



Spring Newsletter

Clerk's Corner

Clerk: Anne Heywood
Treasurer: Tracey McCay

Hello Michiana! We have so much coming up! The **New 2025 Michiana Village Directories** are available at the office.

2025 Parking and Golf Stickers are now available. Parking tags are limited to 2 per home and are \$10 each. Golf Cart stickers are \$20 each.

Kayak & Paddle Board Stickers are available on a *first come first serve* basis, one per household. There will be no lottery this year. Rack locations are Stop 38, New Stop 40, and Stop 41.5. Cost per spot is \$75

Residents we need your help: The Villages of Grand Beach and Michiana are applying for a federal grant for a new police station. We would like to submit along with the grant support letters from the community. Please click the attached link that will take you to the support letter to sign and send back

<https://form.jotform.com/250373980827061>

The Deadline is March 27th.

Michiana gear will be available to purchase in the office. New hats and shirts coming soon!

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Meter reads will be done at the end of April and you should receive a water bill during the first week of May. **ACH**-(Automatic Withdraw) Is available for water bills. If you are interested in setting this up, the forms are available on our website — <https://Michianavillage.org>

Please contact the office if you have questions.

Events: (so far) 😊

All times to be announced...

June 16th - August 8th— Day Camp

Thursday, July 10th— Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, July 25th— Housewalk

Saturday, August 16th— Village Beach Party

Saturday, October 4th— Octoberfest

Concerts On The Green

Saturday, July 12th—Latin Jazz Band

Saturday, July 26th—90's music by Toxic Crayon

We are still in the process of booking so there will be a few more concert dates to come...

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News:

Village Hall Renovation Update

We have a few small details to finish but, for the most part, the hall renovation is complete! A big **Thank You** to all of the residents of Michiana that helped make this happen. With all of your donations, participation in the Housewalk, and the purchasing of the posters & the old wagon wheel lights we were able to make this project a huge success. Thank you also to our Renovation Committee for all of your continued guidance on this project. The Council and Renovation Committee have worked together to retain the beautiful rustic look of our hall while incorporating the following improvements:

- New windows and doors in hall and kitchen
- Three new ceiling fans
- New lighting in Hall, bathroom, and kitchen
- Painted heating ductwork
- New trim work
- Emptied overhead/attic storage area
- Added dimmable accent lighting in overhead/attic area
- Removed 70 years of dust from our ceiling and roof joists

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- Cleaned out fireplace flu and installed a new gas fired log system
- Removed stage area and installed new flooring in hall and bathrooms
- Purchased movable chair and table storage rack units
- Installing coat and game racks in old chair storage area
- Installed new emergency exit lighting
- Installed new sliding barn door by Day Camp stairs
- Installed new door between Day Camp art room and police garage

Stop by and check it out! It all looks great!

***FYI Both July & August Council Meetings** will be at **2:00 Est.** time due to camp instead of the normal 1:00 Est.

***There will be new signs placed around the Village, mostly pertaining to parking, so keep an eye out.**

***The Pickleball/Tennis courts** have new hours and will open at 9:00 EST time and close at dusk. **BE AWARE**— All personal property must be removed from the pickleball courts by April 1st or the police will have to remove it.

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Chief: Ryan Layman



Police:

Just a couple of friendly reminders for the warm Spring weather:

Golf Carts: Please remember that only LICENSED DRIVERS are permitted to operate motorized vehicles on the road, including golf carts.

Parking: When parking near the park or near your homes please keep all tires completely pulled off the road.

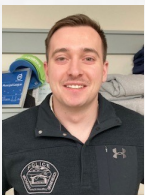
Dogs In Park: Please remember there are no dogs allowed in the park.

Contractors: A reminder that all contractors working in the Village need to register with the Village office and follow the Hours of Construction Ordinance No. 2016-03.

* You can sign up to receive text alerts and advisories from your local authorities through NIXLE by going to our website <https://Michianavillage.org> and under Departments > Police and click on the VISIT NIXLE .COM button at the top of the page.

* The police have a drug disposal box if you need to dispose of old medications. You can bring them to the police or drop them off at the Village office for disposal.

* If you have not already, please fill out an **Emergency Contact Form**. Paper copies were mailed out in October but there is a copy on our website at [Police | Village of Michiana](#). You can download and mail it or email it to the Village.



* We have a new recruit, Brendan Stadler. He will be shadowing our Grand Beach/Michiana officers until he attends the academy this summer.

* Here is the sign posted by the new Stop 40. This pertains to the vandalism that took place this past fall. The Council is considering reaching out to the Berrien County Sheriff, the Michigan State Police, and the FBI. Because this act happened on a national lake front on protected dunes there are options to explore to assist with this ongoing investigation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Michiana is seeking information regarding the tree cutting vandalism on public land along our lakefront.

Any information would be helpful and will be kept confidential.

A **\$5,000 Reward** is being offered for any information that leads to the apprehension of the individuals who perpetrated this heinous act.

Please call the Village Police Office at

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Supervisor: Rick Reitz
Josh Gondeck

Department of Public Works:

- *There will be a Spring leaf pick-up during the last 2 weeks of April, more details to come. Leaves only please! We will be using the leaf vacuum and sticks can cause damage to our equipment. Any sticks and yard debris can be placed in your garbage bins (not the recycling bins).
- *If you would like to have your garbage cans moved from the house, emptied, and rolled back up to your house our disposal company Republic offers this service. For \$75 a quarter you can get Door Service from Republic. Call Sherri or Amber at 219-921-1294. There is also a company called Can Monkey that offers the same service in an app if you would like to look into them.
- *After Memorial Day the recycling schedule will change and they will pick up both garbage and recycling *every* Monday.
- *The drywells that were put in this past Fall will be paved over this Spring.
- *The port-a-pots for the park will be here by May 1st.
- *Phase 1 of the \$620,000 water grant is complete. We have installed a new 750 GPM pump in the pump house to increase water flow to the Village. We are working hard on phase 2 of our water project.
- *The Port Authority of Michigan City will start dropping the buoys in the lake around Memorial day.

Get To Know The Staff:



My name is Rick Reitz and as most of you know I am the Water Supervisor and the Supervisor of Department of Public Works. I have enjoyed the last 18 years working in Michiana with all of the great people in the Village. My wife Sandy and I live in Three Oaks Michigan on a farm raising chickens and turkeys. My favorite job is being a grandpa to my 12 grandchildren. The 6 boys and 6 girls range in age from 1 month to 18 years young. I look forward to seeing you all in the up coming season.

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