

# happy winter

## Winter Newsletter

### Clerk's Corner

Clerk: Anne Heywood  
Treasurer: Tracey McCay

Hello Michiana!

If you would like to enjoy the beach on a warm day this winter Stops 37, 38, 41&1/2, and 42 will continue to have beach access this season.

\* Ice shelves are beginning to form on the lake  
*Please remember ice shelves can be dangerous.  
Do not walk or stand on them.\**

-ACH (automatic withdraw) is available for water bills. If you are interested in setting this up, the forms are available on the website at: [Water | Village of Michiana](#). You can also call the Village Office for assistance.

**Reminder:** If your power should go out, the Village Hall at 4000 Cherokee is an emergency shelter with heat and wi-fi. If it is after office hours you can call Berrien County Dispatch at 866-630-7679 and ask for a Michiana Officer to let you in.

-Please remind all contractors to register for 2026 with the Village office.

If you know of someone that would be interested in performing for the Village this summer at our Music in the Park please call or email Anne at [aheywood@michianavillage.org](mailto:aheywood@michianavillage.org)

**Reminder:** The garbage service will take **Christmas trees**. You just need to put them out next to your garbage bins on pick-up day.

**Amendment to the Recycling Calendar:** There will be recycling on Monday, December 29th.

### **Village Office Holiday Closures**

-December 24th, 25th, & 26th

-January 1st, 2nd



\*\* We have **youth hoodies** for sale. They are navy blue with a teal 'Michiana' down one arm. If you would like to purchase one or more they are \$20.00 a piece. We have sizes L:14-16 and M:10-12.

### 2026 Council Meeting Schedule:

For our new neighbors, open council meetings are held in the Village hall at *4000 Cherokee Drive*. Stay connected and informed by joining us on the second Friday of every month.

January & February—NO MEETINGS

March 13th—1:00est

August 14th —1:00est

April 10th —1:00est

September 11th—1:00est

May 8th —1:00est

October 9th —1:00est

June 12th —1:00est

November 13th —1:00est

July 10th —2:00est

December 11th —1:00est

Police Station Committee Meeting: Jan. 16th, 10:00 est  
@ Michiana Village Hall

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### Village News

\*\* We would like to say **thank you** to all of the donors and volunteers that participated in Wreaths Across America brought to us by Mike Mumper. With the donations Mike collected for this holiday program they were able to lay a wreath on all 668 Veteran's graves in Pine Grove Cemetery in New Buffalo.

\*\*The updated Short Term Rental ordinance was passed at December's meeting.

The STR ordinance is published on our website : [Village of Michiana](http://Village of Michiana) under Rentals.

\*\* As many of you know, we were awarded 2 federal grants to help with the cost of replacing the water lines in parts of the Village. Nies Engineering has taken over the project and is moving forward with momentum. More details to come as we get closer. Keep your eye out for emails from the Village.

### Village News (Cont.)

\*\*Our Tree City USA certification is under review for our third year as a Tree City member.

\*\*The Village has approved another year of stewardship with Pizzo for the butterfly garden. This year is going to be about learning to steward the butterfly garden ourselves. If anyone has an interest in helping with our butterfly garden please contact Rick or the Village Office.

\*\* **Thank you** to the pickleball group for donating \$6000. The Village will use that money to repair of the courts this spring.

### Village of Michiana Council Members



Tim McCarthy—President

Brian Cassidy—Pro Tem

Nancy Thill—Council Member

Mike Botelho—Council Member

Mike Mumper—Council Member

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Chief: Ryan Layman



\*\*The Village has a new recruit, Tyler Skopec. He will be riding with our officers and learning about the Grand Beach/Michiana area before attending the academy in March.

\*\*Officer Creo Brewster has been promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations Sergeant Brewster!

\*\*Public meetings of the Police Station Committee will be once a month. Locations will be announced. The next meeting will be [January 16th at 10:00 est.](#) in the Michiana Village Hall.

\*\*If you need an officer for a non-emergency reason and no one answers the Michiana office number, you can call the *Berrien County Dispatch* at 866-630-7679 and ask for a Michiana Officer. They should be able to relay your message over the radio.

\*\*You can sign up to receive text alerts and advisories from your local authorities through NIXLE. Please click on this link [Police | Village of Michiana](#) and the VISIT NIXLE .COM button at the top of the page.

\*\**Community Connect* allows you to securely share important information about your household or business with the [New Buffalo Fire Department](#).

The link is : [New Buffalo Community Connect](#)



\*\*If you will be away for any portion of the season and would like your house checked on by our officers please click on this link: [Police | Village of Michiana](#) to submit a **Winter House Check Form**. It's never too late. This form will go directly to Chief Layman.

\*\* If you are a new resident please submit an **Emergency Information Form** found on our website at [Police | Village of Michiana](#)

\*\*The Village has a drug disposal box if you need to dispose of old medications.

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Department of Public Works

Supervisor: Rick Reitz  
Josh Gondeck

Approximately 50 loads of leaves were taken out of the village. Unfortunately a winter snow storm hit us early this year and combined with our trees not really losing leaves until early November we had approximately three weeks to pick up leaves. We never even got beyond the Old Grand Beach area. Now we have a situation where leaves can not be picked up due to the wet, snow, and cold. There will be a Spring leaf pick-up. Dates will be announced.



If you are leaving for a long period of time:

**\*\*Pull your garbage cans back from the edge of the road so the garbage service knows there is nothing to empty. It also helps keep the Village looking uncluttered.**

**\*\*Please remember to change the batteries in thermostats. If your heat goes out it could lead to frozen water pipes.**

**\*\*You can also have your water turned off at the street by calling the Village office. Turning the water off in the house will not help if a pipe were to freeze and break in your yard. Turning the water off at the street is a preventative measure against breaking pipes. There is a \$25 turn off fee and a \$25 turn on fee for this service.**



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