

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF HOLLY

Marsha A. Powers, Village Manager

This year brought forth many changes for the village. On April 22, I was appointed Village Manager by the council and it is with great pleasure and dedication that I serve in this position, just as I have for eleven years as Clerk-Treasurer. The village staff is reaching milestones that are bringing forth retirements in the Police Department and the Department of Public Works. This summer, we will say happy retirement to four workers in the DPW with 134 years combined service.

This envelope contains your tax billing for 2008. General Fund millage rates remain the same as 2007 as does the police protection 2 mill assessment that was approved by voters in 2006. The rates for garbage pickup increased this year due to the reduction in taxable value in the village.

The Council approved by resolution moving the elections for the President and Council seats onto the elections with Holly Township. This means that the Village President and Council seats will be up for election in November 2010. Village elections will now be in even years instead of odd.

Council appointed five members of the community to review the Village Charter to identify areas that could be amended to better serve the Holly community. The committee brought forth several areas for review. The Council will be holding a work session on July 9 to review the sections the committee members identified as possible revisions.

Street project updates:

The DDA completed the streetscape project on Saginaw Street. It is a nice spruce-up for the downtown area. East Street is our current project which includes sidewalks, storm sewer, curb, gutter and paving and some water and sewer line updates.

The economy has caused some of our downtown business owners to close. We are working to bring new and exciting replacements to Holly.

On July 1, the village will be changing our water and sewer billing structure. We will be going to monthly billings as well as a new rate structure. Representatives from Etna will be installing new MXU meters to allow for monthly billings. The village will have a reader unit in a DPW vehicle that will drive through the village and read all of the meters in approximately 5-6 hours. The former charges for base rates have been eliminated. The water rates will be \$6.60 per thousand gallons and sewer rates will be \$6.56 per thousand gallons. We are also changing the looks of our bill to include the gallons of usage if you have an outside meter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the village office at 248-634-9571 and we will be glad to help you with anything we can.

In early June, our Consumers Confidence Report on the water quality in the village went out. This report was missing required information on the arsenic levels. We are required by DEQ to report these readings. Below you will find this information:

Inorganic Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Holly Water	Sample Dates	Typical Source of Contaminants
Arsenic	10	0	RAA =8.75	3-2007 6-2007 8-2007 10-2007	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronics production wastes

If you have questions regarding this information please contact the village office. Please note the village office hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. You can find valuable information and forms and what is happening around town on the village web site at www.vi.holly.mi.us. You can email suggestions, comments or questions and we will respond in a timely manner.

Our Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is busy planning events in the downtown. Please join in on the events. We are planning a couple of concerts in Battle Alley. You will find their newsletter included.

The Village of Holly has ordinances in place requiring grass/weeds to be mowed or trimmed. If this is not done, you will receive notification from the village and given time to correct or we will proceed to mow or trim and bill you.

Garage sales require a permit which can be obtained from the Police Department. There are also restrictions as to where you can place your sale signs.

Effective July 15, there will be a new ordinance in place regarding peddlers in the village. Information will be placed on the village web site.

If you have a swimming pool and need fill it, you can take a reading before you fill and another after the fill and call it into the village office. You will only be charged for the water and not the sewer gallons.

The Village of Holly Woodlands opened a new exercise center for seniors at their facility on Grange Hall Road. They also offer a meal program and other activities to our seniors. If you are a senior in our community, please go check out all the great things going on there.

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