

Winter Newsletter

Clerk's Corner

Clerk: Anne Heywood
Treasurer: Tracey McCay

Hello Michiana!

Warm wishes to all as we head into the winter months. If you have any interest in watching sunsets or observing the ice shelves from the beach Stop 37 and 41 1/2 will continue to have beach access this season.

*Remember ice shelves can be beautiful but dangerous.
Please do not walk or stand on them.*

The Pickleball courts remain open this season, however, the Village will not resume maintaining the courts until April 1st, 2024. The 2 new benches for the courts are here! These were purchased with funds raised by the Picklepalooza 2023.

Please check out the Village Hall and the Pavilion lights generously donated by our Village President, Tim McCarthy.

The 2023 Village audit is completed and the results of the audit indicate we are in good financial health. The accounting firm will be filing with the State of Michigan before the end of the year.

Congratulations to Nancy Thill and the Tree Board for being awarded the FY24 Urban Community Forestry Program Grant and being accepted into Tree City USA.

Michiana gear, adult and youth, is still available! We have mostly hoodies left for the cold winter days.

Quick Reminders:

- The Village office will be closed December 25th, 26th, and January 1st for the holidays.

- Remember all official Village news can be seen on our website- <https://Michianavillage.org> -or via email from our clerk, Anne Heywood.

- **ACH (Automatic Withdraw)** is available for water bills. If you are interested in setting this up, the forms are available on the website- <https://Michianavillage.org> You can contact the Village Office with any questions.



2024 Council Meeting Schedule:

For our new neighbors, open council meetings are held in the hall at 4000 Cherokee Dr. every second Friday of the month.

January & February—no meeting

March 8—1:00est

July 12—2:00est

Nov. 8—1:00est

April 12—1:00est

Aug. 9—1:00est

Dec. 13—1:00est

May 10—1:00est

Sept. 13—1:00est

*Any changes will be

June 14—1:00est

Oct. 11—1:00est

posted on the website

Village of Michiana Council Members



Tim McCarthy—President

Brian Cassidy—Pro Tem

Nancy Thill—Council Member

Mike Botelho—Council Member

Mike Mumper—Council Member

Village Commissions, Boards, & Committees

Tree Board:

Nancy Thill

Karen Szyp

Anne Blasko

Andrew Aronson

Water Board:

Mike Mumper

Tim McCarthy

Rick Reitz

Events Committee:

Lisa Zirpolo

Diane O'Brien

Kori Burland

Sara McDonald

Anne Heywood

Planning Commission:

Mike Botelho

Renee Okonek

Karen Szyp

Kathleen Hogan Morrison

Maureen Shekleton

Village Hall Renovation Committee:

Appointed Council Members

Holly Duran

Chris Boothe

Justin Lucas

Beach Commissioner:

Brian Cassidy

Police Commissioner:

Tim McCarthy

The Council would like to thank all of our residents who serve on our commissions, boards, and committees. These are all volunteer positions and we are grateful for their service.

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News for the New Year:

Rental Properties – Starting January 2024 The Village of Michiana will be following our sister village Grand Beach and the Rental Ordinance fee of \$300 per house, will be increased to \$300 per bedroom within the household.

Refuse Bill – Starting January 2024 the following changes will be made to your water bill. Refuse and recycling services will be added to the water bill. The Village will also be sending out the water bills 6 times a year instead of 4. This will mean you will get a water bill every 2 months.

The first water bill for 2024 will come at the beginning of March for your January and February water and refuse.

Garbage and Recycling Bins:

Please make sure your bins are at the edge of the road for pick up on Monday mornings.

If you haven't seen the garbage trucks in action they pick up the bins with a mechanical arm from the side of the truck while the driver stays inside the cab. If your cans are not at the edge of the road where they can be reached by the truck you may have experienced your cans being left or a reminder sticker placed on your bin. Also, heading into winter, if you are away for the season, please pull your bins away from the road.

If you want branches & sticks taken away you can either bundle them and place them near your bins, or place them in the garbage bin.



Police Department :

Police Chief: Ryan Layman

We would like to welcome Heather Crooks to Michiana! She is an officer in training with the Michiana/Grand Beach Police Department . She will begin her formal training at the Police Academy in January.



If you will be away for any portion of the season and would like your house checked on by our officers please go to our website, <https://Mchianavillage.org> and click on Departments > Police. From here you can fill out and submit a Winter House Check form.

Reminder: All residents please fill out and submit an updated Emergency Information Form for 2024 located on the website <https://Michianavillage.org> , under Departments > Police.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent: Rick Reitz
Josh Gondeck

Thank you to our residents who placed your leaves at the edge of the road for removal. We dumped 92 loads of leaves this fall.

Quick reminders:

-The garbage service will take Christmas trees. Just place them next to your bins on pick up day.

-Remember to change the batteries in your thermostats if you are leaving for a long period of time. If your heat goes out it could lead to frozen water pipes.

Happy Holidays and warm wishes for the new year!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

www.MichianaVillage.org

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Village of Michiana Police: 269-469-1884

