

# 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  
Closed: November 11, 28 & 29; December 24, 25 & 31

## Water

The Village DPW has been busy this year inspecting commercial water cross-connections. A cross connection is an end connection to a water system where undesirable water or other fluids could enter our drinking water. The State of Michigan requires these connection to have the correct isolation. And the State requires the Village to have an inspection program to ensure the connections are properly isolated.

The Village DPW started with commercial customers as they tend to pose the most significant risk. In 2020, the Village DPW will start inspecting residential cross-connections starting with houses with irrigation, pools and hot tubs. Residents are encouraged to be proactive in protecting our drinking water. Residents should check their garden hose faucets. If the faucets do not have a built in vacuum breaker, they should purchase one for each faucet. A garden hose vacuum breaker usually costs less than \$10.

For information on cross-connections, visit <http://tinyurl.com/MDEQCrossConnections>.

## Fall Notes

Halloween trick or treating will be October 31st from 6-8pm with vehicle traffic to Lo-Al and Haymeadow Drives restricted. Residents will be allowed passage to their houses, but it's best to plan ahead and proceed with caution.

With winter approaching, please remember to park your vehicles in your driveways at night. The Village has street parking restrictions from 2 AM to 6 AM.

## Recycling & Refuse

Beginning November 7th, the Village will change to once every 4 weeks instead of the current 2 weeks. The recycling calendar will be available on the Village website and will be printed on the monthly bill. While our overall recycling utilization rate is relatively low, there are several households that take advantage of this service. Presently, each household was provided a 65-gallon cart for recycling. For those households that have a need for more recycling storage, a 90-gallon cart is available upon request in addition to the current 65-gallon cart.

The changes to our recycling program were necessary to offset rising costs facing the US recycling industry. Locally, our recyclables have been sent to Holland since the Muskegon recycling facility closed in February of this year. For more information on what is acceptable and what is not for recycle visit <https://www.republicservices.com/recycling> and enter your address in to the local information section.

As a reminder, leaf and grass burning is prohibited in the Village of Ravenna. Curbside yard waste pickup is available for village residents through November 14th. Bundles must be no longer than 4ft in length and able to be picked up. Yard waste in cans should be marked as yard waste or in biodegradable bags (no plastic bags will be picked up). The Village also has a yard waste drop off site near the sewer lagoons off of Adams Road.