Grass Lake express

JUNE 2023

COMMUNITY NEWS

June 1: Aquatic Weed Treatment earlier planned for May treats Eurasian Watermilfoil and curlyleaf found in Grass Lake.

PS the MSU Free Boat Wash at Grass Lake County Park will be **Friday, July 21** – a free maintenance offered to the public *on this date* by Michigan State's Extension Service so to encourage all boat owners to maintain "clean boats for clean waterways."

GOVERNMENT

Meetings: All meetings take place at the Village Hall with the public invited.

- The Village **Planning Commission:** Thursday, June 1 @ 7:30 pm.
- Tuesdays, June 6, and June 20 @7:00 pm are June's regular **Village Council** meetings
- The **DDA** regularly meets monthly on the 2nd Monday (June 12) @ 6:30 pm.

Your Role:

Residents are encouraged to review the Village Council packets–including an agenda–posted on the Village website about a week in advance of regular meetings. These postings **(click on the words, Meetings and Agendas)** allow all of us to know about the issues up for discussion, and for members of the public time before that happens to share opinions with council trustees ahead of the meeting or to speak in the alloted public comment time before decisions are voted upon. Village Manager Edgar is available to answer your questions.

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Community-Wide Garage Sale: This annual event is happening **Thursday, June 8, through Saturday, June 10, from 9 am - 4 pm.** Check Facebook for details to participate. Send Lorinda Decoster a message or call Jennifer Keener at the village office to get on the maps.

"Take a Kid Fishing" hosted by The Sportsman's Club takes place from 9 am until noon at the Grass Lake County Park on **Saturday, June 10.** Open to children, who will be given a fishing pole. No license needed. Call Dave Harrison (734-260-9184) for details. FYI:June 10-11 is one of Michigan's free fishing weekends

June 16: Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing at Calderone Golf Club. Participate!

Coe House: In June, the Coe House will be open on June 3rd and June 17th from 10 am to 3 pm for an Exhibit of Depression glass.

Buy Local: Visit the Farmers Market at the Events Pavilion every Wednesday from 4 pm to 7pm, though September. Local vendors are selling produce, foods, and a variety of wares–new pop ups too. Also, contact the Chamber of Commerce about its space for businesses to market services.

Music in the Park's summer ♪♩♪♭♪♪ offerings are at the Events Pavilion from 6:30 pm until 8pm, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, through September, with a roster of entertainers for your listening pleasure.

Make Grass Lake Plans for July 4th The Parade begins at 10 am by the school and ends at the County Park; the Sportsman's Club Chicken BBQ lunches are sold at the Park, Cardboard boat races are coming back this year, along with big Fireworks planned at dusk. For more information, contact: **jducey.4thjuly@gmail.com.**

Artisan vendors: Looking for local sales options? Consider this year's Heritage Day booths at the Pavilion ($25/fee)

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From 2-1-1: "In an emergency such as a natural disaster, power outage or hazardous chemical incident, 2-1-1 acts as a clearing house for information regarding services being offered by your community such as warming shelters, food or water distribution, and updates about when it is safe to return to your home. Based on the incoming calls and requests, Information and Referral Specialists can also help assess the current needs in the community and the team can relay this to its responders. During an emergency, when you need help but don't have a situation requiring fire, police, or an ambulance to be dispatched by 9-1-1, **dial 2-1-1.**

Central Michigan 2-1-1 serves our community year round, connecting people in need to health and human service resources in the community. This easy to remember number, is available 24/7, 365 days within these 10 Michigan counties: Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, **Jackson**, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Shiawassee. Specialists provide information, referrals, navigation, and advocacy when people are looking for help or to give help in the communities.

2-1-1 maintains an up-to-date, comprehensive database of resources and programs available and reports trending needs and gaps identified in our community. For more information about 2-1-1 see Central Michigan 2-1-1 **centralmichigan211.org.**

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Summer Must Activities: Looking for ways to spice up outdoor adventures around our village? Check out these free options within the Village and Township:

1) Story-walk along the path within the Thom Baird Nature Trail, located at 11500 Warrior Trail (left of the football field). You can start at the Warrior Trail end of the path to find a series of sign posts, each containing a page from a book. By walking the entire trail, readers can completely finish that book – geared toward lower elementary age children. Books will be changed seasonally. *Brought to you by the Jackson District Library, Grass Lake Branch and 5Healthy Towns Foundation.*

2) Fairy Forest: Find it behind the car wash on N. Lake Street. Children of all ages find the hidden secret of the fairies within this forest. On the other side of the well-marked, gated entrance, interactive stations let one explore sound and textures. This wonderland is filled to the brim with miniatures, twinkle lights, and more delights to discover everywhere the eye lands. Themed decorations update anytime as well as with the calendar holidays.

3) Geocaching: Have you heard about this yet? It combines the fun of treasure hunting with modern technology for family-friendly outdoor exploration. First, download the free Geocaching app to get started. Seekers can locate the general area of "hidden" containers throughout the globe. There are three locations close to, or within, the Village you might locate with plans for more to be added throughout the summer. Join in the fun: bring stickers or other small trinkets and notes to leave behind for your fellow explorers– trading your items for the treasure you find. **Enjoy!**

Charter Night for Grass Lake's newly-formed (March 2023) Kiwanis Club members is slated for June 15. The response from this community to become part of a service organization serving children and our community is noteworthy; its charter membership totaled 27. Those interested are welcome to its meetings held at 6:30 pm,the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Federated Church.

History: Tuesday, **June 6** (D-Day) marks the 79th Anniversary of the invasion of France by Allied Forces to liberate northwest Europe from Nazi occupation.

Good numbers to have at hand for those inquiring; there are resources to help with food, housing or paying bills:

- Dial **211,** or online **www.mi211.org**
- **Call 517-780-7400,** Jackson County Department of Human Services – or online, Health Insurance/MDHHS Food Assistance, Jackson County, MI:**www.co.jackson.mi.us/462Health-Insurance-DHS-Food-Assistance**
- Michigan State Health & Human Services:online Assistance Programs: **www.michigan.gov/mdhhsassistance-programs**