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#### **Board Meetings**

**Village Council** -2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
each month 7 pm

**Arts Commission**- 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday each month 7 pm

**Planning Commission** - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday each month 7 pm

Visit our website and public  
bulletin boards for up-to-  
date meetings and times.

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### **Manager's Minute (or two) ...**

The 2024-25 Fiscal Year budget was passed on February 12<sup>th</sup>. This budget provides funding for multiple projects and equipment purchases to include

- Department of Public Works equipment
- Basketball/pickleball court reconstruction
- Multiple Local Streets re-surfacing
- Multiple Waste Water Treatment equipment and facility items

You can view the budgets online at [VillageofDimondale.org/government/budgets](http://VillageofDimondale.org/government/budgets) and financials.

At the same meeting, the Village Council voted to discontinue pursuing the Dimondale Presbyterian Church property for use as a Community Center, and more. We were unable to come to an agreement on the terms of the sale. The Village continues to discuss properties that could possibly serve as a Community Center.

Our new municipal software is going "live" in stages by module. These modules include Tax and Utility Billing. We are working to provide a third-party vendor option later this year for online payments of Utilities and Village Summer Taxes. Stay tuned for information as it becomes available.

Village Manager, Denis Prisk

#### Protecting Our Corner of the Watershed **Lawn Fertilizer and Storm Drains**

Are you in the habit of applying fertilizer or paying someone to fertilize your lawn every spring? Did you know that when fertilizer is applied improperly it may pollute the Grand River, its tributaries and eventually the Great Lakes? Though we all want green and luscious lawns this spring and summer we also need to be aware of the potential hazards our lawn may cause. When too much fertilizer is applied it washes off and becomes very harmful to the environment. This is especially true when rain carries fertilizer straight to the storm drains which empty directly to rivers, streams and lakes. Here are some easy tips to keep in mind:

- Don't guess, soil test for proper fertilizer recommendations
- Choose a product with low or no phosphorous
- Maintain a NO APPLICATION ZONE near rivers, streams, ponds and storm drains
- Never discharge clippings into rivers, streams, ponds or storm drains
- Fall is the best time to fertilize your lawn

**REMEMBER, WE ALL BENEFIT FROM A HEALTHY WATERSHED!**

### Stick Collection Rules

Village employees will cleanup each street only once, so brush and branches must be at the curb by 9:00 am on the day of collection. Place branches in rows with ends facing the same direction and do not stack in large piles. A row of small bundles is preferred and an arm load constitutes a bundle. Do not place materials in the street or mix with leaves or grass clippings and place thorny material in a separate pile. Branches cannot exceed 9-10 inches in diameter.

**THIS SERVICE IS INTENDED FOR TRIMMING AND STORM DAMAGE ONLY – NOT FOR TREE REMOVALS – AND ONLY ORDERLY, MANAGEABLE PILES WILL BE COLLECTED.**



### Farmer's Market Year in Review

2023 saw the sixteenth year of the Dimondale Farmers' Market (DFM) with 23 vendors selling locally made and grown food products throughout the 22-week season.

An average of 350 visitors weekly accounted for over \$127,000 in sales last year.

The DFM has always worked to provide the greatest variety and highest quality of goods available from Michigan-only sources. In addition to produce, customers will find fresh baked goods, meat and fish, honey, maple syrup, bread, coffee, prepared foods, sauces and pickles, cut flowers, plants, candles, soap, body care items, and more, under the canopies.

The Market operates Thursdays  
June through September from 3:00 to 7:00 and October 3:00 to 6:00.

### Upcoming Village Hall Closures

**March 29, 2024 – Good Friday**

**NO TRASH SERVICE DELAY FOR THIS HOLIDAY**

~Mark Your Calendars~

**Spring Stick Collection – Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> See article above for rules**

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