



September 2023

GOVERNMENT

■ **Monthly meetings:** *These take place at the Village Hall, 119 N Lake St, and the public is always welcome to attend.*

• **Village Council** regular meetings:

September 5th and on the 18th @ 7:00 pm-- the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

• **Village Planning Commission:**

This month the date is Thursday, September 14 @ 7:30 pm.

• **DDA Board:** Monday Sept. 11 @ 6:30 pm.

■ **Storm Tree Damage/Stick Pick-Up:**

After heavy storms that cause Village wide tree damage, the DPW staff will pick up piles of sticks/branches left at the road edge through September 14. **Branches should not be more than 6" thick.** Branches are run through a chipper/shredder with results

piled at the back of the lot behind the Village Offices located at 119 N. Lake St. Residents may help themselves to this pile to use the chips as mulch.

25 Village of Grass Lake Pedestrian Crossing 300,000

■ **Christmas in July:** Persistence by Village officials paid off after a ten-year effort to have sidewalks on both sides of the railroad crossing on N Lake Street in the downtown. It took sustained efforts to gain MDOT consideration for a safe pedestrian crossing, and--since the Village must pay for it-- to find necessary funding beyond the Village operating budget. We now have a targeted, line item specifically for this purpose in Michigan's FY 2024 State Budget, signed into law. New Senator for our District 14, Sue Shink, came to the Village to view the

situation, and successfully pressed for us to receive federal infrastructure monies given to the state. But remain patient; MDOT controls any construction at the tracks and its cost.

■ **Grass Lake County Park:** Although it is our local greenspace, the management of our local park and boat ramp area belongs to the Jackson County Dept of Parks. Village Council members regularly ask about any proposed status but your questions/comments about its care and maintenance should be sent directly to Jackson County Parks, 128 W. Ganson, Jackson, MI 49201. Or call them: 517-788-4320.

■ **Movies at the Pavilion:** Plans are in the works to have scheduled, outdoor viewing of a movies next year...maybe sooner.

COMMUNITY NEWS

■ **Rummage Sale Drop-off:** for donated items: September 1 and 2, 9 am to 3 pm, Senior Center at the Township Office building. Senior Center welcomes clean, resalable items as donations-- NO clothes; NO old electronics.

■ **Rummage Sale:** fundraiser for the Senior Center is at the Township Hall on Friday, Sept 8 and Saturday Sept 9, from 9 am to 4 pm.

■ **Heritage Day:** Saturday, September 9, from 10 am to 4 pm. Opening ceremony flag-raising by our Cub Scout Troup 326, a 12 pm talk by Historian Linda Hass about local connections to The Underground Rail-



road at the Pavilion (with seating) along with a sample of community fair offerings and a creative activity plus a Square Dancing demonstration and vendors; an exhibit on the history of living in Grass Lake is at the Yurt, other exhibits of past life style living are at The Depot, The Coe House, and LRM; games at the LRM, demos and a small animal, petting zoo at the Depot/Whistlestop Park; food trucks--in-

cluding Stoyanna's ice cream; a TRACTOR show along Michigan Ave. Sat, Sept. 9, 10 am to 4 pm.

■ **Chamber Summer Mixer:** August 24th was a success. Look for more of these gatherings in the fall.

■ **Geo-caching in Grass Lake:** There are now eight GeoCaches in the Grass Lake area with four more to be installed before Heritage Day. On Heritage Day several of the caches will have tiny wooden hearts placed in them. The first two people to find at least four different numbered hearts and return them to the Whistlestop park on Heritage Day 2023 will receive a gift card.

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