

Village Voice

Village of Lake Linden Newsletter

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Hello again. We hope that everyone has made their plans to attend our Independence Day celebration this year. Make sure when you leave the house that you have short pants, sunscreen, mittens and a heavy coat because you just never know. Just remember that no matter what the weather is for the holiday it's better to be here than anywhere else on that weekend.

As usual, the Lake Linden Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting, organizing and running the events of the weekend. They do a tremendous job each year and I am certain this year will be no exception. Please show your support and appreciation by purchasing a booster button. They can be purchased at several local businesses, the village hall or from the firemen themselves. Also this year the Department is raffling off a 2004 Arctic Cat 400cc, automatic, 4x4 ATV, the proceeds of which go towards the purchase of the new fire truck that will be delivered in October. Tickets for this raffle are available at the clerk's office or from any fireman. Tickets are available until 5:00pm on July 3 for the drawing after the bike parade in the park.

Fourth of July Celebration: The most important thing to note about the upcoming weekend is that festivities will begin one day earlier! Yes, because of the holiday falling on a Sunday all activities are pushed up one day. The gathering in the park will be on Friday evening where there will be live music from Boodie Creek from 6:30 until dusk and horse rides for the young and young at heart by the Loose Reins Riding Stable.

The fireworks will, of course, be at dusk and will be, of course, some of the best in the area. Concessions, souvenirs and trinkets will be sold by several vendors. If you wish to be a vendor in the park for this event you DO need a permit. Please call the Village Clerk's Office if you haven't already.

On Saturday morning the Grand Parade will start at 9:30 am. It will line up between 10th and 14th Streets and will run from 10th St. to 1st St. Afterward there are games and races in the park for young and old throughout the afternoon. At 6:30 pm will be the Bicycle Parade, which forms in the St. Joseph Church parking lot and runs to 1st St. Soon after will be the drawing for the Arctic Cat ATV by the Fire Dept. in the village park.

Then, from approximately 6:00 pm until 10:00 will be the American Legion Post 90 Street Dance on 4th Street near the Village Hall featuring Joker's Wild.

Finally, on July 4th at 7:00 pm will be the Second Annual Old Time Hymn & Patriotic Song Fest at the Congregational Church on the campus of the Houghton County Historical Museum. Many performers are scheduled and there will be an ice cream social after the show.

Consumer Confidence Report: Enclosed in this mailing is the 2004 Water Quality report as required by Michigan DEQ. This notice must be made available to all water customers each year. If you have questions regarding the report please contact myself or Jude at 296-9911.

Business Guide: You will also note that there is an enclosed business directory for some local businesses. This was created by Lynn Kisul of U.P. North Country Gifts and Bernitia Elrite of Scrap It U.P. If you wish to include your business in future newsletters please contact either Lynn or Bernitia at the numbers listed. They would also welcome your feedback on the directory which may include special offers or other information in future issues. This is all done with an eye towards making residents more aware of the great small businesses our town has to offer.

Public Safety (Chief Marshall): Although you can't tell by the recent weather, summer is here. Residents have decorated their yards with lawn ornaments, plants and bird feeders. Unfortunately, some of our residents have decided to vandalize these items, sometimes taking them from one yard and leaving them in another. While those individuals may think this is funny, it is very frustrating to the owners, who take great pride in the appearance of their property. It is difficult to be in the right place at the right time to catch the suspects. You can help by keeping a watchful eye on your neighborhood. Most of you have lived here long enough to know what goes on in your neighborhood, and what is out of place. If you see people or activity that seems suspicious to you, make a note of it. Better yet, call Central Dispatch at 337-2052 and report suspicious activity in the area. Give as good a description as you can so we know who or what we are looking for.

Buildings & Parks (Linden Dunes Golf Course): The final report from PriceWaterhouseCoopers on the golf course project will be delivered this coming week. The conclusions look favorable for a successful golf course in Lake Linden. In the near future the council will hold a public meeting to discuss these conclusions and to outline a pathway forward for this important project.

ORDINANCE AWARENESS

When space in this letter permits we will include village ordinances for residents to review. These are only brief summaries of the ordinances. Full text is available for review at the clerk's office.

VILLAGE CODE - SERIES 14,000 – NUISANCES Chapter 14,001 Amended (5/13/04) – Noise Control:

- A. **GENERAL REGULATION.** No person or firm shall cause or create any unreasonably loud noise or disturbance, injuries to the health, peace or quiet of the residents in the Village.
- B. **VIOLATIONS.** The following noises are hereby declared to be a violation of this ordinance;

- 1) The playing of any radio, phonograph, compact disc, television or other electronic or mechanical sound-producing device, including any musical instrument, in such a manner or with such volume as to upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons from nearby residential property.
 - 2) Yelling, shouting, hooting or singing on the public streets between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am or at any time or place so as to upset or disturb any persons in the vicinity.
 - 3) Any excessive noise which interferes with the operation of any school, church, or court.
 - 4) The keeping of any animal, bird or fowl, which emanates frequent or extended noise which shall unreasonably disturb any person in the vicinity, such as allowing or permitting any dog to bark repeatedly in an area where such barking can be clearly heard from nearby residential property.
 - 5) The operation of any vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud or unnecessary noise, including the noise resulting from exhaust, which is clearly audible from nearby properties and unreasonably disturbing to other persons. The modification of any noise abatement device on any vehicle or engine so that the noise is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured.
 - 6) The sounding of any horn or other device on any motor vehicle unless necessary to operate said vehicle safely or as required by the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.
 - 7) The discharging outside of any enclosed building of the exhaust of any internal combustion engine or motor vehicle, except through a muffler which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noise. The modification of any noise abatement device on any vehicle or engine, or the failure to maintain the same so the noise emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured.
 - 8) The erection, excavation or repair of any building or premises in any part of the Village, including the streets and highways, in such a manner as to emanate noise unreasonably annoying to other persons.
 - 9) The creation of loud or excessive noise unreasonably disturbing to other persons in the vicinity in connection with the operation, loading or unloading of any vehicle, trailer, railroad car, or other carrier or in connection with the repairing of any such vehicle in or near residential areas.
 - 10) The operation of any sound-amplifying device upon any vehicle on the streets of the Village with the purpose of advertising, which emits loud and raucous noises unreasonably disturbing to nearby residents.
 - 11) The operation of any machinery, equipment or mechanical device so as to emit unreasonably loud noise which is disturbing to the quiet, comfort and repose of any person.
- C. **EXCEPTIONS:** None of the prohibitions hereinbefore enumerated shall apply to the following:
- 1) Any ambulance, fire engine or emergency vehicle while engaged in emergency operations.
 - 2) Noises occurring between 7:00 am and sundown caused by maintenance of grounds.
 - 3) The Village President may issue a permit for a variance from this Ordinance with 45 days notice.
2. **PENALTIES and SANCTIONS:** Any person, who violates this Chapter, may be punished by a fine of not more than **\$500**, and/or confinement in the County Jail for not more than 90 days, or both, **together with the costs of prosecution, upon conviction by a Court having jurisdiction.**
3. **SEVERABILITY:** The several provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be separate.

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