

# Recreation in our area: what's happening?

We've reported on the Joint Committee established to create an updated report on what can be envisioned for public recreation spaces in our community. Now, your input for the next Grass Lake RECREATION PLAN is needed and will make a difference. Please take a few minutes to fill out this SURVEY at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSYT8LK>. It is available online until August 15, 2024. You can also check the Village or Township

offices, webpages and Facebook pages for printed forms or a pdf to fill out. These surveys should reach the Village or Township offices by August 15. Recreation Plans such as this one enhance grant opportunities that benefit taxpayers in savings and improved services. Thank you.

### And in related news...

The article available at the link below, **Southern Michigan Outdoors plan promotes Jackson's outdoor assets**, includes a plan to highlight local recreational resources for attracting a larger work force who live where they play in the County. A growing pool of worker talent can fuel corporate business development in the Jackson area and translate into more taxpayers to fund local government budgets and slow future rate increases.



<https://www.secondwavemedia.com/rural-innovation-exchange/features/jacksonoutdoors.aspx>

**Village offices will be closed on July 4 and also for the Primary Election held on August 6**

## — July Meetings —

### GOVERNMENT

July 2, 7:00 pm: Village of Grass Lake, Village Council Regular Meeting, Village Hall

July 8, 6:30 ppm: Village Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Village Hall

July 11, 7:30 pm: Planning Commission Meeting, Village Hall

July 16, 6:30 pm: Grass Lake Charter Township Board Meeting, Township Hall

July 25, 7:00 pm: Village of Grass Lake Town Hall including a DDA Informational Meeting, Village Hall

### COMMUNITY

July 11, 8:00 a.m.: Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, Village Hall

## Upcoming Events



**July 4: Celebrate Independence Day** with a Pancake Breakfast at the Federated Church; cheer the Annual Parade as it winds through the downtown to the Park; partake in the Sportsman's Club's Chicken BBQ at Grass Lake County Park; participate and enjoy the Lions Club's

Cardboard Boat Races; watch local boats cruise in a Pontoon Boat Parade; and cap the evening with the American Legion/VFW's community-sponsored, professional Fireworks at twilight. The local Kiwanis Club will be selling various eats at the Concession Stand until 3pm. Enjoy the whole day in Grass Lake.

**July 12-13: Grass Lake Traffic Jam 'In, a Live Music Venue and 5K ORS Race.** Celebrating it's 15<sup>th</sup> year, this Grass Lake festival is loaded with family fun, live music, 5K run/walk, arts & craft vendors and food trucks — this fun-filled, two-day event raises funds to give to local non-profits.



NOTE: This year's Grass Lake July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks display are possible thanks to efforts of the American Legion Anthony Steble Post 252, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10194 and contributions from businesses, groups, and individuals who generously supported Grass Lake. Thank you all.

# VILLAGE NEWS

## Community Water Report

for 2023 is available in print at the Village Office during office hours or viewed online. <https://www.villageofgrasslake.com/water-consumer-confidence-report>.



**Thursday, July 25:** Grass Lake's Downtown Development Authority will present one of its Informational Meetings as part of the Village Town Hall meeting, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to hear first hand from the Board about new and existing business activities in the Village downtown and DDA efforts to grow our business sector and stop blight.

**New Hire:** With DDA approval, the Village Council appointed Ms Mitzi Koors as DDA Executive Director, effective June 24, 2024. Ms Koors brings excellent credentials to the office and we all look forward to her input.

You can meet Ms Koors at the Town Hall meeting on July 25.

Ms Julie Muszynski stepped down as DDA Executive Director in April to become Village Treasurer. Thanks to Ms Muszynski's leadership, the DDA Bylaws and practices are in compliance with the redrafted Michigan Act. She identified historic preservation perks for local owners, sought Strategic Plan development, encouraged training and developer input, and diligently nurtured several businesses that will soon grace our downtown.

**Embrace your community — be on the Ballot...** July 23 is the deadline for filing 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.

**New Superintendent:** Grass Lake Community Schools board named Mr. Nick Angel as its next superintendent on Friday,

June 14, 2024. Angel, who has served as principal of Chelsea High School, accepted the appointment, effective as of July 1.

## Rules of the House

- If you sleep on it ..... **make it up.**
- If you wear it ..... **hang it up.**
- If you drop it ..... **pick it up.**
- If you eat out of it ..... **wash it.**
- If you spill it ..... **wipe it up.**
- If you turn it on ..... **turn it off.**
- If you open it ..... **close it.**
- If you move it ..... **put it back.**
- If you broke it ..... **repair it.**
- If you empty it ..... **fill it up.**
- If it rings ..... **answer it.**
- If it howls ..... **feed it.**
- If it cries ..... **LOVE IT.**

## Ordinances of the Month

**§ 97.00 is the Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance** for the Village of Grass Lake. It covers the items too extensive to list here but it is worth noting that animal noises, construction sounds, and people shouting are covered. View at:

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/grasslakemi/latest/grasslake\\_mi/0-0-0-1656#JD\\_Chapter97](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/grasslakemi/latest/grasslake_mi/0-0-0-1656#JD_Chapter97)

**§ 98.00** of the Village ordinances covers fireworks, items of interest this time of year include:

### § 98.04 CONSUMER FIREWORKS.

(A) Consumer fireworks may be used in the village on the day proceeding, the day of and the day after a national holiday without restriction.

(B) At any time other than the day proceeding, the day of and/or the day after a national holiday, consumer fireworks may be used in the village subject to the following requirements and restrictions.

- (1) On Sundays through Thursdays, consumer fireworks may be used up to 10 p.m.
- (2) On Fridays and Saturdays, consumer fireworks may be used up to midnight.
- (3) Consumer fireworks shall not be used if a burn ban is in effect.
- (4) A person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property or the property of another person without that person or organization's express permission to use the consumer fireworks on those premises.
- (5) A person shall not use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.
- (6) Consumer fireworks shall only be used in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws.



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More on government activities is available on the website—click on, **"Meetings and Agendas."** Documents on Demand contains agendas and meeting packets —posted in advance— and approved meeting minutes. (Also for Downtown Development Authority and Village Planning Commission.) People can attend meetings, aware of data board members review in advance.