

CALEDONIA VILLAGE NEWS

OCTOBER 2006

LEAF COLLECTION

Paper yard waste bags are available at no charge from the Village office or can be requested for drop off at your home by a simple call to 891-9384 or E-mail the office vilofcal@villageofcaledonia.org Branches and brush still will be required to be cut to lengths of less than 6' and bundled. Remember, no animal waste or trash is to be included in these bags.

Once the Village leaf collector is brought out, about the time the leaves really start to fall, it will vacuum up piles of leaves placed on the lawn area **between the sidewalk**

and curb until Friday, November 10th. (After that, please resume bagging your leaves.) Please place the leaves **as close to the curb as you can without placing the leaves directly in the gutter.** Leaves & debris could wash down the street into our storm water catch basins and cause blockages. Try not to place the piles near trees, mailboxes, utility posts or parked vehicles. The vacuum is designed to collect leaves only. Please separate out any brush, rocks, nuts, debris, etc. from your leaf pile to avoid damage to our machine. Try raking the leaves onto a tarp to drag them to the curb!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ROGER LORING FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE!



KENT COUNTY RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

Material Recycling Facility
322 Bartlett SW, Grand Rapids

North Kent Transfer Station
2908 10 Mile Road, Rockford

Kentwood Recycle Center
5068 Breton SE, Kentwood

Plastic	Hard plastic containers printed with #1 through #7 (water bottles, milk jugs, butter tubs, yogurt cups, flower pots, shampoo bottles, microwave trays). Grocery bags with handles, marked with #2 or #4. GROCERY BAGS ONLY! <u>PREPARE:</u> Wash clean & remove caps; clean and dry grocery bag only!	NO STYROFOAM NO trash bags NO cling wrap NO chemical containers
Paper	Newspaper and inserts, junk mail, brown paper bags, magazines, computer paper, cardboard, paperboard (cereal & cracker boxes). <u>PREPARE:</u> Remove plastic strapping, waxy inserts and staples from box, flatten. Discard waxy, oily or food-covered paper products.	NO pizza boxes NO paper in plastic bags NO wax or plastic-coated paper NO tissue or paper towels
Metal	Steel food and beverage containers, aluminum foil, aluminum pie tins, non-refundable soda & juice cans, <u>empty</u> aerosol cans <u>PREPARE:</u> Wash clean, discard nozzle on <u>empty</u> aerosols.	NO aluminum siding NO automobile parts NO building scraps
Glass	Clear glass food and beverage containers. <u>PREPARE:</u> Wash clean & remove caps.	NO windows or canning jars NO ceramics or dishware
Batteries	Alkaline (AA,C, D, etc); NiCd, NiNM, Li-Ion (Rechargeable); Mercury. <u>PREPARE:</u> Place batteries in a resealable plastic bag.	NO car batteries NO boat/motorcycle batteries

ELECTRONICS. Computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, scanners, VCR, DVD, audio equipment & televisions can be taken to one of Kent County's Drop-Off Sites. Working devices can also be taken to your nearest Goodwill Drop-off Center.



Odd Even Parking -November 1 – April 15 between the hours of midnight and 6 AM. Motor Vehicles can be parked only on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered days; and motor vehicles can be parked only on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered days. **Cul-du-sac's** pose a plowing challenge. Please help to keep the streets clear of vehicles. Vehicles not adhering to this policy will be ticketed.

Snow from your driveway... Private snow contractors must clear all snow from the public roadways after plowing out private driveways. Residents or contractors can be fined for leaving piles in the street. These piles can cause a real hazard to motor vehicles if they are large or become frozen. Residents are prohibited from blowing or shoveling snow into the streets.



Thinking Ahead - Sprinkler Head Locations... Lots in Glen Valley do not have curbing which makes it difficult while plowing to determine the exact edge of the pavement. With this in mind, it is recommended that sprinkler heads be installed at the edge of the sidewalk facing toward the street as opposed to on the edge of the street facing the sidewalk. Pedestrians will appreciate this in the warmer, walking seasons. If you already have heads on the street side, you should stake them yourself to reduce the odds of having your sprinkler heads damaged or destroyed by the snowplow or parked cars..

Stakes are placed in strategic places throughout the Village to assist our snowplow driver in locating corners and road edges. It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the stakes in place or notify us of the disappearance of those stakes.



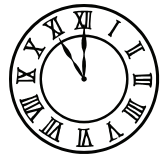
Mail Box Post Stability Please check your mailbox post for stability before the winter season comes. Mailboxes and / o r supports that are damaged as a result of snow or debris being scraped or plowed into the mailbox / support are not subject to replacement by the Village.

Sidewalk Maintenance... Please clear snow daily from all sidewalks. (Within 6 daylight hours from any time the snow storm shall cease) Taking care not to direct snow at or into any public street. Vacant lots are not excluded from this requirement. For those of you who head south for the winter, please make arrangements to have the sidewalks in front of your entire property cleared regularly. Please be considerate to the people who walk on the sidewalks.



Basketball Hoops, Skateboard Ramps, & Hockey Nets Should not be left close to the edge or in the road to prevent damage from flying snow.

