

Village Voice

Village of Lake Linden Newsletter

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Winter Parking Ban: Starting on **November 1st through April 30th**, the parking ban on village streets will go into effect. There will be absolutely no parking between the hours of 3:00am and 7:00am on any village street. This is so that plowing operations can be completed unimpeded. Your vehicle will be ticketed and/or towed if this ban is not observed.

Streetscape Update: The construction for the streetscape project is well underway. As everyone knows the detour through the Village has been inconvenient but work on the project is proceeding on schedule. The very noticeable features of the project will start to become more apparent now as crosswalks and the pavilion in the park are completed over the next couple of weeks. Construction work on the project is scheduled to be completed in the first week of November and soon afterward UPPCo will begin placing the new poles and streetlights.

It should be noted that the whole streetscape idea, which began in December of 2003 with town meetings and public hearings, came about initially because UPPCo was coming through the Village to replace the existing poles, which are more than 30 years old. Several changes would have resulted from this replacement. First, the poles would have been the treated wooden poles. Second, the poles that are set back from the street on the back side of the sidewalks would have been moved out to the curb because of their nearness to existing buildings. Third, the Christmas lights strung across Calumet Street that we are so used to seeing and enjoying would have been removed anyway since they are not allowed under UPPCo's regulations. These changes would have certainly detracted from the appearance of Calumet Street through town.

Also taken into consideration during this process was the MDOT project plans to resurface M-26 through the Village. This project, initially scheduled for 2007 and now moved back to 2008, will provide the final piece in the downtown facelift. These enhancements will be a dramatic improvement to a downtown area that had not seen a large improvement in many years.

General Election: As outlined in preceding newsletters, the Village elections formerly held in March will now be held in conjunction with the general election on **Tuesday, November 7th**. Voting will not take place at the Village Hall as in the past but at the Schoolcraft Township office at the corner of 2nd and Front Streets. There will be two different ballots; one for Village residents and one for Township residents. Only Village residents can vote for Village offices. People who live outside the Village will receive a ballot with no section for Village offices. Please remember to let them know when you go to the polls if you are a resident.

Fall Clean-up dates: The dates for fall clean-up are **Monday, October 16th; Monday, October 30th; and Monday, November 13th**. **This clean-up is for leaves, branches and yard waste only!** Please rake leaves out over the curb and bundle or pile the branches in lengths of 4' or less. If you bag the leaves they must be in biodegradable bags or they will not be picked up. This notice will also be posted in the *Daily Mining Gazette* the week before the first pick-up.

Secondary Water Meters: For those of you that have purchased the secondary water meters for watering your lawns and gardens, the refunds for those meters will be done by the Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority. Though we bill for The Authority on the regular bi-monthly billings we do not have information about this program. Please call 296-0072 for those details.

Halloween Trick or Treating: The traditional night for Trick or Treating in the Village is still All Hallows Eve, or as we know it, Halloween night. On Tuesday, October 31st from 4pm to 8pm, most homes that are lit will be giving out candy to youngsters in costume. So on that night, please drive very carefully and be on the sharp lookout for Superman, Spiderman, cowboys, astronauts, ghosts, ghouls, spooks and any other similarly-garbed kids who will often be paying more attention to their bags of candy than passing traffic.

Seeking Help with the French-Canadian Christmas: We are looking for people who would like to assist making the French-Canadian Christmas a success. This annual event will be scheduled for Saturday, December 9th from noon to 4pm. Nancy Fisher has been the coordinator of the event for 5 years and will be turning over the direction to a new person. Tha could be you. Please contact Nancy at 296-9568 and join us this year in the family fun of the French-Canadian Christmas.

Police Blotter: There has been a rash of break-ins and attempted break-ins throughout the village over the past two weeks. If you have any information regarding these incidents please contact the police department. You can call in anonymously with information at 296-9912. Also, please lock your car doors and homes to prevent these types of incidents from happening to you.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

As winter approaches so does snow removal. Again last year we had several complaints regarding the piling and pushing of snow from peoples driveways onto the street. Following is the village ordinance regulating this activity. Please remember that you are subject to fines for violating the ordinance so please pay attention to the restrictions.

Snow cannot be taken from a driveway or property and dumped on the village street unless it is immediately adjacent to the existing snow bank alongside the property. This means that in no case is it permissible to haul or push it across the street and in no case can it impede traffic by making the street too narrow for vehicles to pass safely. If this ordinance is violated the Village may, at its discretion, haul that snow away and bill the property owner for the cost.

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