



OCTOBER 2022

COMMUNITY

■ **Exercise your right to vote** for candidates and proposals that affect us all. See what is on the ballot for The Village of Grass Lake (Precinct 3 of Grass Lake Charter Township) in the upcoming General Election, November 8, 2022 on this page of Michigan's Secretary of State website: <https://mivc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index>. Scan the QR code or visit mivi.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index to learn your Registration Status, Polling place location and hours, View a sample ballot, Track an absentee ballot, and more...



■ **MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, at 6 pm - 8 pm** for Halloween fun: Visit the Chamber's **Trunk or Treat** at the EVENTS PAVILION and walk through the Halloween decorated Whistlestop Park to the Grass Lake Depot with your trick-or-treater for **"Trick or Treat at the Grass Lake Depot."** Visit the websites for more details.

■ **Remember to Shake Your Mailbox:** It's that time of year for residents to prepare mailboxes for winter by tightening screws and ensuring the post and receptacle are secure enough to endure large amounts of thrown snow. If the mailbox moves when shaken, it may not withstand standard snow removal operations and should be repaired or replaced before winter. Road agencies have never assumed responsibility for mailbox damage caused by snow thrown when clearing the roadway.

■ **What can any of us do?** Fall brings various hunting seasons, amid concerns over the increasing spread of aquatic Invasives. There are ways to prevent their spread. Hunters in Jackson County can help. Help Grass Lake fight off European frog-bit with a few "Best Practices," around the water: **Check** waders, clothing, boots, gear and dogs for burrs, seeds and plant matter before moving to another site (and when leaving a site). **Drain** water from boats, kayaks, canoes and decoys (including live wells in boats). **Clean watercrafts** (cloth or spray) and remove plant materials. **Check anchor lines and trailers** for invasive species. **Do not use invasive species for camouflage** for yourself or a blind (such as phragmites and cattails). **Use elliptical, bulb shaped or strap anchors** as decoys. **Burn firewood where you buy it.** When bringing in harvested deer, **don't drag brush in** as well.

To learn which species are causing harm, how to identify them, or report invasive species, please visit the following link <https://www.misin.msu.edu/> Down their app onto your phone, or use on the computer.

■ **Upcoming event: The Roaming Goat's Small Business Saturday Street Fair** on November 26 on S Lake Street, with local artists, makers and food.

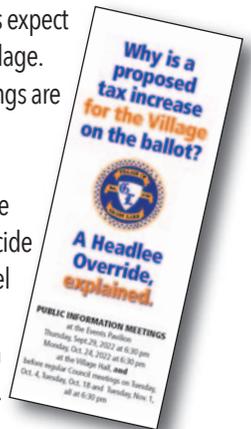
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GOVERNMENT



■ **Meetings:** The Village Council will hold its regular meetings at 7 pm on Tuesdays, October 4 and October 18. The Village Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 pm. DDA meetings remain the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm. All are at the Village Hall.

■ **A Headlee override** will be on the ballot for November's election. Passage will sustain operations that residents expect to be provided by the Village. A series of public meetings are planned in this and next month with this tri-fold information piece for the residents. Voters will decide whether the present level of Village services continues or decreases with the tax dollars collected.



■ **Fall leaf pick up schedule** will begin soon and end with first snowfall. Details to be added to the Facebook page.

■ **LRUA:** As reported earlier, local development projects—planned or in progress—are stalled until the Leoni plant's perceived ability to handle additional hook ups is resolved. The Village awaits the next legal steps.

■ **Contact Us:** Use this QR code, the DPW Facebook site, call 517-522-4550, or visit the contact page on the village website: www.villageofgrasslake.com.



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■ **Connect with the Village anytime at www.villageofgrasslake.com** ■

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Upcoming event: Annual Festival of Lights on December 3. The Lighted Parade, Cookie Tour, a partnership between the Jackson District Library will also be showing the Polar Express at the Lost Railway Museum, and a Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Whistle Stop Park is just some of the featured happenings for the coming festival. Keep an eye out for all the details to come!

Start to Plan: 2026 marks the 250th anniversary or "Semiquincentennial" of our nation's founding. The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission established by Congress in 2016, encourages Americans to remember our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a promising future. The America250 Foundation is this Commission's nonprofit partner.

America250 is the largest and most inclusive celebration in our nation's history and aims to inspire the American spirit in all of us. It grounds all our activities in our nation's founding principles. And, it jumpstarts our journey toward a more perfect union.

Grass Lake can create its role in this extended celebration; so now is the time for locals to become interested and involved. Speak with your neighbors, your representatives and business owners to see what Grass Lakers can accomplish together. https://www.america250.org/about/

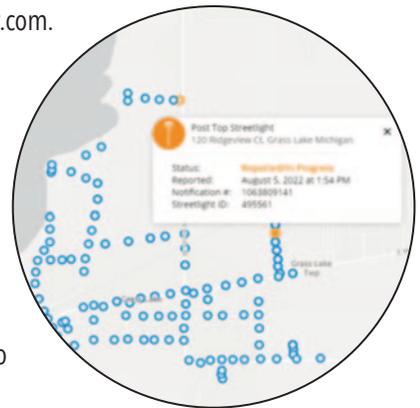
Research proves socializing at our Senior Center is healthy: Does your neighborhood help protect your cognitive health as you age? a Michigan News article from U of M indicates that an older adult's access to civic and social organizations, cultural centers such as museums and art galleries, and recreation centers, where people can gather and connect, may help protect against cognitive decline as a person ages. Link to the full article: https://news.umich.edu/calculate-your-neighborhoods-cognability/

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Easy Reporting a Streetlight Outage with Consumers Energy:

- 1. From a web-browser go to: www.consumersenergy.com.
2. Select "Outage" from blue bar menu
3. Scroll down to 'Other Outage Reporting' and select "Streetlight Outage"
4. Enter an address in the search bar above the displayed map showing street lights locations
5. Hover over location button to confirm address and check its current reported status - color should be either Blue (operating) or Orange (reported).
6. To report, click on the button and follow prompts to complete the process.



The Resident's Role: We can act with state, local, governments to ensure our tax funds are well spent to maintain our sewer systems and landfills and adopt attitudes that will lessen the bulk of what goes to our landfills, as EGLE's chart shows. More at www.michigan.gov/egle//media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Groups/SWRA/SWRA-SolidWastePolicy.pdf?rev=7c53a23e6e914ba887d89ad83044a097&hash=5E155CA65E8F5FBA2DB3E86C8CEED6E3

Sustainable Materials Management



EGLE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY Michigan.gov/EGLE 800-662-9278

Our Village DPW is now on Facebook: www.facebook.com/VillageofGrassLake