

Grass Lake



express

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NEWS

■ **Honoring Veterans Day.** Grass Lake VFW Post 10194 and American Legion Post 252 will represent Grass Lake at two events for Veterans Day. One event is on **November 11 @ 11 am**— the Veterans Day service held at Withington Park in Jackson. The second is a community Veterans Day service with a salute to all our military service members at Grass Lake Baptist Church on **November 14 @ 11 am**.

■ **The Festival of Lights.** This community event is shaping up for **Saturday, December 4** in both downtown and Events Pavilion areas. **10 am:** village "Cookie Tour" and Gift Basket Raffle with Santa at the Depot.

11am: Winter Market shopping with local artists/makers at the Events Pavilion, with warming stations (roast marshmallows) and maybe a food truck or two close by. Candyland Christmas in the Fairy Forest on N. Lake St. is a "must visit."

6:30 pm: the parade proceeds on Michigan Ave from Lafayette St. to Lake St. Joe DeBoe, Ghost rider DJ, mcees the tree lighting by Santa at the Whistlestop Park. Kelly Loe leads this year's festival plans. Thank you to Susan Starrett and Danielle McFarland for managing this community festival for the past 6 years.

■ **The Copper Nail paid off its mortgage!** Look for plans for a mortgage burning party to be revealed shortly. Since opening in September 2007, this community, non-profit resale shop located in the center of our historic downtown, **has given almost \$800,000** through Fund Days and grants to non-profit organizations in Grass Lake.

GOVERNMENT

■ **Fall leaf pickup began October 25th.** The Village DPW workers will pick up leaves until **November 30, or until the first snowfall, whichever comes first.**

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

■ **Council Meetings.** Its Work Session will take place **November 2 @ 7pm**, with the Council's Regular Meeting on **November 16 @ 7pm**. Both meetings are held at the Village Hall as open to the public, "in-person" meetings; minutes are available.

■ **Village Office Holiday Hours.** The Village Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day; the office will reopen on Monday November 29.

■ **Road Construction update:** The Lakeside Drive culvert will be replaced now rather than repaired, and that will likely take place in spring of 2022. Asphalt crack/seal project on Village Preserve will take place as the weather permits.

■ **Village Manager Search:** This seminal project remains open with no report as yet.

COMMUNITY

■ **"Much Ado About Nothing."** The Grass Lake High School Drama Society will present "Much Ado About Nothing", by William Shakespeare. This is the timeless tale of an eternal bachelor and a confirmed spinster duped into falling madly in love - everyone can see they are perfect for each other . . . except themselves. Weaving wit and misadventure together, it's a jumble of deceit, muddled communication, and sparing of insults on a tangled path to "happily ever after". **Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13 @ 7 pm**, and **Sunday, November 14 @ 3 pm**. Tickets can be purchased at grasslake.ludus.com or at the door.

■ **Forensics at Grass Lake High School.** Forensics (not as on TV's "CSI") is the study and practice of public speaking and debate patterned after ancient Greek competitions at public forums. Students learn and practice speech and research skills to inform or persuade an audience; this has everyday value today, where our "forums" may range from a computer screen meeting, a classroom, a public debate, or a social situation. Find out more about what forensic speech is from "Forensics: It's not a Science", a documentary put together by our own Grass Lake High School forensics team; it is on **YouTube**. <https://youtu.be/d14CWzQ-uyU>

■ **Consider this Volunteer effort:** Grass Lake Educational Foundation is Looking for Board Members. Check the Grass Lake Community Schools website for more information.

■ **Coming to Grass Lake this winter:** Ice rink at Events Park.

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