

Village of Paw Paw

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“Notes From Larry”

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Master Plan Makes Progress: You still have time to comment on the Village’s next 10-year Master Plan. Key components of the plan were unveiled for the public last week at an open community forum. People had the opportunity to see components of the plan and make their comments known. If you were unable to attend, you may view these on the Village’s Website at www.pawpaw.net/commission.html. Click on those dated March 19, 2009. You still have time to add your comments.

Wet Basements Plague Many! With all the snow melt, thick frost line, and heavy rains, many people have found themselves with water in their basements. We have received numerous calls from those that think the water may be from Village water lines. We conduct a quick and fast test to see if the water has any chlorine, something we add to the water we pump from the ground to disinfect the water before we send it to your home or business. To date, no basement water has contained any chlorine. It has all been ground water. Please remember, as you look for a solution to the water that may be in your basement, that it is not Okay to pump that water into your sanitary sewer lateral.

Brush Pick-up and Spring Leaf Pick-up Beginning. Ahhhh, Spring is in the air! One way to tell is the piles of brush and leaves along the rode edge. Village crews are out vacuuming up leaves and chipping brush. This Village service requires your cooperation. Please follow the rules to help pick up go smoothly and to make sure we do not pass your pile by. **For Brush Pick-up:** Stack your brush along the roadway (not in the road) with the cut ends to the road; Do so at least by 7:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up; Keep sections no longer than 8 feet in length and no thicker than 4” in diameter; Pile them no more than 4’ high; Do not mix leaves, grass clippings or other vegetation in with the brush; Do not mix any trash, debris, lumber, paper or other trash and debris with the brush; This service is for trimming of brush, shrubs and trees and branches that may fall in a storm; the Village is not able to take trunks and root balls; and, the Village will not remove brush from clearing of lots or from tree removal. Brush pick-up is by zone. Zone 1 residents have brush picked up the first Monday of each month. Residents in Zone 2 have their brush picked up on the third Monday of each month. (Work schedules and emergencies allowing). **For Spring Leaf Pick-up:** Rake leaves in rows at the edge of the road, not in the roadway; Do not rake them in big piles over 3’ in height; Do not mix brush or other plant material in with the leaves; and, Do not mix lumber, paper, trash or other debris in with the leaves. The Village does not pick up trimmings from lawns, hedges, flowers, throny bushes or other garden materials. If you have questions please call 657-3169.

Paw Paw Bucks the National Trend? Wow, with all the doom and gloom regarding the national economy and job losses, it is reassuring to know that seven new businesses, commercial and retail, have opened in the Village of Paw Paw in last couple of months. These include: Walgreens, Family and Home Resale, Nu 2 U, Café 237, Legends Bar and Grill, Paw Paw Short Stop, and Bridal & Beyond by Jami. Others have opened nearby and in Paw Paw Township. You'll also note that a new business is coming, Demming Photography on the NE corner of Michigan and Kalamazoo. It is never easy to open a new business. It takes smarts, courage and lots of hard work. We are excited that these businesses have chosen the Village of Paw Paw and encourage everyone to visit them soon.

Until Next time, I'm Larry Nielsen.