

July 2007

MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION & STREETScape

Our Main Street project will be starting right after the 4th of July Holiday. The project will include replacing the old sanitary & storm sewer and installing a new water main for public water. The construction should last approximately 4 months.

With the new water main along Main Street, residents will have the opportunity to connect to water at any time. The cost to connect for a resident will be \$5200 which includes the meter, but does not include the cost of installing plumbing from your home to the sidewalk where the water connection is located. Commercial customers could cost slightly more because of the size of the meter.

The Village would like to thank all the residents and business owners along Main Street in advance for their cooperation and patience while we undergo this reconstruction. We know that everyone will be disrupted during the improvements and we appreciate your efforts to accommodate the traffic and the workers.

Our downtown area will be getting a face-lift also with an Enhancement grant for a Streetscape. We will be installing decorative lighting, street trees and wider sidewalks. The angled parking in the downtown area will be changing to angled parking on one side of the street and parallel parking on the opposite side. We are very excited about all the changes and improvements to our Downtown and Main Street area and look forward to our new look.

If you have any questions regarding the reconstruction of Main Street please call me, Sandy Ayers, at the Village Office, 891-9384.



**NEW LOCATION!
NEW DAY & HOURS!**

As of **MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007**,
the Caledonia Community Donor Center
is **MOVING** to

AMERICAN LEGION POST #305
9548 Cherry Valley Avenue SE, Caledonia

ACCEPTING BLOOD DONATIONS
4th Monday Each Month
Noon – 7 p.m.

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTERS
miblood.org ♦ Member America's Blood Centers
It's About Life.

On June 25 and July 23, everyone who tries to donate will get grilled hotdogs, a T-shirt, and a chance to win a trip for 4 to Orlando courtesy of

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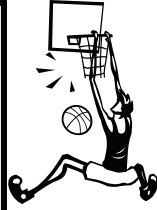
Yard Waste Bag Weight Limit 30#

Collection of yard waste will be done 2-3 times weekly. All yard waste must be placed in paper bags (available free from the Village office) or cut to 6' or less in length and bundled. No plastic bags will be picked up. No animal carcasses, animal waste or trash is to be included in these bags. Please place these bags on your parkway, not in the gutter. Avoid allowing these bags to sit in puddles or sprinklers.

Did You Know...

According to the Kent MSU Extension Office:

- ~Bagging your grass clippings adds **40%** more time to the job?
- ~Grasscycling can **replace** one fertilizing application per year?
- ~Grass clipping do not contribute significantly to thatch. They are 90% water, break down rapidly, & **return nitrogen to the soil..**
- ~For best results: Remove no more than **1/3** of the blade height, use a **sharp blade**, mow when the grass is **dry**.
- ~If you can't bear to leave the clippings lay, try this. Mow without bagging the first time and install the bag to **"vacuum"** up the little bit of hay you see.
- ~Standard mowers can be retrofitted with mulching blades for **under \$20.00** which double cut the clippings.



Basketball Hoops

The Village of Caledonia has seen an increase of Basketball Hoops placed in the public right of ways lately. Basketball Hoops provide a great way for our children to get exercise but they cannot be placed on the sidewalks or the streets and cause a Public Nuisance. We have several hoops that are hanging over the streets and subsequently causing a hazard not only for your neighbors, but also for our DPW workers trying to keep our streets clean. Construction Vehicles, Trash Haulers and Motor Homes all potentially could collide with these obstacles. When Basketball Hoops are placed on the sidewalk they also are causing an annoyance because pedestrians are forced to walk in the streets or off on the lawn. **PLEASE PLACE YOUR BASKETBALL HOOPS IN A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY BUT NOT CAUSE A PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR OTHERS.** Unabated nuisances are punishable as Civil Infractions.



