

VILLAGE OF RAVENNA NEWS

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Office Hours: M-F 8AM - 3PM Village Council Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at Village Hall

Sewer

Construction on the Slocum Rd and Thatcher Park sewer lift stations has started. The overall project is on track to be completed by the fall, but check valves needed for the Thatcher Park lift station are currently delayed. In the short-term, the Thatcher Park parking lot will remain closed while the area is under construction, but portions of the parking lot will begin to be opened as the construction requirements permit. There is limited overflow parking available on the opposite side of Main St.

The lift station in Thatcher Park is one of the most critical pieces of infrastructure in the Village as all of the system sewage flows through it. While the replacement lift station is being built, the DPW has worked extremely hard at keeping the current lift station working during the few heavy rain events we've had this year. **Please check your sump pump** to ensure they **don't empty into the sanitary sewer**. The outdated pumps of the old lift station along with a backup bypass pump have been barely enough to keep up with these heavy rain events.

As implemented in the middle of last year, the sewer rate will increase by \$2.50 per month per residential equivalent unit (REU) in June, with additional \$2.50 increases annually through 2023. This increase was necessary to offset increased costs and lift station loan payments, and to meet USDA maintenance, repair & replacement fund reserve requirements.

The Village DPW sent out a survey regarding residential cross-connections and will start inspecting residential water cross-connections as needed. For information on residential cross-connections, visit <http://tinyurl.com/MDEQCrossConnections>. The DPW staff also asks that you provide access to read water meters. Please trim hedges and remove obstructions around the water meter transmitter.

Misc.

Bill Lesinske resigned from the Village Council and Planning Commission in January. Dennis Luce replaced Bill on the Village Council.

Craig Rinehart resigned from the planning commission. The planning commission will remain at 7 members.

June 2020

Spring Notes

The Village business office is back open to the public 8AM to 3PM weekdays. Please continue to follow COVID-19 prevention precautions and if you're sick—please stay home. You may still contact us through email or phone during normal business hours.

The Village spring clean up is back on! To take advantage of the Village **Spring Clean-up** event, set out items at the edge of the roadside before 6 am on Thursday, **June 18th**. Hazardous items such as tires, batteries, paint, and pesticides will not be accepted.

Leaf and grass burning is prohibited in the Village of Ravenna. Curbside yard waste pick up is available for Village residents April through November. Bundles must be no longer than 4ft and able to be picked up. Yard waste may be placed in cans marked as yard waste or in biodegradable bags. Yard waste may also be dropped off at the Village's Adams Road property.

Friday **June 19th** (rain date 6/20) there will be a parade for the **RHS class of 2020**. Blackmer—Crockery Creek—Stafford—Main—Mortimer is the route. There will be a celebration at Citizens Field with parents only followed by a whole lot of fireworks. Please show your support along the route.

Animal Control

Ordinance 91 defines several requirements "for all persons who keep animals" in section 2.

Some of the common violations of this ordinance include:

- Having more than 2 dogs and 2 cats
- Not controlling a dog or cat or not confining it to the premise of its owner
- Having an animal not on a leash in a public park or on public property
- Not cleaning up the excrement from the animal on other people's or public property

Please don't let your dog or cat roam and please use a leash when in public. If you see a dog or cat loose or you or your pet is attacked please call the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department for an animal control officer to investigate.