

The Village Newsletter



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MAYOR'S REPORT

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Spring Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, March 25th

- Budget Presentation

Tuesday, April 14th

- Reorganization Meeting and public hearing on Local Law #1 2026 (Refuse District), ongoing budget discussions

Tuesday, April 28th

- Budget Public Hearing

**All Board meetings are open to the public, and we welcome comments, questions, and suggestions about the upcoming budget and any issues affecting our residents.

REFUSE

By now, we hope all residents have adjusted to the new refuse schedule. Casella's weekly pickup is now on Mondays. Please continue to follow the rules for which items are allowed in your trash cans. For example, construction materials are not permitted in your weekly pickup. If you have items like these or a bulk item, you will need to arrange a separate pickup by calling Casella at 585-308-0662.

Changes Coming to Refuse

With the help of our Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Pfeifer, we are working through our 2026-27 budget process. Increasing costs for health, auto, and property insurance, along with other expenses, continue to pose significant challenges as we strive to provide the services you expect in a financially responsible manner. We are dedicated to managing our finances carefully to deliver the best service and value for our residents.

Refuse service cost is a key concern for the Board. After several discussions, we concluded that the Village cannot provide refuse collection as a fully paid service. By now all residents should have received a letter explaining the reasoning behind this change.

The Village Board understands concerns about rising costs and has carefully reviewed all available options. We believe this proposal is the most responsible way to continue providing garbage collection while treating residents fairly and maintaining the Village's financial stability.

There is a public hearing on the refuse district, and the local law creating that district, at our April 14th Village Board meeting.

Spring Bulk Clean-Up Day Is Coming!

Our annual Spring Clean-Up Day is April 18th. Village residents can bring items to the Town DPW area for unloading. Casella Waste will have plenty of roll-offs, and Village and Town Board members, Village DPW employees, and Casella employees will staff the event.

**** Please note that the Town is again partnering with the Village for this single bulk clean-up event in 2026. There will not be a separate Town event later in the year. The April 18th event is your only opportunity to participate.**

**** You must bring your enclosed ticket as proof of residency.**

**** Please adhere to the guidelines for permitted and prohibited items outlined in the enclosure.**

*** Once again, Town Clerk Hayley Woodruff has scheduled electronics recycling for that day. Thank you Clerk Woodruff!**

Continuing a tradition, high school students from the National Honor Society will be throughout the Village, earning community service hours by spreading mulch and picking up trash along roadways and in ditches. This is an excellent opportunity for our young residents to give back to their community.

Staying in Touch

Most of you are reading this newsletter as a hard copy, but remember that every newsletter is available in digital format on our website at livoniany.org. This is a convenient way to stay up to date on Village news, especially for those who prefer digital communication. Please keep in touch with the Village by following our Facebook page and visiting our website. Stay informed, stay connected!

Time to Get Outside!

Our village is fortunate to be so walkable. Many residents enjoy walking our sidewalks throughout the year, and we anticipate an increase in pedestrian traffic as the weather gets warmer. To ensure everyone has a pleasant experience, we kindly remind all dog walkers to clean up after their pets. This is not only a courtesy but also a requirement of the Village Code:

Section 69-3, subsection E: Nuisances prohibited. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk, or on any public property whatsoever, or on any private property without the permission of the owner of said property.

**This code also requires dog owners to clean up after their dog in the area between the sidewalk and the road.

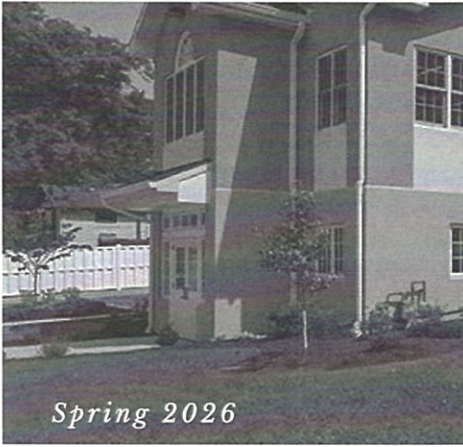
We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our Village clean and pleasant for everyone. Violation of this policy is punishable by a fine. If you witness a dog walker not cleaning up after their dog, please report this to me or the building and zoning office. We will take action.

