday then it will be the third Monday of the month

Planning Commission meets the Wednesday prior to the Village Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Residents are urged and welcomed to attend meetings.

**April 2024**

**President: Robert Sikkenga**

**Clerk: Susan West**

**Treasurer: Hannah Swanson**

**Council: Rusty Morningstar**

**Jared Semelbauer**

**Sarah Swanson**

**Tammy VerHoeven**

**Mark Spencer**

**Debbie Houtteman**

## One of the best ways to voice your concerns is to attend our monthly meetings.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW RESIDENTS AND HELLO TO THE OLD ONES. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

Residents should keep this newsletter handy for reference. The Village website will update info at: [villageoflakewoodclub.org](http://villageoflakewoodclub.org) and also on our new electronic digital sign coming soon.

We give thanks for each and every resident of our Village. We need to work together to keep improving our area and make it one of the best in the County. A big THANK YOU to everyone who keeps their property clean and in good repair.

## Garbage Service

Garbage pick-up is assessed to your Village taxes. Each household gets one garbage cart to be filled so that the lid fits down. If you need a second cart please call SWS, as they will bill each resident directly. The charge for each extra cart will be \$10.00. If you have large items you want picked up, you can call SWS and they will arrange for pickup and accept payment at that time. SWS phone: 231-788-4524

DALTON TOWNSHIP TRANSFER STATION Open Wednesday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (closed Wed., November thru March). You can obtain from the Township Hall at 1616 E. Riley Thompson Rd. one free \$25.00 certificate (per household) to use at the dump toward your dump fee or towards a recycling permit which cost \$30.00 per year.

Muskegon County Recycling Event Saturday April 27, 2024 and October 19, 2024

from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 1350 E. Keating Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan. They will accept Scrap Tires, Hazardous Waste, Electronics, and Sensitive Document Shredding. Visit [WWW.MUSKEGONCOUNTY.NET/777](http://WWW.MUSKEGONCOUNTY.NET/777) OR CALL 231-724-6001.

Unwanted vehicles and scrap metal Sprague Auto parts are looking to aid in cleaning up properties of unwanted vehicles and scrap metal. They offer towing of vehicles and have certified scales used for purchasing scrap metal. Sprague Auto Sales 81 S. Getty St., Muskegon, Michigan 49442, Phone 231-726-2988

## Events

Road Clean-up will be the weeks of May 6 and May 13, 2024. We ask for anyone who is able and available to help with this. The Village provides trash bags for this. We will all meet at the Village Hall.

## Siren: The Village of Lakewood Club will be testing our Emergency Siren during the week of May 13-17, 2024

Adopt-A-Road or a Block to keep clean of litter. We will donate bags that you can pick up at The Village Hall. This is a good way to get your family involved in community and take part in making our community look nice. Let us know who you are so that we can acknowledge this.

## Book Mobile

Every other Thursday starting May 2, 2024 from 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Village Hall parking lot. They will do this as long as the Village Residents come and show an interest.

Village Curbside Pickup is scheduled this year for May 18, 2024 Piles must be no larger than 6' x 6' and may not include appliances, yard waste, tires, paint, oil, or any hazardous materials. No roofing will be accepted and any other building materials must be cut down to a manageable size (2' x3') All mattresses must be wrapped in plastic. Please note they will not unload trailers.

## Village Wide Yard Sale June 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2024

No permit needed to participate. An extra day has been added to this year.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held on Saturday July 6, 2024

Parade 12:00 noon

Craft Show in Park July 6, 2024 Any vendors interested in this the price per 10' x 10' space is \$20.00

Any other activities that will take place will be posted on the Village of Lakewood Club web site.

Fireworks July 6, 2024 Dusk or approximately 10:00 p.m.

No Sales of anything during these events unless you have prior approval from the Village Office

There is no alcohol allowed anywhere in the park

Annual Christmas Lighting with festivities: November 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

St. Mary's of the Woods Blood Drives May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 11, 2024 from 12:15 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

St. Mary' of the Woods Baby Pantry Thursday's 9-12 noon in the Parish Hall. Serving Mom's in need at no cost. They have items for newborn thru five years old. Donations to the baby pantry are always welcome which includes diapers, wipes, powder, new or gently used clothes, lotion, towels, washcloths, strollers and almost any baby needs. (We can not take used cribs or car seats.)

St. Mary's of the Woods Annual Yard Sale August 9 and 10, 2024

**St. Mary's Thanksgiving Dinner Open to public on November 20, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**

**Elections** This year the Village of Lakewood Club has the office of President, Treasurer and three Council positions to be filled. If you are interested in any of these offices you will need to go to Dalton Township Clerk and register before July 23,2024 at 400 p.m. Primary election is held on August 6, 2024 and the General Election is November 5, 2024

### **Notices**

**Park Rangers Wanted:** Need to be 18 years of age to apply. Apply at the Village Hall.

### **Snow plowing and yard clean-up**

We have residents calling our Village office inquiring about snow plowing or yard clean. If this is a service you offer you can call our Village office and give us your contact information.

### **Rules**

**Ordinance Enforcer** Our Ordinance Enforcer is Gregory Balcom, his phone no is. 231-736-7157 or [ordinanceenforcer@villageoflakewoodclub.org](mailto:ordinanceenforcer@villageoflakewoodclub.org). Our Ordinance Enforcer is just doing his job when he addresses you about an offense; he does not make the Ordinances he only enforces them, the ordinances are adopted by our Village Council. The Ordinance Enforcer will be making rounds looking for junk and dismantled/junk cars. It's time to do our spring cleaning and get rid of unwanted/unused junk, cars, stumps, fix broken fences etc. Avoid costly tickets!

