

The Village Newsletter

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Normal Business Hours

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

Council Meeting Dates and Time

Second Monday of each month
Beginning at 7:00 PM

Village of Morley Residents,

Spring has sprung—finally! The Village of Morley is looking forward to a warm and productive summer.

The Village of Morley welcomed a new trustee to the Village Board in March. Please check Steve Weed’s bio below.

The Village Council has approved a new marihuana ordinance. Please see a summary on page 3 or visit the Village of Morley website and obtain the entire ordinance.

We have been working on a Park & Recreation Plan for the last few years. It is finally in the public review phase. Please check our website to review the plan or ask for a copy. The Village will conduct a Public Hearing on May 13 at 6:45 PM for any input and questions.

Don’t forget the township cleanups this spring. We want to keep our Village and Townships looking nice. See the Calendar on page 4 for the dates and times. This is a free service for residents.



Steve Weed

I was born and raised in Morley and have always lived in the Morley Stanwood school district. I moved back to the Village nine years ago and live here with my wife, Crystal and two children. We enjoy going to our children’s sporting events, traveling, outdoor activities, and spending time with friends and family.

I currently work full time for the Big Rapids Housing Commission as a Maintenance Specialist, where I utilize my 30+ years of experience in several contractor trades.

I would like to thank the Village Board for the opportunity to serve my hometown community. Welcome aboard, Steve!

VILLAGE OF MORLEY INFORMATION PAGE

Village of Morley Clean-Up 2024 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 (under one foot) and put the butt ends toward the road. On the **THIRD 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, etc. are accepted. Mecosta County Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be Thursday, August 1, 2024, 2:00 -6:00 PM at the Chippewa Hills Intermediate School. Visit their website for more information about what they accept: mecostacd.org/hazardous-waste-collection.

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

Refuse Service



Please note: In 2017, the Village of Morley received bids from refuse companies for the purpose of getting a better rate for trash pickup for their residents. The requirement is that ALL residents must use that company if you want residential pickup. The company that was awarded the bid is Republic Services. New bids were received in 2023 and the award (lowest bid) was given to Republic Services. You can call them at 877-698-7274.

Celebration on the Pond Events

June 1—Test & Tune truck pulls Noon-NTPA 8PM

June 22—MMA Competition (tentative)

July 6—Monster Trucks 7PM

August 9—Car Show registration 4PM; Light parade at dusk

August 10—Truck & Tractor Pulls all day-NPTA 8PM

August 11—Coed Softball Tournament (tentative)

October 26—Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

For additional information, please call Dana at 231-349-8889 or visit the COP Facebook page.



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 Park Plan

For the past few years, the Village of Morley has been working on a Park & Recreation Plan for the three parks within the Village limits. Having a State approved Plan will allow the Village to apply for State grants to improve our parks.

Part of the process, before submitting it to the State, is a public review. Copies are available by email request; or obtain a copy at the Village Hall, or at the Village website. A copy to review is also available at WeeBee's. After the review process, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for May 13 at 6:45 PM for public comment.



Click on the QR code to the left and it will take you to the Village website. The Plan can be accessed from the Homepage.

Village of Morley

Park & Recreation Plan

2024-2028 (DRAFT 3-24)



Prepared by the Village of Morley

03-2024 Local Authorization for Marihuana Establishments

At their March meeting, the Village Council passed a motion repealing the former ordinance that prohibited marihuana establishments within the Village of Morley. The Village Council will now allow establishments in accordance to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act.

To review the entire ordinance you can find it on the Village's website or call the Clerk and ask for a copy.



Latimer Park Pavilion and Kinney Park Gazebo Rental

The Village of Morley is renting the Latimer Park Pavilion and Kinney Park Gazebo for \$50, with \$25 being refunded upon having the areas clean and in the condition they were rented. We installed more electrical

outlets last year and plan to open the indoor bathrooms at Latimer Park soon. The Village power-washed and stained the Kinney Park Gazebo in 2022 and reroofed it in 2021. You can request a rental form by contacting the Village at 231-856-4582 or email clerk@villageofmorley.com.

Mark Your Calendar

April—October

The emergency siren will be tested on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 PM.

Saturday, April 20, 8 AM-Noon

Deerfield Township Cleanup

Monday, May 13, 6:45 PM at Village Hall

Public Hearing for Village Park & Recreation Plan.

Saturday, May 18, 8 AM-Noon

Aetna Township Cleanup

Morley Community Center

See enclosed newsletter.

Celebration on the Pond Events

Please see page 2.



Remember this gas station? It was located on the southwest corner of Cass Street and Third Street.

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

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