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter or need to reach me, please call 585-447-0203 or email me at mayor@villagelivonia.org.

Thank you,

Chris Genthner

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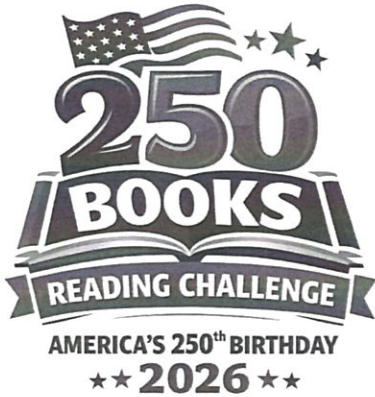
LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIVONIALIBRARY.ORG

585-346-3450



Spring 2026



AMERICA TURNS 250!

Participants are invited to submit the title and author of any historical or patriotic book they read as we work together to reach our community goal of 250 books. Pick up a reading card at the library and join the challenge!

UNEARTH A STORY

Get ready to dig into a great book! This year's Summer Reading theme, "Unearth a Story," invites readers to discover hidden stories, fascinating histories, and new adventures through books. Save the date **July 1st 2026** Summer Reading Kick off

SPRING IS HERE!

Borrow a LEAP Pass (Livingston Co. Exploration & Adventure Pass) from the library and enjoy free or discounted admission to local museums and attractions. Spring is the perfect time to get out and explore!

STAY CONNECTED

Need to know what's going on at the Library?

Spring is a season of renewal, and the library is blooming with new opportunities to learn, create, and connect. From hands-on programs to community celebrations, we invite residents of all ages to stop in, explore new books, and take part in the many activities happening this season. Whether you are discovering a new hobby or reconnecting with neighbors, the library is the perfect place to start. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for upcoming events.





LIVONIA'S FIRST "PORCHFEST"

Livonia's Ian and Cassie Coyle, along with a group of volunteers, present a celebration of music and community! This event takes place on Saturday, July 11th from 12 noon-5 PM at various locations in the Village. As their website (mertonshheart.org) explains, Porchfest "is built as a free, grassroots neighborhood music festival where front porches, driveways, yards, perhaps barns, and other outdoor spaces become stages for live music. Local musicians perform throughout the community, and attendees stroll from porch to porch, enjoying a wide variety of performances while connecting with neighbors." The event is free - the organizers, hosts, and bands volunteer their time - but hosts are free to 'pass the hat' to collect donations for the musicians. The committee is seeking hosts and bands. Visit the website for more details, and submit the form to become a venue or to perform at the event.

From Your DPW

As winter comes to an end and spring begins, the Village Highway Department thanks residents for their patience and cooperation during the snow and ice season. Our crew worked hard to keep village roads and sidewalks safe and accessible throughout the winter months.

With warmer weather arriving, our focus now shifts to spring maintenance and improvement projects around the village. Over the next several weeks, the village will put away the winter weather equipment and bring out the spring and summer equipment.

Brush and yard waste collection will begin in early April; please follow the rules, regulations, and schedule dates provided in the insert with this newsletter.

The Village will be resurfacing several streets this year, including Washington St, Bowen Driveway, Lake Glen, Gazette Parking Lot, and possibly West Ave. I will post on the Village Facebook page when these areas are scheduled for disruption.

This year's Autumn in the Village Festival will be held on September 12th. Please mark it on your calendar and join your community for a fun day of music, food, crafts, and laughter! We are always looking for volunteers to help with the planning and on the day of the festival. Please contact the Village at 346-3100 if you have any questions or are interested in helping.

