

Village Manager's Utility Report

The Village of Grass Lake has a public type 1 water supply system serving a population of approximately 1,510 people (in the Village and Township) with 604 residential and commercial connections. The Village of Grass Lake water system provides water service to areas along Mt. Hope Road, Michigan Ave. east of the Village, the middle school, and the high school, all of which are located in Grass Lake Township. The elevated water storage tank for the system is also located in Grass Lake Township. The Village of Grass Lake operates and maintains the system in

both the Village and Township.

Grass Lake has a total of two active wells that serve as the source of water supply, and a 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, which was constructed in 2004.

In March of 2023, the Water Tower fee was increased to \$9.22 to provide the funds necessary to complete required maintenance to the exterior and interior of the water tower without the need to seek a bond and incurring interest payments. The cost for the rehabilitation is \$336k being made in three payments beginning December 2023.

It is estimated that the work will take 45 days during the summer of 2024. During this time a portable water storage tank will be on site to support regulating water pressure throughout the system. The interior coating will be NSF 600 approved and 100% solids. This process is expected to last three times longer than traditional coatings, providing long term savings to residents. June 2024

Get ready, get set ...

On July 4, the Lion's Club of Grass Lake is sponsoring a wonderful, free event for the community — the Cardboard Boat Races at Grass Lake County Park.

The time for this open contest follows the Sportman's Club's chicken BBQ and is part of Independence Day activities at the park before the Legion's fireworks display at twilight. Soon there will be a dedicated Facebook page with more details for how to participate. Be there to cheer and/or compete.

For more info, call or text the event organizers, Cindy Popovitch at 989-413-8178 and Tom Denig at 517-879-8810.

Also, consider the Grass Lake July 4th Boat Parade: Boat owners interested in being part of a casual, parade of



boats on Grass Lake as part of the fun of Independence Day, should congregate right after completion of the Cardboard Boat Races at the county Park for a casual, two-lap cruise. Festive boat decor is encouraged. For more information, leave your contact information with the Village Clerk.

June Meetings GOVERNMENT

Village offices will be closed on Monday, June 16 for a federal holiday.

June 4, 7:00 pm: Village Council Regular Meeting, Village Hall

June 6, 7:30 pm: Village Planning Commission Meeting, Village Hall

June 10, 6:30 pm: Village Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Village Hall

June 13, 6:30 pm: Grass Lake Charter Township Board Meeting, Township Hall

June 18, 7:00 pm: Village Council Regular Meeting, Village Hall

COMMUNITY

June 13, 8:00 am: Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, Village Hall

Clip this list and keep handy: Do not flush any of these items into our Village sewer system

- **Wipes** (this includes all baby wipes, moist wipes, disinfectant wipes, etc.)
- **Diapers** (cloth, disposable, "flushable")
- **Facial tissues**
- **Toilet bowl scrub pads**
- **Swiffer's**
- **Paper napkins/guest towels**
- **Paper towels**
- **Dental floss**
- **Hair**
- **Cigarette butts**
- **Personal hygiene items** (Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, all non-organic)
- **Egg shells, nutshells**
- **Coffee grounds**
- **Fats, oils, and greases**
- **Food seeds and peelings**
- **Wash cloths, towels, cloth napkins, rags**
- **Clothing** (none)
- **Sheet plastic** (no plastic of any kind)
- **Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals**

Friday, June 14 is Flag Day. Americans have commemorated this date to honor our national flag ever since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day. June 14 marks the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag.

VILLAGE NEWS

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION — July 23 is the deadline for filing the necessary paperwork to run for elected office in the Village and be listed on the November ballot. Details and forms are available from the Grass Lake Charter Township Clerk. Several Trustee positions are open at this time.

— Ordinance of the Month —

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT § 151.02 PARKING/STORAGE.

Any owner of camping and recreational equipment may park or store that equipment on single-family residential property, subject to the following conditions.

(A) Recreational equipment parked or stored shall not have fixed connections to electricity, water, gas or sanitary sewer facilities, and at no time shall this equipment be used for living or housekeeping purposes.

(B) If the camping and recreational equipment is parked or stored outside of a garage, it shall be parked or stored to the rear of the front building line of the lot. The setback requirement in the side or rear yard shall be a minimum of three feet.

(C) Notwithstanding the provisions of division (B) above, camping and recreational equipment may be parked anywhere on the premises for loading and unloading purposes for a period of not more than 48 hours.

(D) All recreational equipment must be kept in good repair and carry a current year's license and/or registration.

(E) The parking or storage of an unoccupied MOBILE HOME, being a movable or portable dwelling constructed to be towed on its own chassis and connected to utilities and designed without a permanent foundation for year-round living, is specifically prohibited.

Penalty, see § 151.99

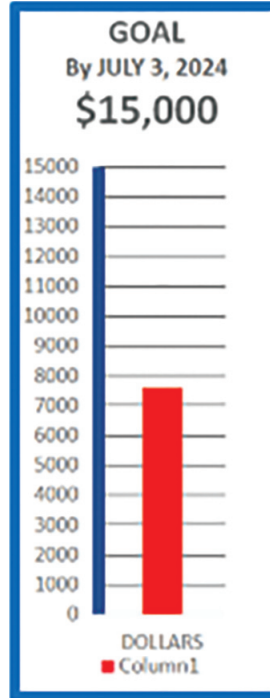
Who pays for Grass Lake's July 4th Fireworks?

Some may take it for granted that these always take place, but pyrotechnics that fill the night sky with light, sound and wonder do not come cheap. hand are budgeted first for public needs and vital services.

It takes commitment as well as money to organize the event, coordinate with authorities and workers to put together the kind of display that seals the July 4th celebration of our country's independence.

This year, American Legion Anthony Steble Post 252 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10194 contracted for professional fireworks and are committed to soliciting enough donations to cover the cost.

State law allows allocation of public funds (tax dollars) for patriotic holidays, but here in Grass Lake, funds on



The Village DDA committed funds, but the bulk of the support will come from individuals, companies, or sponsors.

If you enjoy the fireworks, please consider making a donation. All amounts will aid the Veterans in reaching the \$15,000 fee for this year's Fourth of July celebration. This chart shows contributions are about half way to their goal as of the end of May.

Legion fireworks flyers contain the credit card and Venmo icons to scan, or check the American Legion Anthony Steble Post 252 Facebook page.

Local government also funds additional law enforcement support for a safe and happy celebration in Grass Lake.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Excerpt from THE EXPONENT, May 28:

Low flying helicopters will be checking local high-voltage transmission structures and lines for ITC*soon. (In Jackson County, this is scheduled for around June 11 - 14, weather permitting.) The helicopter patrols are conducted to provide an overall status of the overhead transmission system oper-

ated by ITC's Michigan operating entities, ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC).

*ITC Michigan system, covers much of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, and is composed of transmission systems formerly owned by Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison.

Community Yard Sale

This year's dates are Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8. Info is available on Facebook or from the Village Clerk.

Chamber GOLF Fundraiser

Reminder that the Grass Lake Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing is Friday, June 28. Players and sponsors are welcomed.

Take-a-Kid-Fishing

is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, from 9 am to noon at the Grass Lake County Park. It is sponsored by the Grass Lake Sportsmens Club. Look for the flyer and Contact Dave Harrison (734-260-9184) for questions. June 8-9 is a free fishing weekend in MI; no license needed.

The next Village Town Hall Meeting date is Thursday, July 25 and the first DDA Informational Meeting for 2024 will take place as part of this Town Hall Meeting.