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Labor Day 2024 is September 2.

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Housing needs continued...

A community can thrive when its workers, teachers, and first responders can afford to live close to their employment.

Attendees for the public meeting about housing needs, held at the Village Hall on August 22, offered lively discussion and some fresh ideas for possible in-fill and new construction solutions. This survey (next column) is a way for more residents to offer insights about housing possibilities that will be more affordable and more plentiful in our community in the future. Governments, planners and developers, engineers, and contractors, all take time to make more housing a reality so it is good that we all address this issue now.

Taking this survey will be much more useful than any Forum post.

Take the Grass Lake Housing Survey!

The Village of Grass Lake is preparing a Housing Action Plan. This planning study will assess the community's housing needs, including a look at trends related to housing types, demand, and affordability. The Housing Action Plan is expected to outline policies and actions that the Village can take to help increase housing supply, choice, and affordability within the community.

TO START:



OR VISIT:

<https://arcg.is/1e5Kia>

THE SURVEY WILL BE OPEN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2024

VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE Housing Action Plan

Questions?
Contact the Village of Grass Lake
(517) 522-4550
119 North Lake Street
Grass Lake, MI 49240

September Meetings and Community Events

GOVERNMENT

September 3, 7:00 pm:
Village of Grass Lake, Village Council Regular Meeting, Village Hall

September 5, 7:30 pm: Planning Commission Meeting, Village Hall

September 9, 6:30 pm:
Village Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Village Hall

September 10, 6:30 pm:
Grass Lake Charter Township Board Meeting, Township Hall

September 17, 7:00 pm:
Village of Grass Lake, Village Council Regular Meeting, Village Hall

COMMUNITY

September 6-8, 9:00 am - 4pm:
Grass Lake Senior Center Rummage Sale, Township Hall

September 12, 8:00 am:
Grass Lake Chamber of Commerce, Village Hall

Wednesdays, in September, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 pm: GL Farmers Market

1st Wed./3rd Wed. in September, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm: Music in the Park

September 21: Let Freedom Ring Car Show, (Michigan Ave. from N. Lake St. to Wolf Lake Rd. will be closed to through traffic from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm)

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VILLAGE NEWS

Election data: At election time, there were 963 registered voters in the Village (precinct 3); 24.3% cast a ballot in this primary. The voter turn-out in the rest of the township (precincts 1 and 2): of 4,391 registered voters, 23.4% voted. Jackson County's Safety millage referendum failed 48.3% yes to 51.7% no. Look for another version of this millage to be on the November 5 ballot. **Full results of the August 6 State Primary election are posted on the Jackson County website.**

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.

Recreation Plan Update

The Joint Recreation Committee thanks the Grass Lake residents who responded to its survey request last month; many useful comments were shared and the number of survey replies topped 200! After the proposed plan is compiled, a public hearing will take place (probably mid-November), allowing public input.

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MINING AND EXTRACTION OPERATIONS EMERGENCY MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 24-15 Notice of Adoption

Please take notice that on August 13, 2024, the Township Board of Grass Lake Charter Township adopted Ordinance No. 24-15, an emergency ordinance which imposes a temporary moratorium until February 10, 2025 or an earlier time in which the Township adopts new regulations governing Mining and Extraction Operations, on the application, permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of the Mining and Extraction Operations land use and any other similar land mining and extraction land uses requiring a special land use permit in the Township in order to allow appropriate time to study and potentially adopt revised regulations governing Mining and Extraction Operations. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from Gail Harris, Grass Lake Charter Township Clerk, at 373 Lakeside Drive, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Please utilize the contact information below to set an appointment to obtain copies of the Ordinance.

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Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County

Gail Harris, Township Clerk
373 Lakeside Drive, Grass Lake, MI 49240
Phone: (517) 522-8464
E-Mail: gailh@grasslakect.com

Publication Date: August 20, 2024

Get Your Tickets Today
Saturday, October 5, 2024
 Grass Lake, Michigan
 Noon - 6:00pm

GRASS LAKE OKTOBERFEST

Breweries
Wineries
Cideries

Music
Vendors
Food Trucks

Fun for the Whole Family

Authentic Bavarian Food

\$100 VIP Ticket: VIP tasting ticket, VIP parking and area admission, buffet dinner in VIP tent, hat, mug, and 10 tokens

\$30 General Admission Ticket: General tasting ticket, admission to the event, a souvenir glass, and 10 tokens.

\$10 Designated Drivers Ticket: Entrance to event
Additional Tokens: \$3.00

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