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Manager's Minute ...

Happy New Year 2023!! As we begin the new year, the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget is currently being developed with a Public Hearing and Adoption date planned for February.

Additionally, multiple projects continue into this new year:

- The solar powered Speed Radar sign will be moved on a routine basis around the Village. "Thank you" never felt so good!
- The Danford Island Park Restrooms have been ordered and we are finalizing the permit requirements. Construction will begin in the Spring.
- A Danford Island Park Gazebo Project continues in its planning phase. Initial cost projections came back much higher than expected and efforts continue to make that project become reality. This is currently a donation project.
- South Washington Street will be replaced in Spring 2023 as well. Stay tuned for specific construction start dates as the time gets nearer.
- Consumers Energy awarded Dimondale a \$1,200 grant for Tree Planting. This helped fund six trees to maintain and build our street canopy. We are grateful for the support from our partner as we reinvest in our future.
- Ram Trail extension. The Ram Trail extension from Holt High School to Dimondale will continue to be discussed and developed.

There is also work being planned for a Sewer Lift Station Generator and The Arts Commission is seeking approval for multiple planned Art projects within our Village Limits.

Denis Prisk

Snow Removal

Winter is upon us and the Village has some guidelines to assist with snow removal operations.

Please note there is NO parking of vehicles on Bridge Street between Jefferson Street and Quincy Street or in any Village-owned or operated parking lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day.

Residents and Business owners clearing snow from sidewalks and driveways should move snow only to locations on their own property.

- Snow should not be shoveled or plowed onto neighbors' property, sidewalks, across the street, or left in the street. Homeowners should direct plow contractors to abide by the same rule.
- Help Mail Carriers by keeping snow cleared in front of mailboxes
- The Village may assist with downtown sidewalk removal in the case of an extreme weather event but should not be expected. Village Owned sidewalks and areas will be cleared by DPW Staff.

If you have any questions, please call 517-646-0230.

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Board Meetings

Village Council
2nd Monday of every month
7 pm

Arts Commission
3rd Monday of every month
7 pm

Planning Commission
4th Monday of every month
7 pm

View website and public
bulletin boards for up-to-
date meetings and times

Village of Dimondale
2023 SCHEDULE OF YARD WASTE SERVICES

Christmas Tree Collection – Entire Month of January

Spring Brush Collection - Monday, April 24th

Summer Brush Collection - Monday, July 31st

Fall Brush Collection - Monday, September 25th

Leaf Collection - October 9th through November 13th*
***(a significant snowfall will cause early termination of this service)**

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Weekly trash pick-up will occur on the following Saturdays:
June 3rd, July 8th, September 9th, November 25th, December 30th

Brush Collection Rules:

Village employees will cleanup each street only once, so brush and branches must be at the curb by 9:00 a.m. 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. Each street will only be cleaned up once.

Leaf Collection Rules:

Rake leaves into rows, not piles, along the curb or road edge, but not into the street. Keep leaf rows away from utility poles, signs or mailboxes. Village employees reserve the right to refuse any materials that are contaminated with trash, brush or lawn clippings or otherwise unacceptable. Weather, emergencies, and the volume of materials will dictate the time frame for completion of the collection. You may want to cover leaf piles in order to prevent blowing.

For more information, call the DPW at 646.0186. We respectfully request that property owners wait until one week before a collection to begin accumulating branches or leaves in front yards.

Trash Collection Rules:

Carts/trash must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. All trash must be bagged and there is a 5-bag limit per household. Construction materials and yard waste are not considered regular household trash.

TO ARRANGE FOR A LARGE ITEM COLLECTION OR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES (THOSE PAID BY THE RESIDENT, SUCH AS YARD WASTE AND CURBSIDE RECYCLING) CALL GRANGER at 1.888.947.2643

Questions? Call the Village Office at 646.0230

Wetlands – What are they and why are they important...

A wetland is transitional land between the water and dry ground. Most people think of wetlands as marsh-like areas filled with cattails. However, there are many types of wetlands such as swamps, marshes, bogs, and seasonal wetlands like meadows, sedge meadows and wet prairies. Officially a wetland contains the following: water at or near the surface during at least part of the year; special soils known as hydric- or moisture containing-soils; and specific wetland plants and vegetation.

Many wetlands are protected by Local, State and Federal laws because they are one of our most valuable resources and their importance to the security of our lakes and streams cannot be overstated.

Wetlands control flooding and stormwater through soil stabilization and erosion reduction as surface water runoff is absorbed then slowly released into ground water or lakes and streams. This protects water quality by filtering and breaking down sediments, nutrients and toxins and slowly releasing the water to recharge groundwater. These areas also provide habitat for many different species of wildlife and provide recreational opportunities for bird watching, canoeing and hiking. Perhaps the most significant contribution wetlands make is the treatment of pollution by serving as a biological and chemical oxidation basin.

We all play a role in protecting vital wetland resources and restoration, preservation and education are the keys to securing the viability of these natural wonders.

Remember, clean waterways benefit EVERYONE!

PROMOTION ALERT!



Congratulations to Betsy Kelly on her promotion to Deputy Clerk, effective on January 1, 2023. Betsy has been employed by the Village of Dimondale for 22 years, with her recent anniversary of hire date this past November. Betsy is a wealth of knowledge and demonstrates excellence in everything she does.

This promotion was approved at the December 2022 Regular Village Council Meeting. It elevates her to the position which she has already been performing for quite a while now.

Dimondale Village Council



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Your Village Board Trustees Update



In December, Trustee Jacob Toomey submitted his resignation as he won his bid seeking office as an Eaton County Commissioner. Jacob's contributions were many during his tenure as a Village Trustee, 2020 – 2022. We wish him all the best in his new position.



Bill Bower

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The Village of Dimondale would like to introduce the newly elected Trustees.



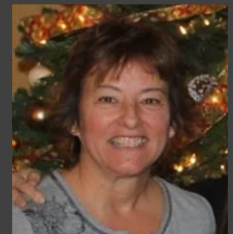
Keri Haidamous

We look forward to Keri Haidamous and Matt Bowen joining this great organization and continuing to make Dimondale a great place to live and work.



Matt Bowen

Congratulations to you both!! Their Terms commenced November 2022.



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Upcoming Village Hall Closures

January 16

Martin Luther King Jr

February 20

Presidents Day

April 7

Good Friday

May 29

Memorial Day