**Roads** Our Maintenance Department works hard to maintain our roads in winter and through out the year. We ask that you not blow, rake, or shovel your leaves and yard debris, or snow into the road. If we find you are doing this our maintenance workers will put this back into your yard or driveway.

We ask that our residents do their part in keeping them in good repair, anyone speeding or tearing up the roads be reported by calling 911 or the Village Hall. We ask you to get the license number of the vehicle if possible. The fine for this offense is \$500.00 plus legal costs. Also in winter months we ask that anyone clearing their yards of snow to not push it in to our roadways. A reminder that in the Village there is no parking allowed on the sides of our roads.

**PARK RESTROOMS:** will be open when the Rangers are on duty. Parents please talk to your children and remind them that the restrooms are for the convenience of all residents and they should not be putting things in the toilets so they plug up and run over. Also, human waste belongs in the toilet not on it or on the walls! Violators will have the pleasure of bathroom duty.

**STREET LIGHTS** If you notice a street light not working call Consumer Energy to report this.1-517-374-2380 press 6

**Signs** - Posting of any signs on trees, poles, or posts within the Village is **NOT** allowed without a Sign Permit--obtain at Village office.

**Fences** The Village has a fence ordinance. Our Ordinance Enforcer will be checking the village for fences in bad condition, please make repairs.

**SWIMMING POOLS** If you are thinking of installing a swimming pool or have already done so, be advised that you must completely enclose it with a fence; call Building Inspector. A permit is required.

**INSPECTORS:** Building Inspections call Robert Tufts 231-578-8496, Electrical Inspections call Jeff Johnson at 231-329-4465. Plumbing and Mechanical Inspection, call Jim Callender at (231)206-6563.

**DOGS** are to be kept on a leash, in a fenced area or other suitable confinement. Allowing dogs to run loose within the Village limits is not permissible and is also a violation of the Muskegon County Leash law. The Village also requires that dogs not be allowed to bark continuously, which is an infringement of your neighbor's rights. You can report this by calling 911 or Animal Control and this could result in a ticket from the County Sheriff's Dept. If you own more than three dogs, a kennel permit must be obtained from the Village Council.

**FARM ANIMALS** are not allowed in the Village such as chickens, ducks, geese, pigs, goats, horses, cows, etc.

**YARD SALES:** Two-yard sales per address, per year, are permitted in the Village. A Yard Sale Permit is required and can be obtained at the Village Hall, Monday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 (closed noon to 1:00) and Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 to Noon. If signs have to be removed by Village officials, Village keeps \$4.00. Permits cost \$1.00 + \$4.00 for four signs. Signs must be removed within three days of sale. Bring signs to Village Hall and receive \$4.00 refund.

**CURFEW:** *If you see any minors walking the streets after 10:00 P.M., call the police. There is no good reason for any minors to be walking the streets after curfew hours.*

**GRASS & NOXIOUS WEEDS** *Village Ordinance No. 101 states grass is not to grow taller than 6 inches.*

**No Burning of leaves or grass clippings allowed** *in the Village per State of Michigan Law. Tree limbs, brush, and tree cuttings are allowed if DNR permits (contact DNR at [www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits),*

## **Community Advancement**

**AARPA- FUNDS** *The Federal Government allotted monies for cities and villages in 2022-2023 for Covid relief. It was discussed at our Village Council meetings during this time how the money should be spent. The Village Council decided to purchase two Generac generators to be installed at the Village Hall and the Kenwood Maintenance Building, an Electronic sign for the Village Hall, down payment on a new Village pick-up, added security monitors at the Village Hall, a new Flag and Flag pole for the park and resurfacing of Englewood, Forest Park and Beverly Way west of Automobile Rd.*

**Lakewood Civic Builders** *contact: Ed Ward at (231) 206-6008, Visit Facebook@ Lakewood Civic Center*

**St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Chapel** *at 150 W. Church St. Mass Sundays at 8:30 a.m., coffee and rolls after Mass.*

**Emanuel Covenant Church** *is now in the former Lakewood Bible Church Building. They are remodeling and updating the church. They are hosting a baptismal service at our Village Park on August 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.. The public is welcome to attend.*

**Garden Club** *The Lakewood Garden Club was created in 2011. The Lakewood Garden Club is an informal group of volunteer members who share gardening ideas and work together in maintaining the **Centennial Garden** at Kenwood and Kedzie and the **Pollinator Garden** at the east end of the **Village Park**. We have bi-monthly meetings held in the months of April, June, August, and October. Our next meeting is June 18, 2024 at the Fox Lake Park Pavilion New members are always welcome. We would like 10 or 12 members total since we only have 5 at the time, without new members who can help sustain the club's community garden efforts, it is possible the garden club will be dissolving. We would love to have our membership grow which would allow us to do more in the community. We appreciate donations to keep up the costs of maintaining our gardens such as mulch and replacing flowers. If you are interested in joining our garden club or would like to make a donation contact Randy Lemoine at 231-855-0592 or e-mail [randel.lemoine@gmail.com](mailto:randel.lemoine@gmail.com). Checks can be made to Randel Lemoine, Garden Club President, 50 W. Englewood St., Twin Lake, Mi. 49457.*

*We would like to remind our residents to support our local business' Pudgies and Lakewood Quick Stop*

**REMINDER: Activities in the Park Play Ground, Park Walk Path, & Tennis Courts are monitored by camera.**

**Vandalism Anyone seeing any destruction of property or vandalism in the park or throughout the Village please call 911.**

**Pavilion Reservations** *Our Pavilion at the park can be reserved for our residents. Call the Village Office to ask about a reservation.*

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