Portable Signs & Banners

Business owners should keep in mind that portable signs with wheels, changeable letters & hitches for towing, temporary signs (similar to political or garage sale signs), balloons, banners, & sidewalk signs are prohibited in the PUD/C1,C2, & I1 Districts within the Village limits. Please do your part to keep our business districts clutter free.



Swimming Pools - The availability of the new deeper inflatable swimming pools has caused many people to assume that they are not required to provide a barrier because it is not a "real" pool. A swimming pool is described as **any** structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that is deigned to hold **24"** of water or more. This includes in-ground, above ground, and on ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. The Barrier Requirements are in place to provide protection against drownings by restricting access. The top of the barrier shall be 48" above grade measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool. The bottom of the barrier shall have no more than 2" measured on that same side. There are further restrictions on fencing that can be answered by our building inspector Imperial Municipal Services 800-442-2794.



Salvation Army Pick Up Here Saturday, August 25

A collection truck from the Salvation Army will in town be behind Cherry Valley Presbyterian Church 9185 Cherry Valley in Glen Valley Retail from 3-6PM. Perfect timing to donate those left over garage sale items!

Village Garage Sales August 24 & 25 9AM to 5PM



Calendar

June 30	Parade & Festivities
July 4	Independence Day - Village Office Closed
July 3	Village Planning Comm. Meeting-Tentative
July 9	Village Council Meeting 7:00PM
August 7	Village Planning Comm. Meeting-Tentative
August 13	Village Council Meeting 7:00PM
August 24&25	Village Garage Sales
September 3	Labor Day - Village Office Closed
September 4	Village Planning Comm. Meeting-Tentative
September 10	Village Council Meeting 7:00PM

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Kentwood Public Works
5068 Breton (N of 52nd St.)
9-Noon
Saturday June 30
Saturday August 25
Saturday October 27
www.accesskent.com/hhw
for a list of what is accepted.

Life Line Screening

Protect your health. Protect your life.

Life Line Screening at Holy Family Catholic Church Tuesday, July 10th 2007 Beginning at 9:00 AM.

Four different health screenings will be offered for people 40-years-old and older. The screenings are performed using Doppler color flow ultrasound systems and include the following:

- A Carotid Artery Screening –visualizes the build up of plaque in the carotid arteries, which is the leading cause of stroke. (80% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage);
- An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test – looks for an enlargement in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery. The vast majority of people who have an aneurysm have no symptoms;
- An Ankle Brachial Index (ABI) – screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities, which is closely linked to coronary artery disease.
- And a bone density screening, which tests for the early detection of osteoporosis.

You must pre-register by calling **1-800-324-1851**. These screenings are completely painless, non-invasive, and require ten minutes or less each to complete. The cost is \$45 each or three for vascular tests for \$109. Or, all four tests, (which includes the osteoporosis screening) for only \$129.00.

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A Friendly Growing Community



Independence Day Celebration

You know summer has officially arrived with the annual Caledonia Independence Day parade and picnic. Start your weekend Friday night, June 29 at 6:00, with the kids' 5K run at the CHS track. Or, if you'd rather, come to the 6:30 p.m. truck pull (drivers report at 6:00 p.m.).

You will also have an opportunity to run in the 5K Kilt Klassic that will be held on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. The start/end of the race will be in the parking lot by the football field. Registrations will be accepted until race time.

This year the parade will be on Saturday, June 30 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Following the parade, come to Lakeside Park between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and enjoy the activities that have been lined up. They include the tractor pull from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (weigh-in at 11:00 a.m.), entertainment, food booths including pizza, chicken, ox burgers, ice cream, cotton candy, pop, water, etc., a fun zone for kids, frog and turtle races (byo), and an Operation Pillow Talk booth for our troops in Iraq sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Fireworks will be at dusk at the new location behind Holy Family Church. Generous parking with a great view can be found at any of the school parking lots along Kraft. Street parking along Kraft, Johnson, or 100th St. will not be permitted.

Bring your families and meet your friends at the park. It'll be a fun day for everyone!