Daylight Saving Time Ends -Fall back on October 29th at 2AM. While you are adjusting all of the clocks in your home, think about changing the batteries and testing your **smoke alarms** too!



CALENDAR

October 14th	Fall Plant Exchange 9:00 AM - 11:00AM
October 9 th	Village Council Meeting
October 28th	Make a Difference Day Community Clean-up by Duncan Lake & Kraft Meadows Middle Schools
October 31st	Halloween – Trick or Treating 5:30-8:00 PM
November 13 th	Village Council Meeting
November 23rd & 24th	Thanksgiving – Village office closed
December 9th	Santa Claus Parade
December 11 th	Village Council Meeting
December 25th	Christmas—Village office Closed
January 1st	New Years Day—Village office closed



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

5068 Breton SE, Kentwood - Saturday, October 14 from 9-noon. Visit http://www.accesskent.com/YourGovernment/PublicWorks/recycle_household.htm for a list of items.

**Message from
Jill Harrison,
Village Treasurer:**



Summer property taxes were due 9/14/06. With the Township now collecting them, you may continue to pay them at the Township office through February 2007. However, for any taxes still unpaid, 1% interest was added on 9/15/06 and an additional 1% will be added the first of each month hereafter. An additional 3% penalty will be added during the period of February 15-28 for those taxes still unpaid. Any taxes not paid by February 28, 2007 will be turned over to the Kent County Treasurer as delinquent.

Please note, Personal Property Tax payments are accepted at the Township office throughout the year.



Fall Plant Exchange

Saturday, October 14th, a Fall Plant Exchange will be held in the parking lot of the Village & Township Hall, 250 S. Maple beginning at 9:00AM until 11:00AM or so.... Please put your divisions in containers or plastic bags marked with their name and color. Contact Lisa Segard at 891-9384 with questions 8:30-2:30 M-Th. Surplus plants will go to Glenmor High School.

Kent County MSU Extension - Master Gardener Hotline Answers to your lawn & garden questions! 336-3881



A note of appreciation to Judy Kidder for her many years of service to the Village as a Trustee, President, & most recently, secretary of the Planning Commission. We wish you happiness in your new home.

Best Wishes to Jim Bierlein in his new endeavors. Thank you for your time and support as a member of the Village Council.

Friendly Reminders...

Portable Signs & Banners - Business owners should keep in mind that portable signs, temporary signs, balloons, sidewalk signs, and banners are prohibited within the Village limits.



Dogs - All dogs in the Village of Caledonia must be confined to your yard or leashed at all times. Loose dogs will be picked up and held by Kent County Animal Control 336-3210. Barking dogs should not be tolerated. Call Kent County

Sheriff at 336-3113 with those complaints. Dog owners must clean up after your pets when they are off your property.

Burning

Brush burning is allowed between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, not on any paved streets or sidewalks, or within 10 feet of any building or lot line. Any smoke emanating from such open burning shall **always** be controlled, so as not to be a nuisance to your neighbors. **Bonfires** must be a minimum of 25 feet from any building. No person having started either a brush or bonfire shall be absent at any time.



Trash burning is not permitted in the Village limits. Notify Caledonia Fire Department before kindling any fires. 891-0140.



Santa Claus Parade

December 9th at 11:00 AM, come see Santa and his helpers in our annual parade down Main Street. Contact Bill Neil with the American Legion at 262-6635 for information if you wish to participate.

Notice of Positions Open

Zoning Board of Appeals Member

As an appointed member of the ZBA, you would hear and decide questions arising under the Zoning Ordinance. Requests for dimensional and/or use variances and appeals concerning administrative decisions are typical items for the board to consider. Meetings are held on an as needed basis, usually no more than 3-4 annually.

Planning Commissioner

As an appointed member of the Planning Commission, you would establish land use and development policies through the Master Plan, review and decide Site Plans & Special Land Uses, and recommend zoning. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, as needed.

To be considered for a position, a citizen must be a resident of the Village of Caledonia and a registered voter. Interested applicants should contact the Village office at 891-9384 for further details or download the application from www.villageofcaledonia.org. *Equal Opportunity Employer*

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"A Friendly Growing Community"

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Monday through Thursday 8:30 – 3:30



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Scott Williamson

Treasurer

Jill Harrison

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Sandy Ayers

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Terry Mulvihill

Dan Erskine

Karen Hahn

Mike Maviglia

Victoria Peabody

Village Manager

Sandy Ayers

Administrative Assistant

Lisa Segard

Utilities Superintendent

Buff Rodgers

DPW Manager

Roger Loring

Make a Difference Day Saturday, October 21st



From 9:00 AM to Noon, Duncan Lake & Kraft Meadows Middle School student volunteers will be raking leaves as a community service to those that could use a hand. If you or someone you know would benefit from their help, please contact the Village office prior to Thursday, October 19th at 2:30 PM.

Halloween

This year we will be celebrating on Tuesday October 31st from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

The Traffic Squad of the Kent County Sheriff Department will be providing balloons, cider & donuts at the former Fire Barn @ 230 Maple Street from 6-8 PM.

