

The Village Newsletter

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Normal Business Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Wednesday 5:00—7:00 PM
CLOSED on Federal Holidays

Council Meeting Dates and Time

Second Monday of each month
Beginning at 7:00 PM

Village of Morley Residents,

The Village is looking forward to spring! Please note and take advantage of the Township cleanups this spring (on calendar back page). The Village does not plan to hold its own this year.

This summer will be a busy one for the Village. Several roads will be paved and two roads will be chipsealed. Please be patient during construction. We may have to have some mailboxes removed temporarily but will let you know if we do.

The dam was inspected in 2020 and the Village will be doing some repairs. If you want a copy of the inspection, please contact the office.

A special thanks to Mary for shoveling the sidewalk along Fourth Street this winter. Everyone who used the sidewalk appreciated it. She also cleans some drains and clears some fire hydrants. THANKS!

A new Council member, Nicholas Drost, was appointed a Council member at the February Council meeting. Welcome Nick!

New Council member

I (Nicholas Drost) am 26 years old and was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Growing up I attended Kenowa Hills High School and later graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business Management. I moved to Morley in January of 2020 after working for Rutgers University in New Jersey. Currently, I work at Big Rapids Products and the Minor Use Foundation, Inc. Some of my hobbies include reading fantasy novels, woodworking, watching soccer, boating, fishing and being outdoors. In the warmer months you can most likely find me fishing in my kayak up the Little Muskegon River. I am excited to serve the village of Morley and look forward to getting to know the community more and more.



VILLAGE OF MORLEY INFORMATION PAGE

Morley Police Statistics



December 2020

11 traffic stops
6 civil infractions/citations
5 traffic warnings
1 misdemeanor arrest
4 ordinance warnings
1 ordinance citation
3 criminal complaints

February 2021

4 traffic stops
3 civil infractions/
citations issued
3 traffic warnings
7 ordinance complaints
13 ordinance warnings



*If you have any problems, e.g. noise, etc., please contact Central Dispatch at 231-796-4811.
Obtain a complaint number when calling.*

Reminder of the Village of Morley Blight Ordinance

“What is blight?” The simple answer is any junk, garbage, building material or building that is unsightly. The Village of Morley has a blight ordinance and you will be warned and then ticketed if your property contains blight.

Some excerpts (more information is contained in the full ordinance) -

Prohibited Conduct—storing, accumulating or permitting the storage or accumulation of junk or garbage; storing or accumulating building materials for any period longer than reasonably necessary but no longer than 60 days; permitting the existence of any blighted structure; or storing firewood that is not neatly and orderly stacked to a height of no greater than five feet. Vacant buildings must be maintained.

No graffiti is allowed in any form, including words, symbols, or drawings. No outside placement of indoor furniture. It is unlawful to allow any fence, gate, wall or similar structure to sag, lean or have missing boards or bricks or to be fallen over or collapsed.

No placement of any object is allowed in the public right-of-way. Portable tents, shelters, canopies and tarps are not permitted on any property if used in front yards and street side yards for permanent use. Temporary (no longer than 30 days) use is allowed.

Our Village policemen will enforce this ordinance. They will notify the occupant who will have 30 days to remedy the violation. If it is not remedied, then a ticket will be issued. The first offense will be \$100; second offense \$150; third offense \$250.

If you would like a copy of the whole ordinance, please contact the Village offices at 231-856-4582.



If you see anything amiss in the Village, e.g. street light out, fire hydrant broken, etc., please contact the Village President at 231-856-4570 or 231-856-7903.

Village of Morley Clean-Up 2020 Begins April 1 and ends October 31

Leaves, Grass Cuttings, & Brush will be picked up April through October. On the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month brush will be collected. Please do not stack the brush too high and put the butt ends toward the road. On the **LAST MONDAY** of each month leaves will be collected. Yard waste must be in biodegradable/compostable bags (no regular plastic trash bags accepted). Brown paper yard waste bags and/or “Bag to Nature” 100% compostable plastic bags are available at Wal-Mart, Lowe’s, Menard’s, etc. Stack bags and brush at your curb. Please be considerate of our maintenance worker by loading bags that one person can easily carry. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING OR ANY OTHER VILLAGE SITE—VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.**

Please Note: We will **NOT** be collecting your normal kitchen garbage and we will **NOT** be collecting “bulky” items, such as lawn chairs, furniture, appliances, etc. Because the Village has contracted with Republic Services so you can obtain rubbish service at a greatly reduced amount, these items can be collected by them (as long as you have obtained service through them).

No Hazardous Materials are accepted at any of the Cleanups: No Liquids, Paint, Concrete, Shingles, Tires, etc. are accepted. Mecosta County Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, 9-noon, at the Mecosta County Fairgrounds, 540 West Ave., Big Rapids. Visit their website for more information about what they accept: mecostacd.org/hazardous-waste-collection.

Please note the township cleanup days on the back page of this newsletter. Please take advantage of these cleanup days to keep the Village clean and pleasant-looking.

As you walk around Morley or in your yards, please pick up any trash that has blown around. Let’s keep Morley beautiful!



Morley Police CPL Courses Barryton Conservation Club



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State Certified Pistol Safety Training Course for Concealed Pistol License

These are only one-day classes
from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Sunday, April 11

Saturday, April 24

Sunday, April 25

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

All course materials, use of firearms, ammunition, eye and ear protection, refreshments, handgun drawing and lunch are included in the \$99 course fee.

A pistol will be given away in each class! (Minimum of 25 students per class is required for pistol giveaway).

You need to contact the firearms instructor to be placed in one of the courses.

Firearms Instructor D/Sgt. Casey Nemeth
231-592-0154 or email 546mcso@gmail.com
Website is at www.michigancpttraining.com



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, April 17, 8 AM-Noon

Deerfield Township Cleanup

Saturday, May 8, 8 AM-Noon

Aetna Township Cleanup

Monday, May 31, 2021

Memorial Day Parade (tentative)

Line up at Kinney Park—9:00 AM

Emergency Siren Tests

The emergency siren will begin tests on the first Saturday of April through the first Saturday of October around 1:00 PM.

Morley Community Center

The Center has room rentals, open gym, open computer lab, coffee time, and other services. See their insert in the middle of this newsletter.

For more information call the Village Hall at 231-856-4582

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