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H A P P Y N E W Y E A R , G R A S S L A K E

January Budget Workshops to precede regular Council meetings

Creation of the Village of Grass Lake budget for FY2026 began in the early fall, but nowadays, the planning and the expenses across the different funds must be scrutinized and reviewed so that the full Budget document will be ready for its public hearing, scheduled for February 18. Council has been reviewing parts of the budget before its regular meetings since November and will continue to do so throughout January. The public is welcome to attend.

Winter Ordinance News

Street parking, mail boxes, and snow plowing: The Village of Grass Lake requires, via posted signs at Village entrances and supported by the State of Michigan Traffic Code, that all vehicles are removed from streets during the hours of 2am-6am. Beyond the obvious risk of being ticketed or towed, here are just a few reasons why residents should park elsewhere after snowfall.

Move all vehicles from streets before going to bed and enjoy cleared roadways in the morning.

For your own convenience: By clearing the streets of vehicles, the work of snow removal is efficiently completed by DPW staff. This will save your back, your time, and your wallet.

For your property: The Village is not responsible for damage to vehicles or other property that occurs incidentally by the

force of the snow, or any object that may be in the snow. Vehicles left on the street are more apt to be damaged by ice, rocks, and other debris contained within the snow being pushed by equipment.

For your safety: The visibility from the driver's seat of the plow trucks is limited, especially for the International truck. Vehicles are obstructions that make it even more challenging to see pedestrians and children.

Mailboxes that are damaged indirectly, without there being direct contact with the equipment removing the snow, are also not the responsibility of the Village to repair. Securing mailboxes to withstand the force of pushed snow is the responsibility of the resident.

ALSO WORTH NOTING

- **Appointments** were approved at the December 17th Village Council meeting to fill Board terms on the Village of Grass Lake Downtown Development Authority. Mrs Lorene Adams was appointed.
- **More utility flags?** Comcast is the latest company laying cable in the Grass Lake area. Village DPW marks utilities as an unpaid service for MISS DIG. Please leave flags in place until the project has been completed; otherwise, DPW will repeat their task.
- **Rail crossing sidewalk update:** The project for N. Lake Street remains in discussions with Amtrak. MDOT is support

January Meetings/Holidays

GOVERNMENT

January 1: Village Office closed (observance of New Year's Day)

January 7, 6:00 pm: Village Council **Budget Workshop**, Village Hall

January 7, 7:00 pm: **Village Council Regular Meeting**, Village Hall

January 9, 6:00 pm— **Public Hearing:** Conditional Use Request for Group Child Care Home at 165 East Ave.

January 9, 6:30 pm: **Planning Commission Meeting**, Village Hall

January 13, 6:30 pm: Village Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Village Hall

January 14, 6:30 pm: Grass Lake Charter Township Board Meeting, Township Hall

January 20: Village Office closed (observance of two Federal holidays, Martin Luther King Day and Inauguration Day)

January 21, 6:00 pm: Village of Grass Lake, **Budget Workshop**, Village Hall

January 21, 7:00 pm: **Village Council Regular Meeting**, Village Hall

COMMUNITY

January 8, 8:00 am: Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, at Village Hall

—Two recent, public notices printed in **The Exponent**, (our local paper of record) appear on page 2.

ing the Village's position along with our state and U.S. Senators. This project was fully funded by a line item in the last Michigan State budget; with this delay, State Senator Shink is pursuing an extension for the use of funds that were allocated to complete this sidewalk.

When to call 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. 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. This serves our community year round in Central Michigan. For more information about 2-1-1, visit the website: centralmichigan211.org.



VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY A full-time laborer position in the Department of Public Works.

This challenging career opportunity includes health benefits, life insurance, and a 3% Simple IRA match. Candidates should be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs., be available for 24/7 on-call scheduling, be comfortable with technology, and have a valid Michigan driver's license.

A full job description and employment application can be obtained in person at the Village of Grass Lake offices located at 119 N. Lake Street. For further information contact Sabrina Edgar, Village Manger at s.edgar@villageofgrasslake.com.

The Joint Recreation Plan Draft, now available. The Plan may be viewed on the Township's website at www.grasslaketownship.gov or at the Township Office 373 Lakeside Drive. A Public Hearing will take place on January 14, preceding the Grass Lake Township Council meeting.

VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS IN THE VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE:

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Please take notice that a public hearing to receive input on a request for a rezoning has been scheduled. The meeting has been set for 6:00 PM, Thursday, 9 January 2025 at the Village Office, 119 North Lake St., Village of Grass Lake.

The request involves the following property:

Parcel ID: 008-10-33-451-014-00

Address: 165 East Ave., Grass Lake

Applicant: John P. Murray & Pamela Murray



Request: a Special Use Permit to establish a Group Child Day Care Home. Comments in person will be received by the Commission at the Public Hearing. Comments in writing may be directed to the Village Planning Commission, Village of Grass Lake, PO Box 737, Grass Lake MI 49240 prior to the hearing date. Your participation is appreciated!

By order:
Richard K. Rabeler, Chair
Planning Commission

"Kindness is
the language which
the deaf can hear and
the blind can see."

Mark Twain

GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grass Lake Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Grass Lake Charter Township Hall, 373 Lakeside Drive on Thursday January 9th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. For the purpose of a requested Use Variance under the Zoning ordinance Section 18.04 (D) (2) in Ag District for Business Maintenance and Storage located at 13040 East Michigan Ave for Colton Fodor of 3750 Burtch Rd, Grass Lake.

The properties and request are more particularly described and on exhibit at the Grass Lake Charter Township Office. Written comments concerning the request to allow for a Use of a Variance may be sent to the Grass Lake Charter Township Planning Commission, 373 Lake Dr. PO Box 216, Grass Lake, MI 49240

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