

# VILLAGE OF MAPLE RAPIDS

## NEW RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OF MAPLE RAPIDS WEBSITE – [www.maplerapids.org](http://www.maplerapids.org)

### Village Address - Phone Numbers

118 W Adelaide St, PO Box 200, Maple Rapids, MI 48853  
Village Office - 682-9227  
Village DPW - 682-4569  
Village Fax # - 682-4411

### Current Council Members - contact info

President - Daryl J Trefil -- Cell 517-930-3200 -- email: [trefild@fultonpirates.net](mailto:trefild@fultonpirates.net)  
Clerk – Diana Henry -- 989-682-4056 -- email: [henrydiana59@gmail.com](mailto:henrydiana59@gmail.com)  
Treasurer -- Mindy Thomas -- 989-682-4479 (Cell 989-534-1021) -- email: [mindy\\_thomas@hotmail.com](mailto:mindy_thomas@hotmail.com)  
Councilman -- Bill Schmidt -- 989-292-1800  
Councilman – Heidi Holland – 517-749-1941  
Councilman -- Mitch Leiby – 989-682-4292  
Councilman – Zackery Manning – 989-324-1242  
Councilman – Amanda VanEtten – 517-202-9660  
Councilman -- Paul Sorah -- 989-682-4501

**Council Meetings** - usually 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Community Center (any exceptions to date & time will be posted)

- Extra copies of the Council Meeting minutes are available at the Post Office

**Village Elections** are held every other year. President (2 year term),  
Council Trustee (4 year terms - 3 positions elected every 2 years)  
Library Board (6 year term)  
Village Clerk & Treasurer are appointed

**Village Office currently has no set office hours please call the office and** leave a message if you need any assistance. You may also contact the officers at their home phone numbers or by email.

- There is a drop box for all utility and tax payments. It is located to the right of the Clerk/Treasurer Office Door.

### Utility Info - Water/Sewer/Trash

- Water and Sewer are provided by the Village -- Trash is also mandatory & included
- Village Utility Bills are mailed quarterly at the end of March, June, September & December
  - After 15th 10% fee will be added -- Late fee of \$25 added after 30<sup>th</sup>
  - NSF Check fee \$25
  - If your water is shut off, there is a \$50 Turn on Fee to get your water back on.
- Water Rates -- \$31 for first 8000 gallons -- \$3.10 for each additional 1000 gallons
- Sewer Rates -- \$79 per quarter
- Current Trash Rates -- \$38.55 for Residents and \$35.25 for Seniors (age 65 & older – must notify Village when you reach the age of 65)

Trash Service is provided by Granger

- Trash is picked up Monday morning - Trash needs to be out before 7 am
- Please note we do ask that garbage should not be put out to the road any earlier than 7:00 pm on Sunday and if you use cans these are to be picked up and put away by 9:00 pm on Monday
- Weekly Collection includes: up to 6 trash bags (standard 30 gallon size) & 1 bulk item (things too big to fit in trash bags, such as furniture, non-Freon containing appliances, carpets or mattresses)
- Additional services are available (please call Granger) - Collection for bulk items containing Freon, like a refrigerator, freezer, or dehumidifier, there is an additional charge.
- Most store-bought containers are not manufactured to with-stand commercial activities, even when handled with care under normal collection conditions, and especially during cold weather. If you would like to rent a larger (approximately 90-gallon capacity) cart to store and easily move your trash street-side, this can be arranged. There is an annual charge. -- Large Temporary containers, available in sized ranging from 10 to 40 yards, are perfect for home clean up and remodeling projects. ----- To make arrangements for any of the additional services, please contact Granger direct at 1-888-9GRANGER.

### **Village Procedure - Utility Changes**

The Village has a form that is called the Utility Form. The purpose of this form is for asking the "Village" to turn on a certain utility or to turn off a certain utility. The Village will no longer perform the request until a signature from the Property Owner and/or any outstanding bills are paid to date. Renters of the property within the Village cannot make any of these requests. Property Owners also need to be aware that it is the Property Owner's responsibility to pay any outstanding bills if left unpaid after a renter leaves. Water will not be turned on without the property owner present unless the property owner specifies on the form that they accept responsibility.

- Single unit rentals have the option of the renter or the property owner paying the Village utility bill.
- But multiple unit homes/apartments cannot be paid by the individual renters the entire bill must be paid by the property owner.
- Just remember that the Property Owner is in the end always responsible for any outstanding bills. --- It is also required that any snowbirds who leave for the winter fill out one of these forms to advise the Village of any utility changes (water/sewer/trash). It must be signed by the Property Owner to have any service turned off or on. --- To get the form contact the Village Office or the DPW.

