# The Village Newsletter

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Village of Morley Residents,

Happy 2024! We're hoping the new year will be a good one for everyone.

2023 saw many improvements in Morley. A new sidewalk was installed along Cass Street from Sixth Street to Nineth Street; the geodome at Latimer Park was installed; trees were planted in the spring at all three parks; new electrical work was done at Latimer Park and at the dam to accommodate a bigger electrical load; new road and pedestrian lines were marked on Third, Fourth, and East Streets; the drain was repaired on Stimson Street; and the flagpole at the dam was fixed after storm damage.

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The Village is currently working on a Park Plan so we can apply for State grants to make our parks better places to visit. **Please find a hard copy survey in this newsletter or go to our website to complete an online survey (QR code right)**. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. It will help the Village of Morley tremendously to get your input. You may have to bypass the untrusted website warning.



*Every year the Village is required to complete a compliance report for street funding. This report includes various statistics about the Village. Access it on our website or contact us for a copy.* 

A new trash contract for the next three years was awarded to Republic Services. Please see page 2 for more information.

#### New Village of Morley Treasurer, Abbey Kooiman

I live in Howard City with my boyfriend Murray and my dog Nipsey. I attended Ferris State University where I became a member of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. As an Alumna I sit on the advisory board for the active Epsilon Beta chapter. I currently work full time in Accounting at a corporate marketing firm.

When I'm not working, I enjoy being outdoors, camping, boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, etc. I like to get together with my friends at one of our favorite hometown breweries, New Union, in Lowell, MI. I am very excited to

be a part of this community and to learn more about everyone. As a smalltown gal growing up in a close knit, small community, I believe they really are the heart of this country. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of such a shining example of that right here in Morley.



#### Village Council

| President | Henry Petersen  |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Trustee   | Paul Block      |
| Trustee   | Linda Kizer     |
| Trustee   | Sandra Leal     |
| Trustee   | Serine Petersen |
| Trustee   | Tim Baker       |
| Trustee   | Austin Korpal   |

Clerk ...... Terry Stilson Treasurer...... Abbey Kooiman Maintenance ...... Steven Troost

<u>Normal Business Hours</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM CLOSED on Federal Holidays

Council Meeting Dates and Time Second Monday of each month at 7:00PM Beginning at 7:00 PM

# VILLAGE OF MORLEY INFORMATION PAGE

### New Trash Service Contract

Last fall, the Village of Morley requested and received bids for trash service for Village residents. Our current contract expires on February 1, 2024. The Village Board awarded the bid to the lowest bidder which was Republic Services. THIS IS NOT FOR HAZAROUS WASTE. Their three-year bid included:

| Basic | Cart Service*: |  |
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| Year    | Republic |       |           |
|---------|----------|-------|-----------|
| 2024-25 | \$ .     | 41.34 | Quarterly |
| 2024-25 | \$ 1     | 65.36 | Annually  |
| 2025-26 | \$ .     | 43.62 | Quarterly |
| 2025-26 | \$ 1     | 74.48 | Annually  |
| 2026-27 | \$ .     | 46.02 | Quarterly |
| 2026-27 | \$ 1     | 84.08 | Annually  |

#### **\*ONE BULKY ITEM PER MONTH IS INCLUDED WITH BOTH SERVICES!**

Republic can be contacted at 877-698-7274.

Basic Bag Service:

| 2024-25 | \$<br>30.00 | Annually with 12 bags |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 2025-26 | \$<br>31.68 | Annually with 12 bags |
| 2026-27 | \$<br>33.48 | Annually with 12 bags |

Additional bags:

| 2024-25 | \$<br>2.50 |
|---------|------------|
| 2025-26 | \$<br>2.64 |
| 2026-27 | \$<br>2.79 |



Please note: a fuel recovery fee and any increase in taxes may be applied to your bill.



# Parking in Winter

Don't forget—there is NO parking on Village streets from November 1—April 1 from 2:00-6:00 AM to accommodate for snow plowing. The Village will be having cars towed that are in the streets during this time, and you may not be warned.

## Geodome Installed!

A geodome, purchased a couple years ago through a grant from the Mecosta County Foundation, was installed at Latimer Park this past fall.



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 or call the Village Hall.

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

# Village of Morley Events & Festivals-2023



#### Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival was held on October 14 at the Morley Community Center with almost 100 youth attending. Games were played and crafts were made. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, cookies and popcorn were enjoyed by all.



This free event was sponsored by the Community First Federal Credit Union (left), Morley Community Center, and the Village of Morley.

### Trick-or-Treating at the Gazebo

Trick-or-Treating at the Gazebo, sponsored by the Deerfield Bible Church, was held the evening of Monday, October 31 from 5:00-7:30 PM. What a difference from last Halloween! We had quite a snowfall but Deerfield Bible Church still served over 200 hotdogs along with hot coffee, hot cocoa, apple cider and donuts at the Morley Gazebo. They also provided a number of bags of candy to both youth and adults. A great time was had by all!







### Community Christmas-Santa Event

Forty-one families and 91 youths were present at the Visit with Santa at the Morley Community Center on December 9. The Morley American Legion and



Community First Federal Credit Union collaborated with the Village and MCC to make the event an exciting one. The Village of Morley provided the Santa and crafts for the event.

# Mark Your Calendar



Pictured above: Brook's Pharmacy was a longtime landmark in the Village of Morley.

#### November 1—April 1 Village of Morley Plowing

Please be sure not to park in the streets or put your trash cart in the road right-of-way. Our snow removal service needs the streets clear.

> Saturday, April 20, 8AM-Noon Deerfield Township Cleanup

> Saturday, May 18, 8 AM-Noon Aetna Township Cleanup

Morley Community Center (MCC) The Center has room rentals, open gym, coffee time, and other services. Check their newsletter inside.

Did you know many of our streets were named after people with early railroad connections including Cass, Williams, Scott, Talcott.

For more information call the Village Hall at 231-856-4582 Visit our website **villageofmorley.com** or like us on Facebook Village of Morley, MI



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