



Stockbridge Village News-

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PARKS COMMITTEE BLAZING TRAILS

IN THE KNOW

- > **Water bills take on new look in January**
- > **Dumpsite is available**
- > **Police Vacation checks**
- > **Curbside Brush Pickup**
- > **Garden Meters here**
- > **Burn Permits—call S.E.A.S.A**
- > **Village Office hours:**
Mon-Thurs 8-3 and Fri 9-1
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YOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL

Heath Corey, President

Greg Uihlein, Pro-Tem

Phyllis Stowe, Trustee

Chad Quintanilla, Trustee

Molly Howlett, Trustee

Dan Wilson, Trustee

OPEN SEAT

President Corey has established Trails and Parks committees. These committees are comprised of members of the Village Council, Lions Club and American Legion. The purpose of these committees is to enhance, promote and further develop Veterans Memorial Park and the section of our trail joining other communities in furthering the commitment to quality trails for our community and visitors to enjoy throughout the year. The Village of Stockbridge is committed to working with the Stockbridge Community Pathways group to make Stockbridge a walkable community. The Trails committee is comprised of President Corey, trustees Molly Howlett and Dan Wilson.

The committee has held two meetings to date and has performed a voluntary clean up with the efforts of volunteers within the community. The next volunteer clean up date is Saturday, July 6, 2013. The group will meet at 10am at the Park and Ride. The DNR has recently completed upgrades to the trail from S. Clinton west of town. The trail has been widened and new gravel foundation has been laid to enhance the quality of the trail. Further improvements will be completed by the DNR later in the year. The next Trails committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th at 11am at the Village office. Members of the public are welcome to attend to hear the plans proposed

for the trail and to make suggestions to committee members for future development suggestions. Please watch our web page and the local news media for future meeting dates and volunteer work dates. If you are interested in volunteering with either trails or parks committees please contact President Corey at president@vil.stockbridge.mi.us or call the Village office at 517-851-7435. The Parks committee consists of President Corey, Chad Quintanilla, Mike St. Denis, and American Legion member Bill Cool. The Parks committee met twice this year and have a voluntary cleanup scheduled for Veterans Memorial Park, June 30th at 9am.

WHERE YOUR DOLLARS ARE SPENT

Even though the Village of Stockbridge has lost nearly \$100,000 in tax revenue over the past three years, the Village audit shows a balanced budget which can be reviewed on the village web site. Savings have come in the form of previous President Don Bird and current President Heath Corey volunteering their

time to work as Village Manager. Continuation of lease agreement with Stockbridge Community Schools. Improvements are being made and will continue to be made to our infrastructure to ensure the services of the residents are met. Recent improvements have been made to the utility billing system. Recent approval of

council to update equipment needed in the sewer lagoon system. The village of Stockbridge will soon put out bids for repairing sidewalks and two local streets. The DPW will soon update equipment needed. Computer systems in the office will be updated due to becoming obsolete.



Stockbridge Community - There's No Place, Like this Place, Any Place

Beautiful Stockbridge Trails



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ATTENTION:
Beginning in January 2014 the Village of Stockbridge will be mailing utility bills in envelopes instead of the normal card stock residents have been accustomed to. This will allow the Village to send quarterly news letters with utility bills therefore further improving communications with its residents.



Visit us on the Web!
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A reminder from Chief Torres...

4th of July is fast-approaching and I wanted to send out a friendly reminder that the below ordinance is in effect at all times during the year. **Section 13-51 Fireworks prohibited: A person, firm, partnership or corporation shall not ignite, discharge or use fireworks within the Village of Stockbridge except for the day preceding, day of, or the day after a national holiday.** Have a safe, fun-filled Holiday!

The Village of Stockbridge Police Department is pleased to announce that we will now be accepting unused or unwanted prescription medications from residents Monday through Friday during business hours (Mon-Thurs 8am-3pm, Friday 9am-1pm or when an officer is at the station).

We recognize the importance of providing the community with a secure place to do this. The "Capitol Area Take Back Meds" program is provided by the Ingham County Health Department through pollution prevention grant funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The black drop box is located just outside of the police station door and there is an instruction sign next to the box to assist you with your delivery. This is a secure way to help reduce the amount of unused and/or expired prescription medications from accidentally or intentionally being consumed by children, sold on the street, or improperly disposed of in landfill or sewer systems which can negatively affect our environment.



HAPPENINGS

There has recently been illegal items dumped in the village compost pile. Residents are asked to contact the village office with a description of any persons, vehicles and license plate number if witnessing illegal items being dumped.



Village Trustee Greg Uihlein has been appointed code ordinance enforcer. Any complaints of ordinance violations should be directed to him at guhlein@reinhartrealtors.com. Currently the village is working on enforcement of the noxious weeds ordinance. Letters have been mailed out to property owners & work has begun to clean up those properties in violation.

Be on the lookout for your 2013 Village Tax bill. The tax bills will be mailed 1st week of July. Now, there are several convenient ways you can pay. Online, located on the home page village's website, call 888-272-9829 (both payment options have a service fee), mail to the Village office, drop in the payment drop box or simply stop in the office during our regular office hours.