Have a great Spring and Summer,

Chris Hoffmann

Highway Foreman



1776-2026

America 250!

The Village and Town of Livonia, along with the Livonia Public Library, are teaming up to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of America. Events are already underway, including the library's collection of quilt squares for a community quilt, the children and teens' America 250 scavenger hunt, and the 250 historically themed books reading challenge. Other highlights include:

July 1st

- Summer Reading Kick-Off with a variety of activities

August 19th

- Summer Reading Finale

Dougherty Funeral Home has donated a time capsule that we will fill and bury to be opened in 2075. Elementary and high school students will contribute some items to the capsule. The Livonia Historical Society will assist with an oral history project, interviewing and

preserving stories of growing up in Livonia in this century and the last. If you'd like to participate, please contact the Village office at 346-3100.

Please stay updated through the Town/Village website and the Livonia Public Library Facebook page!

The Deputy Clerk's Corner

Happy March! This newsletter's column will focus on resources available for our community. I have talked with many people lately who need assistance, whether it be for themselves or a family member, and they just don't know where to turn. I will highlight a few opportunities here today, and if I have missed anything you have found helpful, please reach out to me at 585-346-3100 or email chay@villagelivonia.org so I can add those to a future newsletter.



Free / Low-Cost Food

Hemlock Community Food Pantry, 4620 Main St., Hemlock. Open Thursdays 9-11 AM. Visit their Facebook page or call 585-245-4651 for more information.

Lakeville Community Pantry, 5687 Big Tree Rd., Lakeville. Open Tuesdays 10-Noon and Wednesdays 5:30-7 PM. Call 585-204-0631 for more information.

Sent By Ravens, 40 Spring St., Livonia. Open Saturdays 9-11 AM. Visit sbrfood.org for eligibility requirements or visit their Facebook page.

UMCL Thrift Store, at the corner of Spring and Church St., hosts a freestanding outdoor cupboard pantry for non-perishable food items. Take what you need, leave what you can.



Village of Livonia
PO Box 161
Livonia, NY 14487



Senior Lunch Program, 17 Wildbriar Dr. Offers lunches Mon–Thu to those 60 and older. Suggested donation: \$4. Reservations required. Call 585-346-0010.



Medical Equipment

The Rotary Loan Closet carries a variety of medical equipment, including crutches, wheelchairs, commodes, and more. Located behind the Village Office, 36 Commercial St. To borrow or make a donation, contact Cal Lathan at 585-314-8267.

Other Services

The Livingston County Office for the Aging offers various programs in Livonia and nearby towns to help you stay healthy as you age. Topics include fitness, healthy eating, scam prevention, and driver safety, among others. Their website also provides details about the Noyes Medical Alert Program, free online videos, and a schedule of social activities. Visit their website at livingstoncounty.gov or call 585-243-7520 for more information.

Livonia Public Library, located at 2 Washington St., offers a wide range of free and low-cost programs for all ages. Recent activities include Tech Help, Mahjong for Beginners, Euchre/Backgammon/Jigsaw Puzzle events, Book Clubs (day and evening), Art Journaling, AARP Driver Safety Course, Bingo, and Tales with Toby. Visit their website at livonialibrary.org to see the latest schedule of events (some require advance registration). Hours are Monday through Thursday,

10 AM–7 PM; Friday, 11 AM–5 PM; and Saturday, 11 AM–3 PM. Call 585-346-3450 for more details.

UMCL Thrift Store offers gently used furniture, clothing, household items, and more at affordable prices. They also help families after fires or other major events. Hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 9 AM–3 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM–2 PM. Volunteers and donations are always appreciated. For questions, please contact Eleanor Dober at (315) 771-4112.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers for and/or donates to these organizations. You help make Livonia a great place to live!

