

Village Voice

Village of Lake Linden Newsletter

James Aittama, President
Robert A. Poirier, Clerk
Cheryl J. Stevens, Treasurer

Phone: (906) 296-9911
Fax: (906) 296-1044
E-mail: vll@lakelinden.net
Web: www.lakelinden.net

Third Quarter 2004

Well, once again we are moving from summer (or what passed for our summer this year) into the fall season and soon into winter. Since we won't be having another newsletter before the holidays, we want to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year in advance.

I also want to say that I appreciate people's comments and suggestions for items to include in this newsletter. If there is something you want to see explained or announced here, please contact me any time at the clerk's office.

French Canadian Christmas Preparations: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00pm at the village hall for people interested in planning and participating in the French-Canadian Christmas celebration. Contact Lynn Kisul at 296-1107 if you wish to help but cannot attend.

Meeting Notices/postings: I am often approached by people who say they are unaware of meeting dates and changes or additions to the meeting schedule. Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the village hall. Changes to those dates or additions of special meetings are posted at the village hall, 1st National Bank, and the Lake Linden Post Office at least three days in advance. You can get information on meetings and changes by calling the clerk's office any time.

NASCAR comes to Lake Linden: As you may or may not have heard, Craig and Tammy Kus have been chosen as Michigan NASCAR Fans of the Year. One of the prizes for being chosen is to have Jeff Gordon's #24 Dupont Chevrolet Monte Carlo spend a day here and they have been gracious enough to allow the car to be shown in the village park. That day is Saturday, October 2nd from 10am until 5pm near the pavilion. There will be concessions, Keweenaw Motor Sports will have ATVs on display and, weather permitting, new boat test drives at the marina, Parkway Chevrolet will have new cars and trucks on display, local car owners will have their cars displayed, the Calumet Business Assn. will be selling raffle tickets for their 1950 Buick to be raffled off at 3:00pm in Calumet, steam engine rides will be given throughout the day at the museum, and other sponsors will be on hand as well. Drop by before or after the homecoming game to have your picture taken with the #24 Monte Carlo.

Sanitation/Fall clean-up dates: This year's fall clean-up dates will be on Monday October 11th, Monday October 25th, and Monday November 8th. **This clean-up is for leaves, brush and branches only.** If you must use bags only biodegradable bags are allowed. Brush and branches must be bundled and no more than 4 feet long. If you are not using bags please rake leaves over the curb or to the edge of the pavement to allow easier pick-up. As always, if you have large items other than yard waste the \$5.00 large item stickers are available in the clerk's office at the village hall.

Also, our village color-coded garbage bags are available at Louie's Super Valu if it is not convenient for you to come to the village hall during business hours. They are the same price and the expanded hours there make it easier for some people.

Business Guide: Again we need to note that the enclosed business guide is created by Lynn Kisul of U.P. North Country Primitive Gifts and Candles. It is a service to our residents that we include it in our newsletter mailing, but we are not responsible for which businesses are included. Please contact Lynn if you wish to be included in future issues.

Lakelinden.net: The business directory on the web site is a different story and we need your input. Go to the business directory page to see if your business is there. If not, or if there is wrong or incomplete information please email us for corrections at either vll@lakelinden.net or jjpoir@sbcglobal.net. We will also link to your business' web site if you have one. There is no charge for any of these services.

Our new, improved website is up and running. Meeting minutes are available along with information on the park, campground, police department and village fees and services. Soon, our ordinance manual will also be accessible online. Updated photos, points of interest, events and activities will be added as we go. Please email us your suggestions for additions or improvements to the site by clicking the *Contact Us* button. Complaints regarding village services, policies, ordinances and/or regulations will not be read or addressed here and must be directed to the Village Clerk's office.

Public Safety (Chief Marshall): We are holding several bikes at the village hall which have been found or brought to us over the summer. If you or your child has lost a bike or had one taken, please call the police office to describe your bike to see if we have it. It only takes a minute to write your name or a familiar marking on the bike to identify it so please take a moment to do that before something happens.

Also, in response to a disturbing increase in vandalism this summer we will begin strict enforcement of state curfew laws within the village. Juveniles in violation of the ordinance (text of which is included in the Ordinance Awareness section below) will be issued a citation and driven home to be turned over to their parents or guardians. Please note in Section 722.753 that it is a misdemeanor for youths over 16 to encourage youth under 16 to violate the curfew.

Finally, I really want to encourage residents to contact 911 if they see or believe they are seeing a crime in progress. It does no good to call a day later to ask where we were or didn't we see something happen. Contacting 911 will dispatch us to the area and if there is no one from Lake Linden on duty another agency will respond while the incident is in progress. So be vigilant but let someone know right away so action can be taken to prevent some of these incidents, as well.

ORDINANCE AWARENESS

This edition's review of village regulations is actually text of Michigan State Law. As mentioned in the public safety section of this newsletter special attention will be placed on curfew violations within the village in response to increased vandalism. Please note that this text is from State Law and subject to penalties through the court system of Houghton County.

MICHIGAN COMPILED LAW; CHAPTER 722 – ACT 41 of 1960

CURFEW FOR CHILDREN

722.751 Curfew for children under 12 years old.

Section 1

No minor under the age of 12 years shall loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, highway, alley or park between the hours of 10 o'clock p.m. and 6 o'clock a.m., unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian, or some adult delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the child.

722.752 Curfew for minors under age 16.

Section 2

A minor under the age of 16 years shall not loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, highway, alley or park between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m., immediately following, except where the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian, or an adult delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the minor, or where the minor is upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by his parent or guardian.

722.753 Aiding underage children to violate the law; misdemeanor.

Section 3

Any person of the age of 16 years or over assisting, aiding, abetting, allowing, permitting or encouraging any minor under the age of 16 years to violate the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor.

James M. Aittama, Village President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk