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Spring is coming.*

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Village of Maple Rapids

VILLAGE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19

Village Contact Information

- Village Office — 682-9227
- Village DPW — 682-4569
- Village Fax — 682-4411

Village website:

- www.maplerapids.org

Governor Whitmer, has issued executive order 2020-15 giving local units of government the ability to conduct public meetings through remote access technology, including conference calling, real-time streaming, or other platforms. This order is currently to remain in effect until April 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

Thus we have signed up for a conference call option. With this our **April 1st Council meeting at 7:30 pm will be completely conducted via a conference call.**

There will be NO ONE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. The necessary information for anyone in the community to get on the conference call will be listed below. We do ask that during any times when comments are allowed you please give us your name and address when starting to speak so we have the information for our notes.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/926351541>

You can also dial in using your phone. (meeting starts 7:30 pm)

United States (Toll Free): [1-866-899-4679](tel:1-866-899-4679)

Access Code: 926-351-541

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/926351541>

If you have any questions, please call Mindy at 989-534-1021.

**** ANY FUTURE CHANGES IF NEEDED WILL BE POSTED AROUND TOWN & ON OUR WEBSITE (www.maplerapids.org)**

Upcoming Events

Council Meetings

April Meeting— April 1st

May Meeting — May 6th

June Meeting — June 3rd

** Meetings are held at Maple Rapids Community Center at 7:30 pm

Village Wide Yard Sales—
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Utility Rates

The Village of Maple Rapids Utility Rates are currently —

Water—\$29.00 for first 8000 gallons — \$2.10 for each additional 1000 gallons

Sewer—\$70.00 per quarter

Trash—\$34.77 per Quarter for Residents —\$31.80 per Quarter for Seniors (65 & older)

If you turn 65, please contact the Village so we can process the change in rates.

TRASH WILL INCREASE EFFECTIVE 4/1/20 TO \$36 per Quarter for Residents and \$32.91 per Quarter for Seniors (65 & older)

Village Utility Bills are mailed quarterly at the end of March, June, September & December.

After 15th 10% fee added — LATE FEE ADDED AFTER 30TH \$20.00

NSF CHECK FEE \$25 --- If your water is shut off, there is a \$25 Turn On Fee to get the water turned back on.



VILLAGE EMERGENCY CALL SYSTEM

The Village has a call system available now where in case of an emergency we can contact all of our Village Residents to notify them with the necessary information. We would have used this system for example when we were having issues with the pumps for the sewer system and needed everyone to help cut down on their water use for a short time.

We have entered the phone numbers that we had in the Utility system and the few forms that we received back. But there are still many residents who we do not have phone numbers for. And probably some aren't correct anymore. If we had no information we have included a form with your water bill. But if you have changed any numbers or would like us to confirm your information, please include your name(s) & phone number(s) (note if cell phone please) with your water bill. THANK YOU.

Brush & Leaf Pickup — Debris, Rubbish & Junk Cars in Yards

The Village offers Brush & Leaf Pickup Service. **PLEASE DO NOT BURN ITEMS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS.** There are a few request to make the entire process work smoothly.

Brush Pickup is scheduled for each Wednesday. If you put out grass clippings they either must be in a biodegradable bag or in a container that is easily emptied. Please do not overload these bags & containers the Village DPW reserves the right to not pickup any items that are deemed excessively heavy. Any brush should be separated from leaves and/or grass.

Please remember that the Village currently has Ordinances that address situations on any trash, rubbish, junk cars (CARS MUST BE LICENSED & INSURED) or other nuisance items on any property in the Village. We are asking that you please remove any of these items, clean up your property and try to maintain it. This does include picking up any newspapers or debris from your yard also. We do have Village Trash Service that is included in your quarterly Utility bill with the Village.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!

Items You Might Not Know

**** Garbage** — Your garbage is to be put out to the road no earlier than 7:00 pm on Sunday and if you use cans these are to be picked up and put away by 9:00 pm on Monday. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TRASH NEEDS TO BE OUT & READY BY 7 AM.**

**** Burn Permits** — Please contact the DPW @ 989-682-4569. You can call Monday through Friday 7 am to 3 pm. Please leave your name, address and contact phone number so that you can be notified as to whether you have a permit or not

**** Please be careful at the Recycling Units** — Make sure you place the correct items in the correct bins. If wrong the entire bin goes to landfill.

**** Need to rent the Community Center, contact Tamie Parks @ 989-307-3086 (call or text).**

**** The Village Office does not have any set office hours** please call the office and leave a message if you need any assistance. You may also contact us at our home or cell phone numbers.

Here are the Clerk & Treasurer Contact Numbers

Clerk—Diana Henry
—Home 989-682-4056
—Cell 989-331-2601

Treasurer – Mindy Thomas
—Home 989-682-4479
—Cell 989-534-1021

**** Village tax bills** will be mailed out the end of June and due by September 14th. Contact Mindy with any questions.

ANNUAL MAPLE RAPIDS AREA SALES

It's once again time for the Annual Sales in the Maple Rapids area. This year's dates are Friday & Saturday, May 29th & 30th 9 am—5 pm. All area homes are invited to join us.

If interested please contact Amy @ 989-682-4076 by May 26th, if you wish to have your sale listed on the map. There is no charge to be placed on the map.

A few maps will be available at Dewey's Trading Post & information will be posted on Facebook also.