



SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMUNITY

■ **Labor Day**, is September 5

■ **SEPTEMBER 10:**

Heritage Day

■ **Heritage Day:** From

10 am to 3 pm, the fun will

expand and extend from *The Depot* to

The Coe House Museum (hosting a *Quilt Show* from

10 am to 2 pm). Wagon ride transportation is provided

by the Whistlestop Park Association. Travel by foot or wagon

on Michigan Avenue and check out: the *"Let Freedom*

Ring" Car Show entries displayed along the roadside.

Experience Lost Railway Museum's Bolton Express ride.

Step into the Library to chill out and play games. Travel

to the Coe House to see its quilt show. Near the Depot,

visit the Yurt to see rare photos of one room schools

in Jackson and Washtenaw County. Don't miss the historic

photo gallery ghost villages of Fancisco, and Leoni or the

Square dancing from 1 pm to 3 pm. Lots of local vendors and

nonprofit booths. Food trucks will be in town, and the *Depot's*

Raffle and Silent Auction (10 am to 2:30 pm) is a "must visit."

At the Events Pavilion, our Grass Lake Community Fair, will exhibit

adult and youth entries, a Patriot dream Chair display, a petting zoo,

and treats. Flag raisings at 3 locations, offered by Veterans and

Scouts, will open the festivities at 10 am. Check out our Facebook

pages for more details. Celebrate Grass Lake and its legacy. Join the

fun on September 10.

■ A **MHRA** racing event is scheduled on Grass Lake, and based at the County Park, Sept 10 and 11.

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GOVERNMENT



■ **Government**

meetings: The Village

Council will hold its regular meetings at 7 pm

on Tuesdays, September 6 and September 20.

The Village Planning Commission will meet on

Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 pm. DDA meetings

has met the third Tuesday of each month at

4:30 pm, but the DDA plans a change – please

check their website to confirm a new monthly

date and meeting time.

■ **MEET the CANDIDATES** at the Pavilion on

Thursday September 29 at 6:30 pm. Several

County and local positions will be represented.

Each candidate will have an opportunity to

speak, and be available to answer questions.

■ **A Headlee override** will be on the ballot

for November's election. Passage will sustain

operations that residents expect to be provided

by the Village. A series of public meetings are

planned in this and next month with a tri-fold

information piece for review/discussion. The

majority of voters will decide whether the

present level of Village services continues or

decreases with the tax dollars collected.

■ **The Village DDA hired an Executive**

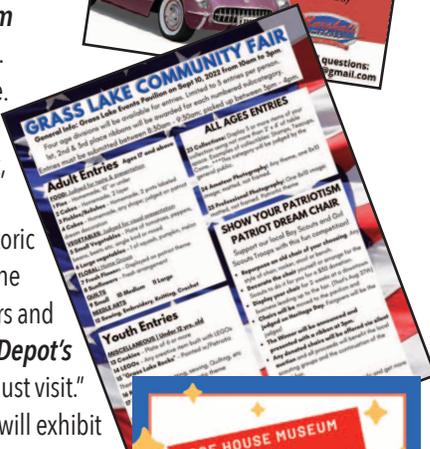
Director: The Village welcomes Mrs. Julie

Muszynski to the newly created position of

Executive Director of the DDA. She brings

experience in the field of public administration.

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■ **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

Grass Lake express is produced by Village of Grass Lake staff as a community information resource and we welcome your feedback. Contact information, including emails, phone numbers, and office hours, is found on the website.

■ **Connect with the Village anytime at www.villageofgrasslake.com** ■

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sound ideas meant to spur support for our downtown businesses and to attract further economic growth in Grass Lake.

Open letter:

CONTACT US

As of September 10, I will have been in the position of Village Manager for 8 months.

If I could rub a magic lamp to have a Genie grant me three wishes of magical powers to best serve the community they would be: (1) to be all seeing all of the time, (2) to know the thirty year outcome and effect of every decision made, and (3) to guarantee the balance of our small town feel with the need for 21st century modernization—without the expense the latter requires.

As there is no lamp, no genie, and no wishes, I will endeavor to do all of the above without the aid of magic (despite what my name may imply). This is my pledge:

Each decision will be deliberated by seeking first, to understand historical policies, agreements, and the culture of the community. Then second, to gain the knowledge and experience of experts as relates to the task at hand. Lastly, to determine a course of action that is not only the current will of the people, but that also protects the character and future financial status of the Village.

Becoming omniscient is impossible, but this where you come in. To accomplish this rather grandiose proposal, I ask members of the community only this: contact me.

By utilizing the "Contact Us" page at VillageofGrassLake.com, you have the resource to directly communicate with the Village Manager, the two Deputies, the Clerk, the Treasurer, or the Department of Public Works. If it is an emergency, please call 911 or the DPW, as is appropriate to your need.

Tell me what you wish the community would build, tell me where the pot holes are, and tell me what you see in your neighborhoods. Have a suggestion for a solution? Even better! Want to get involved, just ask how.

Wishing all of you peace,

Sabrina Edgar, Village Manager

"A true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or part of the same social web network. It's about feeling connected and responsible for what happens. Humanity is our ultimate community, and everyone plays a crucial role." — Yehuda Berg

Contact Us:

Use this QR code, the DPW Facebook site (see below), call 517-522-4550, or visit the contact page on the village website: www.villageofgrasslake.com.



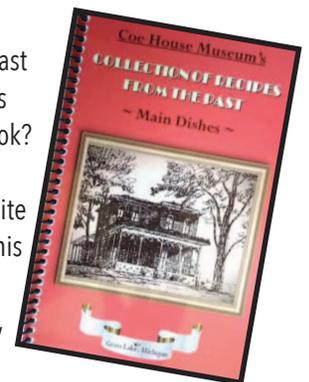
The EXPRESS: The Grass Lake Express was created to fill an information gap with residents after our local paper folded. It highlights items of interest so that the reader can find out more from our officials and other sources; it is a small document with mostly electronic distribution, but you can find it on the Village website EVERY month, at Grass Lake's District Library, circulated on Doug Moeckel's server list, the Village DPW's Facebook page and the Grass Lake Forum. The Express's purpose is to be transparent about Village government activity and to share community news. The Village of Grass Lake does receive coverage in our "paper of record," The Exponent, which covers several nearby townships as well.

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An appreciation: Doug Moeckel, Director of Transportation, Community and Cooperative Services for Grass Lake Community Schools, retired on August 31, 2022. The school district sponsored a reception on August 21, to express its gratitude for his service in caring for our children, our school district and the Grass Lake community. The Village joins in thanking Doug for his service and his devotion to this community.

Museum Cookbook:

Did you know that The Coe House Museum created a recipe collection from past residents of Grass Lake as a cookbook? It is available for purchase on site for \$20.00 and this purchase helps support a valued, local non-profit organization.



Our Village DPW is now on Facebook: www.facebook.com/VillageofGrassLake