Colleen West Hay, CMC

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE SCHEDULE (2026)

April 6	Brush and Yard Waste	<u>(Must Be in Paper Bags NO Plastic)</u>
April 13	Brush and Yard Waste	
April 20	Brush and Yard Waste	
April 27	Brush and Yard Waste	
May 4	Brush and Yard Waste	
May 11	Brush and Yard Waste	
May 18	Brush and Yard Waste	
May 26	Brush and Yard Waste	
June 1	Yard Waste	<u>(MONTHLY Pickup of Brush BEGINS)</u>
June 8	Yard Waste	
June 15	Yard Waste	
June 22	Yard Waste	
June 29	Brush and Yard Waste	
July 6	Yard Waste	
July 13	Yard Waste	
July 20	Yard Waste	
July 27	Brush and Yard Waste	
August 3	Yard Waste	
August 10	Yard Waste	
August 17	Yard Waste	
August 24	Yard Waste	
August 31	Brush and Yard Waste	
September 8	Yard Waste	
September 14	Yard Waste	
September 21	Yard Waste	
September 28	<u>LAST BRUSH PICK UP</u> and Yard Waste Continues	
October 5	<u>LEAVES (FIRST PICK UP)</u> and Yard Waste	
October 13	Leaves and Yard Waste	
October 19	Leaves and Yard Waste	
October 26	Leaves and Yard Waste	
November 2	Leaves and Yard Waste	
November 9	Leaves and Yard Waste	
November 16	Leaves and Yard Waste	
November 23	Leaves and Yard Waste	
November 30	Leaves and Yard Waste	<u>(LAST PICK UP FOR BOTH)</u>

Refuse is scheduled for pickup every Monday, and the only holidays that will impact the normal schedule this year are:

Memorial Day: Refuse picked up on 5/26

Labor Day: Refuse picked up on 9/8

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE SCHEDULE (2026)

Pickup Guidelines

Yard Waste

Brush

Leaves

We all want our Village to be safe, clean, and pleasant appearing. Piles of brush, tree limbs and building materials that are in the street or next to the roadway for weeks are unpleasant to see and a hazard to all.

Our service to you will continue to be at the highest level, but we need your cooperation. Our two trucks cannot be ready to perform multiple tasks. When we are prepared for snow, the trucks are equipped with plows and sanders and are not capable of picking up grass, leaves, or brush. This reflects some of our limitations. We need you to help us so that we can help you.

YARD WASTE

(Grass and all plant material including flowers, weeds, grass, walnuts, spring leaves, etc.)

The Village will continue to be responsible for yard waste pickup. Yard waste will be picked up weekly on Monday. Biodegradable bags or appropriate trash cans will be required for residents who would like this service. This is because all our yard waste is now being composted. The use of our backhoe and large truck is longer be necessary. The bags and trash cans are easy to handle, and the bags decompose quickly. **Plastic bags are not appropriate and will not be picked up.**

BRUSH

- Brush will be picked up weekly on Mondays from mid-April through May. From June to October, brush will be picked up on the first Monday of the month. Brush should be placed **no more than three days** in advance of the monthly pickup date.
- Piles should be no longer than 8 feet.
- Piles should not be in the immediate vicinity of a tree, power pole, mailbox, or fire hydrant.
- Piles should be placed between the road and sidewalk or adjacent to the road where there are no sidewalks. Brush should not be placed in the road.
- Other material should not be intermingled with brush. This is because the brush is chipped/shredded and composted. The chipper cannot handle dirt, rocks, large diameter body wood or stumps/rootballs and other foreign materials. **Dirt and rocks seriously damage your village equipment.**

LEAVES

- Leaf pickup will begin on the second Monday of October and continue daily until the last Monday of November, or until the first serious snowstorm.
- Leaves should not be piled in the road, but as close as possible to the road, similar to brush.
- No other materials should be intermingled with the leaves. This is because the vacuum equipment cannot vacuum sticks, dirt and other foreign materials. **Dirt and rocks seriously damage your equipment.**