### **Recycling Unit**

- Located next to Community Center
- Please read the notices posted about what is to be placed in each bin

### **Tax Info**

- Village sends 1 tax bill each year -- it is mailed out around July 1st and due around September 14th.
- Our Township Essex sends 2 tax bills each year. One is mailed out around July 1st and also due around September 14th. The 2nd bill is mailed out December 1st and due around March 14th.

### **Fire Dept.**

- Volunteer Fire Department
- Our Fire Department also offers Medical First Responders (MFR) Services
- Tornado Warning Procedure
  - When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Northern Clinton County, Central Dispatch will notify the Fire Department and set off the Fire whistle automatically. At that time the firemen will report to the fire station. At the same time the fire trucks will canvas the town blowing there sirens. Due to time constraints we cannot cover every

individual street. After each truck covers its route they will stage at different locations just out of town where they have a good view of the skies. They will remain there until it is determined by the command officer that the weather threat has passed. The Maple Rapids Fire Department will not issue an all clear to village residences. It will be up to the residences of the village to listen to your local TV and Radio stations for all weather updates. We live in Michigan and we should know the weather can change very quickly. --- Please take these weather warnings seriously and pay attention to them.

**No Local Police Dept. -- In an Emergency Contact 911 –**

- Report any unlawful activities to 911 or Clinton County Sheriff Department at 989-224-5200 (non-emergencies) – If it's an emergency please call "911"

**Maple River Area Watch Group**

- Have a Facebook page for info
- There is a resource for info on a Facebook page called the "Maple River Area Watch Group"
- Contact Andre Sanford 989-682-4102

**Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Program**

- Maple Rapids offers T-Ball, Baseball and Softball for the youth in our area. Sign-ups are done in early spring. Please watch for postings around town.

**Community Center**

- 209 W Union St, Maple Rapids, MI 48853
- Available for Rent - Contact Village of Maple Rapids Office @ 989-682-9227
- The Community Center will be open as a Cooling / Heating Center in the event of a power outage or other situation. There is a backup plan in the event the Community Center is rented for an event, if necessary the Village Office/Hall can be used. Notices will be posted if any situations arise. Please feel free in the event of a situation to use this facility.
- Annually Santa visits the Community Center on a Saturday in Early December. Please watch for notices posted around town.

**Library**

- Monday 10 am - 7 pm
- Wednesday 10 am - 7 pm
- Friday 10 am - 5 pm
- Story Hour during school year Wed at 10:30 for preschoolers
- Summer Reading Program 2-12 year olds - usually starts late June goes for about 6 weeks
- Copies / Fax Service available

**Post Office** – Maple Rapids primarily uses Post Office Boxes. Please visit the Post Office to inquire about. Once you get a box number please advise the Village so all billing can be sent to the correct address.

**Essex Township**

- Regularly scheduled meetings are held at Lowe United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 5485 W Lowe Rd, St Johns, MI 48879 on the third Wednesday of February, March, April, June, August, October and December at 7:00 pm.
- Supervisor – Carla Wardin, 6522 W Colony Rd., St Johns, MI 48879 – 989-640-9284 – Email: [essexsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:essexsupervisor@gmail.com)
- Treasurer – Kathleen George, 5462 W Lowe Rd., St Johns, MI 48879 – 989-307-1069 – Email: [essextreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:essextreasurer@yahoo.com)

- Clerk – Tim Karasek, 5111 Findlay Rd, St. Johns, MI 48879 – 989-307-0425 – email: [essexwpclerk@gmail.com](mailto:essexwpclerk@gmail.com)
- Trustee: Jim Gavenda, 434 Adelaide St, Maple Rapids MI 48853 – 989-682-4612 – email: [gavendajames55@mail.com](mailto:gavendajames55@mail.com)
- Trustee: Mark Winsor, 5031 Anderson Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879 – 989-224-7275 - email: [mark.winsor@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.winsor@yahoo.com)
- Website: [www.essectownship.org](http://www.essectownship.org)

#### **Certified Assessor for Essex Township (which include Village of Maple Rapids)**

- Beth Botke, PO Box 90, Bath MI 48808—517-641-6728—email: [b.bassessing@gmail.com](mailto:b.bassessing@gmail.com)

#### **Clinton County**

- Website: [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org)
- Address: 100 E State St, St Johns, MI 48879
- Building Department/Code Enforcement – Phone 989-224-5180 – Fax 989-227-6492 – email: [buildingdept@clinton-county.org](mailto:buildingdept@clinton-county.org)
- County Clerk – Phone 989-224-5140 – Fax 989-227-6421 – email: [clerk@clinton-county.org](mailto:clerk@clinton-county.org)
- Equalization Department – Phone 989-224-5170 – Fax 517-224-5120 – email: [equalization@clinton-county.org](mailto:equalization@clinton-county.org)
- Planning and Zoning – Phone 989-224-5292 – Fax 989-227-6492 – email: [PlanningAndZoning@clinton-county.org](mailto:PlanningAndZoning@clinton-county.org)
- Register of Deeds – Phone 989-224-5270 – Fax 989-224-5102 – email: [rod@clinton-county.org](mailto:rod@clinton-county.org)
- Treasurer Office – Phone 989-224-5280 – Fax 989-224-5258 – email: [treasurer@clinton-county.org](mailto:treasurer@clinton-county.org)

