

What's Happening?

We are hoping that all restrictions will be lifted by this time, however, watch the website for updates.

MAY 25

Founder's Day - Parade, car show, vendor booths, food truck. Events begin at 10 a.m. Watch the website and Crescent for more details.

JUNE 27

Village Wide Yard Sales 9am-5pm (now scheduled as an annual event on the 4th Saturday in June). Advertisement will be done by the Village.

JULY 11

Large Trash/Junk Pick Up—for details including acceptable items check out the website or posting in the Village Hall window.

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Should I Read This?

YES! It will be full of useful information, helpful hints, and important dates.

Our council, made up of regular citizens that live within the village, wants to make Climax a desirable, pleasant, safe place to live.

There are a number of ways you can get involved. All you need to do is ACT!

- **Attend** a village council meeting. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Lawrence Memorial Library Historical Society Room. *During this unusual time, please watch the website for up-to-date information.*
- **Check** out our website for answers to your questions. *Villageofclimax.org*
- **Take** action! If there is an issue, ordinance or event that affects you—take the initiative and do something about it!



*Working together will
make us all better!*



VILLAGE OF CLIMAX

SPRING NEWS

March 2020



Water Policy Review

Climax Village Council would like to remind our village water customers of the payment policy, time line and rationale. We still are experiencing confusion from our residents about the payment process.

Last year, in accordance with new evolving State and Federal laws and requirements, we increased our water rate to \$3.61 per 1000 gallons, and the Administration Fee increased to \$20 per quarter. These increases were reflected on the July 1, 2019 water bills. The reasons for the increases:

1. Increased testing expenses
2. Increased certification requirements for staff
3. Increased requirements for maintenance
4. County & State specification to re-view our fees & system annually to insure that we keep the required minimum budget to be prepared should we have an emergency.

Water bills will be in mailboxes by the 1st of every quarter. Payment is due by the 15th. If payment is not received by the end of the day on the 15th, a late fee of \$20 will be added to your water bill. All accounts that remain unpaid will be sent another notice on the 26/28th of that month. **All accounts not paid by the 4th of the following month will be scheduled for shutoff on the following day.** There will be an additional \$50 fee if your water is shut off and another \$50 fee in order to have your water turned back on.

All fees can be avoided by paying your bill on time.

Payments may be mailed or put in the drop box at the Village Hall (114 E. Maple Street).

Questions or concerns about the water rates or policy? Check out our website or attend a regular village council meeting.

We appreciate your understanding, and we'll also work hard to insure that your Village of Climax water supply is safe, and plentiful today and in the future!

Cemetery, Library, Park

Changes, upgrades and additions:

Cemetery:

The small white building is being demolished and the block building will be getting a new roof and some other needed maintenance.

Library:

Now a part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, participants receive a free book each month. For contact information follow the Lawrence Memorial Library link on our website.

Park:

After the Stay Home, Stay Safe order is lifted—take some time to enjoy the new playground equipment that was installed in the fall of 2019.

When the weather allows our DPW will be installing some new benches & a picnic table that is handicap accessible.



Ordinances & Enforcement

The Village of Climax has adopted a Code of Ordinances which sets out the laws and regulations of the Village. These are designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of those who own or rent property, operate a motor vehicle, work and recreate in the Village. In short, they promote the common good.

While most folks obey the Village's laws and regulations, the Village has been understaffed such that Code enforcement has not always been brought against the few who do not comply with the provisions of the Code.

There is now a member of the Council designated to enforce the Code and you can expect enforcement action. Please bring your concerns to the Village Council.

There have been a number of complaints about blighted and neglected properties. While most property owners and tenants maintain their properties with pride, some do not, thereby causing hazards, eyesores, and nuisances for others.



Here are just a few reminders regarding our obligations to maintain our properties in compliance with the Code of Ordinances.

- A. All buildings and structures must be maintained in a safe condition including doors, stairways, and other means of exit and they must conform with the approved fire code of the Village; damage to buildings caused by weather, age, deterioration, or dilapidation must be brought up to the state construction code; and, anything that becomes an attractive nuisance for children must be mitigated.
- B. Domesticated animals, including pets, may not be allowed to run at large.
- C. Fences must be maintained and not allowed to deteriorate or fall into disrepair.
- D. Vegetation such as weeds must not be allowed to go to seed and grass must be mowed.
- E. Any junk, garbage, debris, waste or unsightly material must be removed from any lot or parcel of land within the Village.
- F. Dead trees must be removed from any parcel of land within the Village.

- G. Unused, inoperable, abandoned motor vehicles, or parts thereof, machinery or appliances must be removed from any lot or parcel of land within the Village.
- H. All residential refuse accumulated on any premises in the village shall be collected, conveyed, or disposed of by the contractor under contract with the Village. Refuse containers may not be put out for collection earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection day. After the collection of container content has been made, containers shall be removed by the producer (property owner or tenant) from the curbside no later than 9:00 p.m. on collection day. Do not leave the containers out by the road overnight on the day of collection.
- I. The speed limit in the Village is 25 mph.
- J. Parking between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. is not permitted on Main and Maple Streets in the Village on any day.

Thank you for being mindful of the laws and regulations of the Village. Copies of the entire Code of Ordinances are available for your review on the village website or at the Village Hall by appointment..

Roads

You have probably noticed that we have some roads that need a little work, don't worry, we've noticed these things, too!



GOOD NEWS - We applied for a grant last year and are so excited that we were awarded that grant! Since it always takes time to fill out paper work and receive the grant money we put some extra money towards fixing sidewalks.

The grant is a matching grant which means we will repave three roads this year:

- North Church from Cherry to north end
- Ebinger from Maple to north end
- Sheldon from guardrail south to Maple.

The total cost will be approximately \$100,000 with the village paying just half.

We are striving to complete all the necessary requirements of the grant so that we can get started as soon as the weather allows. We are also hoping to add one more road to the budget for this fiscal year. There are a lot of changes happening here in Climax and we are excited to continue to beautify our amazing community.

Leaf/Brush Pick Up

The Village DOES NOT provide leaf pick-up in the spring. Village residents may drop off their leaves/brush during scheduled hours.

- Brush / (tree limbs) 3 inches or less in diameter.
- Brush / (tree limbs) cut to 4 foot length or less.
- Small amount only (A "small amount" is one load that will fit into the bed of a pickup truck)
- Pickups on Fridays - if time allows

Brush/tree debris that does not meet these measurements will not be picked up. Remember all tree debris is the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of properly.

Public Safety

In efforts to help contribute to a friendly, inviting, and safe village for all, we would like to take the opportunity to reinforce some helpful reminders and expectations. Please make sure to drive safely and obey the **25 mph speed limit when going through town.**

When enjoying a bonfire this spring and summer, make sure you contact the **Climax Township Fire Department to request a burning permit by calling 269-746-4664.**

The Climax Village council will continue to work closely with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department, so please make sure to obey all village ordinances.

Village Brush Pile

As a service to Climax Village residents, the Village of Climax allows VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY to drop off brush and branches at the designated site located in the well field at the end of Sunflower Street.

Grass clippings and leaves can also be dumped in their designated areas for composting.

This area is not for junk or garbage. Anyone found to be dumping junk or garbage may be prosecuted.

From April 1—November 1 the well field brush pile is open for use during the following hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Weekends each month

Saturday—Sunday 9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

The gate will be locked when the brush pile is closed.

Please be respectful of the grounds when you are dropping off your brush, branches, grass clippings and leaves. If the ground is wet/soft try to stay on the road to avoid leaving ruts.

REMINDER:

This site is not for Commercial dumping.