

Village Voice

Village of Lake Linden Newsletter

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Hello, again. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We also hope everyone has put those shovels away since it looks like we won't be getting any snow this winter. I am already looking forward to getting out this February to get an early start on my outdoor projects for the summer.

Ice Rink Volunteers: On the off chance that winter does show up this year, we are hopeful that the ice rink will be operating. Thanks to donations from Schoolcraft Township, the Lake Linden DDA, and the Lion's Club we will probably have adequate funding to provide the facility and maintenance. If it does open, however, we will be in need of volunteers to make things run smoothly and to get as many days as possible of open skating. If you can donate your time when the weather gets cold enough please contact Jim Frendewey or call the Village office at 296-9911.

Streetscape Project: The light poles for the project will be arriving this week and UPPCo assures us that they will be installed before spring. These poles will be steel with decorative arms and historic light fixtures. They were actually chosen by studying photos of Calumet Street from the 1940s and 50s and closely resemble the fixtures from that time. The new pavilion has been installed in the park and it looks great. The electrical has not yet been completed there so we were not able to hang Christmas lights around it as many people have suggested. I'm sure we will be able to do that in the future.

Village Campground: The reservations for the week of the 4th of July have been received and the sites are all spoken for. However, the people who have site cards have until January 10th to pay for those sites. If you are still interested in getting a spot for that week please call the office to get on the waiting list. We generally get several names down the list because of non-payment or cancellations throughout the spring so call as soon as possible. We also still have rustic sites available for that week.

While we are on the subject of the campground, we are looking for a campground host for the upcoming summer. The hosts check in campers during off-hours and generally keep an eye on the campground. The hosts must spend the majority of their time in the campground and be available from mid-June through the end of August. There is no charge for the host's campsite while they are here. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about it please contact me at the Village office at 296-9911.

Winter Parking Ban: Please remember that, even though there is no snow yet, there is still a parking ban in effect for Village streets for the hours of 3am until 7am every night. As we all know it could snow at any time and if your vehicle is blocking the plows it can/will be towed away at your expense.

Police Department News: As some of you may have already heard, Chief Chandonais has given notice of her resignation to the Village Council. She has accepted the new position of Houghton County Jail Administrator with the Houghton County Sheriff's Department. Those of us who have worked with her over the past few years will miss her good humor and positive outlook. Those who dealt with her in an official capacity know that she was a very capable and very conscientious person who communicated with people extremely well. We wish her good luck in her new position.

Following is her letter to the residents of the Village:

Dear Village Residents,

I would like to thank you all for your support throughout my career as your Police Chief. When I took the job with the Village, I intended to be here for the rest of my career. I could not have foreseen the opportunity that I have been given with the Houghton County Sheriff's Department. I have spent my entire career training and furthering my education for just such an opportunity and am very much looking forward to the challenge. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or hard feelings that this move will cause. I did not make my decision lightly and hope that your support and understanding will continue with me to my new career.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Chandonais

Ordinance Enforcement: The following excerpt is from the Michigan Compiled Laws regarding state curfews. There have been youngsters out and about in the evenings because of the warm weather but these restrictions still apply and will be enforced.

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.

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