#### **School District – Fulton Schools**

- 8060 Ely Highway, Middleton, MI 48856
- Administrative Office – 989-236-7300
- High School / Middle School – 989-236-7232
- Elementary School – 989-236-7234
- Bus Garage – 989-236-7676
- Athletic Department – 989-236-7232
- Adult & Alternative Education – 989-236-5404
- Website: [www.fultonpirates.net](http://www.fultonpirates.net)

#### **3 Local Churches**

- Maple Rapids United Methodist Church
  - 330 S Maple Ave, Maple Rapids, MI 48853 – 989-682-4548
- Maple Rapids Congregational Church
  - 410 S Maple Ave, Maple Rapids, MI 48853 – 989-682-4165
- Hope Bible Baptist Church
  - 508 S Maple Ave, Maple Rapids, MI 48853 – 989-682-4059

**Trick or Treating** is usually October 31st from 6-8 pm. Please watch for notices posted around town to verify each year.

#### **Burn Permits**

- Contact Village DPW 989-682-4569 - Monday - Friday 7 am - 3 pm.
- Please leave your name, address and contact phone number so that you can be notified as to whether you have a permit or not
- In the Village you can get an Annual Recreational Burn Permit – please ask about it if you are interested

### **Brush & Leaf Pickup**

- Brush Pickup is scheduled for each Wednesday. Any brush should be separated from leaves and/or grass.
- Grass clippings & Yard Waste (anything rake able) left by the street for pickup need to be placed in biodegradable bags or in a container that is easily emptied
- Village DPW department has the right to leave any tub / container with yard waste that are deemed to be too heavy to safely handle. So please be considerate and don't overload the containers.
- Fall Leaf Pickup -- Please refrain from putting brush out during leaf pickup. If necessary it must be piled separately. Leaf pickup date scheduled Monday-Friday. During fall leaf pickup grass clippings may be mixed with the leaves.
- Village currently has Ordinances that address situations on trash, rubbish, junk cars or other nuisance items on any property in the Village. We are asking that you please removed any of these items, clean up your property and try to maintain it. This does include picking up any newspapers or debris from your yard also.

### **Dip nets Ordinance**

- Ordinance 79 regulates the use of dip nets on the bridge structure spanning the Maple River at North Maple Avenue. To summarize any angler utilizing dip net equipment to fish any part of the bridge must attend to his or her net equipment. If the equipment is left unattended it is a violation of this ordinance and the equipment can be confiscated along with other penalties if deemed necessary.

### **Fireworks Ordinance**

- Ordinance 80 address and limits the use of fireworks within the village limits to be consistent with with State laws governing fireworks. To summarize fireworks can only be discharged the day before, the day of and the day after a national holiday. There are a few other restrictions also listed.

### **Junk Vehicle Ordinance**

- Inoperable or abandoned vehicles are not allowed in the Village

### **Nuisance (Noise) Ordinance**

- Specific Offenses include
  - Animal and Bird Noises
  - Construction Noises (limited to hours of 7 am – 6 pm)
  - Sound Amplifier
  - Engine Exhausts
  - Handling Merchandise
  - Blowers
  - Hawking
  - Horns & Signal Devices
  - Radio and Musical Instruments
  - Shouting and Whistling
  - Whistle or Siren (except emergency vehicles)

### **Outdoor & Open Burning**

- Open burning and outdoor burning are prohibited in the Village of Maple Rapids. This includes the burning of any leaves, yard waste, brush, stumps, grass clippings, construction materials, garbage and also outdoor wood-fired boilers. Outdoor wood-fired boiler means a wood-fired boiler or furnace that is not located within a building intended for habitation by humans or domestic animals.

- You are permitted to have patio wood-burning units as long as it meets and follows the guidelines. Recreation camp fires are also permitted but a burn permit must be obtained before the camp fire is allowed.

**Yard Maintenance and Upkeep**

- The Village can come in and mow and cleanup any yard deemed to be a Public Nuisance and then bill for the services at the current rate of manpower and the equipment used. If possible a notice will be sent to the property owner first but if it is not taken care of the Village will clean it up.

**Maple Rapids Performance Dashboard, Citizens Guide & Cooperation, Collaboration & Consolidation Plans are available to the public at the Village Office and Library.**

**NOTICES ARE USUALLY POSTED ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE,  
IN THE POST OFFICE, VILLAGE OFFICE DOOR AND AT  
VARIOUS LOCAL BUSINESSES.**