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Summer has definitely arrived! The hot weather has been an encouragement for many families to take advantage

of the varied outdoor activities available within the Village. Maple Island, Sunset Park, the County Park, the Rotary Bridge, the Paul J. Kaiser Bridge and Walkway and the amphitheater are all available and inviting. Please take advantage of what the Village has to offer and enjoy your summer.

From the VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall office has been busy making preparations for the annual fiscal audit. Staff are also conducting a survey to determine the level of interest in beginning a budgeting program whereby Village residents could pay a more uniform fee for services each month. In other words, Village Hall would work with their customers to determine the total cost of their electric service for a one year period and then the customer would pay this amount in 12 equal installments with an adjustment made at the end of that time to ensure the customer was charged only the actual cost for the service they used. If you would be interested in participating in this program, please contact Village Hall.

From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

June was a very busy month for the Paw Paw

Police Department. Officers responded to the following complaints: 26 traffic crashes, 24 larcenies, 13 miscellaneous traffic arrests, 12 assaults, 9 miscellaneous alcohol related incidents, 8 property destruction reports, 8 check fraud reports, 4 drunk drivers, 3 burglaries and 1 stolen vehicle.

Bike larcenies are on the rise. If you see an abandoned bike, please report it to the Police Department so we can attempt to return it to its rightful owner. Also, if you ride a bike, please lock the bike securely when it is unattended. It has been our experience that bikes that are secured are rarely stolen.

There has been a sharp increase in scrap metal prices. Crooks have been stealing what they find lying around. Aluminum and copper are particularly valuable and, if left out, are likely to be stolen. We have had reports of thefts within the Village. The Sheriff's Department and the State Police have responded to several complaints as well. If you see suspicious activity around factories or dumpsters, please give us a call.

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Several officers attended the annual Legal Updates class in South Haven on June 7. This class is put on by the State and covers changes in the law over the course of the last year. Officers Brower and McMeekan also attended a class on Mobile Active Violence in Kalamazoo on June 26. This class dealt with rapidly evolving, high stress and tactical encounters.

Officer Turner is still off duty due to injuries received while making an arrest in May. We are hopeful he will make a full recovery and return to work in the near future.

From the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Water/Sewer/Streets/Parks Department: The crew has been cleaning the Department of Public Services garage and the outbuildings with the help of six Michigan Works Summer Youth Program participants. The crew has also been busy with brush pickup, replacing water meters and road maintenance.

Electric Department: Tree trimming, electric meter change outs, assisting with the DPS clean-up and tree removal have kept the crew busy.

The recent power outage within the Village was the result of a problem experienced by American Electric Power after a lightning strike. Service was restored as quickly as possible.

Motor Pool: A new police car was recently purchased and the crew has been busy making the necessary alterations.

Safety/Health News: With many people spending more time outside and/or on vacation, it is important to have knowledge of the proper way to treat minor injuries to prevent them from turning into something

which could ruin your day and/or lead to complications.

If you experience a minor cut, wash the area with soap and water, apply an antibiotic cream and then cover the cut with a sanitary bandage. If there is heavy bleeding, apply pressure to the cut using a clean cloth. Avoid using products such as rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide on broken skin as these products can actually kill healthy skin cells and tissue.

If you experience a minor burn, run cool (not hot or cold) water over the burn area until the pain subsides. Apply antibiotic ointment and a clean bandage to keep the burn dry. If the pain does not subside, if the burn covers a large area or if the redness and swelling get worse, contact a doctor.

If you experience a nose bleed, pinch the soft portion of the nose between the bridge and the tip. Lean slightly forward so that the blood can drain. Do not tilt your head back as this can allow the blood to drain down your throat. This can result in nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Placing a cold compress on the bridge of your nose may also help stop the bleeding.

Enjoy your summer!

BIRTHDAYS

- Ken Butler - July 2
- Kirk Goodrich - July 3
- Lori Middaugh - July 16
- Todd Brower - July 18
- Eric Larcinese - July 25
- Loren Turner - July 27
- Dean Basinger - July 28

