

April 20, 2026

Regarding the flower bump-outs along Mesick Ave:

During a phone conversation with Missy Ford about supplying flowers again for the flower boxes, I mentioned that the Village was considering the idea of removing the bump-out beds due to the amount of labor involved to maintain them, then fill them in with concrete, and placing some sort of flower container to plant perennials in.

After a few days, she called me back and indicated that the flower beds added a nice touch to the atmosphere of the Village and said she would not like to see them go away. She and her husband Chad would be willing to maintain them. But that could not happen until sometime in June because of previous commitments. Much too late for Mother's Day and the Mushroom Festival, which are only two and a half weeks away.

I then had the idea that if the Village approached the area churches, service clubs, and businesses perhaps they would be willing to adopt one or two of the flower beds and maintain them as a community service. The flowers that are in them now are starting to show their age and should be removed and replaced with perennials that are more tolerant to the conditions where they will be planted.

To assist with this plan, the Village will assist with removing the existing plantings, provide new weed mat, perennial plants, mulch, and fertilizer. The volunteer groups from the area churches, service clubs and businesses would do the planting and some occasional weeding.

If your organization would be willing to assist with this beautification project of planting and caring for these flower beds it would be greatly appreciated, you may contact the Village at 231-885-1646 or call me directly at 231-434-9664. Thank you for your continued support of our community.

Sincerely,

David F. Clous, Village Council President