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MAYOR'S REPORT

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Autumn in the Village:

The 21st Autumn in the Village festival takes place on September 13th from 10 am to 9 pm. Village resident Cara Stewart is leading a hard-working committee that organizes a day and evening of fun for all ages. The Town of Livonia is again our biggest sponsor and our Village bank, Community Bank, will once again sponsor the main stage and generously allow the Village to use their property for a portion of the festivities. Please take a moment to review our list of sponsors and consider supporting them with your business. You can find more information about the events and schedule later in the newsletter.

On Street Parking in the Village - A Matter of Safety and Courtesy

As residents of the Village of Livonia, we all share a responsibility to ensure our community remains safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone. Within the past few months, we have had a couple of on-street parking situations arise, including one on Commercial Street that led to an accident.

Parking regulations have been modified many times over the years to reflect the different layouts of our streets.

There are several streets within the Village where parking is **prohibited by law**. These restrictions are in place to ensure emergency vehicle access, maintain visibility at intersections, and/or preserve traffic flow. Residents are strongly encouraged to **review the official parking regulations** as outlined in the Village Code, which is available on the **Town/Village of Livonia website**. Parking restrictions are clearly signed on those streets where parking is prohibited.

In addition to officially restricted areas, there are other streets in the Village where parking is **not formally prohibited** but can still pose significant

safety concerns. Many of these roads **lack shoulders**, and when vehicles are parked along them, it can:

- **Narrow traffic lanes**, making it difficult for two-way traffic to safely pass
- **Reduce visibility**, especially near hills and intersections
- **Create hazards** for pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency vehicles

On these streets, **please exercise sound judgment** when deciding whether or not to park. If your vehicle could obstruct traffic, block sight lines, or put others at risk, please find an alternative location to park.

A little consideration goes a long way.

By following posted regulations and using common sense in areas where parking is technically allowed but not ideal, we can all contribute to a safer community. If you have questions about specific roads or parking rules, or if you'd like to view the Village Code, visit the Town/Village of Livonia website or contact the Village Office.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Livonia safe and accessible!

The Turkey Trot - Save the Date!

The annual Livonia Turkey Trot is scheduled for November 27th. This race, sponsored by The Friends of Livonia in cooperation with the Village, the LivCo Sheriff's Department, and the Livonia Fire Police, has become a wonderful community tradition. Registration should be open in September. Also, be on the lookout for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting date.

Our DPW:

A special shout-out to our DPW crew for another productive and successful summer! Chris, Brian, Nate, and Cara installed more sidewalks, kept up with mowing and brush, cared for our parks, cultivated our beautiful hanging baskets, and more. Our crew works hard and serves our community with dedication and a people-first mentality.

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

From Your DPW

Hello Residents,

I hope everyone has been enjoying a great summer! The village crew has had another busy season. This year's projects included replacing a section of sidewalk on Spring Street, paving Spring Street, and constructing a cul-de-sac at the end of Meadow Drive. Even when we're not actively working on a project, we continue with our routine duties on a weekly and monthly basis.

In July, DPW employee Tyler left the Village crew and was replaced by Nate Genthner. Nate brings seven years of construction and equipment operation experience. His skills will be a valuable addition to the Village, and his training within the DPW department has already begun. We are very excited to have Nate as part of our team!

This year's Autumn in the Village will be held on September 13th from 10 am to 9 pm. We encourage you and your family to join us for some live music, food, arts and crafts, and much more! This festival can't happen without donations from our sponsors and your attendance. So, grab a neighbor or a friend, and we will see you there!

I want to thank Louise Wadsworth and the LivCo program for their help with the mural on Grove Street. Artist Tim Parsley is from Indiana and designed the mural himself. If you haven't seen it yet, take a look!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Kindly,
Chris Hoffmann
Highway Foreman



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LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Be sure to sign up for a library card or renew your expired card. The library has great offerings and is here for you!

TEEN SERVICES

It is with deep sadness that we say goodbye to our Teen services Coordinator Emily. She will be missed. Be sure to visit her at RMSC. We hope to have that position filled by the fall.

GREAT GIVE BACK!

'Tis the *Season to Give*. This Fall the library will focus on Senior wellness/self-care. Donations can be dropped off at the library starting October 1st. Stay tuned for our wish list. See library website/social media for details.

STAY CONNECTED

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

Summer Reading was a hit! We had over 300 participants. We ended the program with a grand finale and awarded 48 prizes. Thank you to all of our volunteers from The Friends Of Livonia Public Library, sponsors, as well as community members. We look forward to an exciting school year and a cooler Fall. Follow us on Instagram/Facebook or our website for more details.



The Deputy Clerk's Corner

In this newsletter, we have answers to the most frequently asked questions. If you do not find the answer to your question, please give us a call at 585-346-3100 or visit our website at livoniany.gov.

Q. What are your hours, and where are you located?

The Village Clerk's office is located at 36 Commercial Street (next to Commercial Automotive and across the street from the Town Hall). Office hours are Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 1 PM. We have a secure drop box to the right of the door for payments outside our business hours.

Q. Will there be a shredding event this year?

A. For several years in a row, the Town Clerk's Office sponsored a shredding event. This year, they sponsored an electronics collection event instead. This event helped residents dispose of computers, monitors, TVs, and other electronic equipment at no charge to residents. This is a huge need in our community. Thank you to Town Clerk Hayley Woodruff for responding to residents' requests and organizing this event.

Q. What can I do with old paint?

A. If it is latex paint, simply leave the cans open to dry. Once the paint is dried up (kitty litter can speed the process), you can dispose of them in the regular trash. Oil-based paint cannot be disposed of in your trash; however, several local businesses accept oil-based paint. Visit the GLOW Region Solid Waste website for a list of drop-off locations and more information about hazardous waste disposal. The website can be found at geneseeny.gov/Department-Content/GLOW-Region-Solid-Waste. GLOW's phone number is 585-815-7906.

Q. Where can I borrow a wheelchair (commode, shower chair, etc.)?

Livonia Rotary operates a Loan Closet with a variety of medical equipment that can be borrowed at no charge. The Village Hall porch serves as a drop-off and pick-up site for donations. Livonia residents may call Cal Lathan at 585-314-8267 for more information.

Q. Who picks up dead deer or other critters in or on the side of the road?

A. There is no service that will pick up dead small animals in the road. Unfortunately, it is just too costly. However, dead deer will be picked up by the highway department that is responsible for the road if they are in the

road or on the shoulder. For state roads, call the Department of Transportation at 204-3003. For County Roads, call 243-6700, for the town of Livonia roads, call 346-3580, and for the Village of Livonia streets, call 346-2010. (All numbers are 585 area code.)

Q. Can I pay my tax bill or park reservation with a credit card?

A. Not currently. The Village Board of Trustees is concerned about protecting your private information and keeping your taxes as low as possible, so they carefully weigh the costs versus benefits for the services they provide. After researching several methods for credit card processing, the trustees determined that it would be too costly to make the IT upgrades needed to provide this service.

Q. How do I report a streetlight that is out, dim, buzzing, or blinking?

Problems with streetlights can be reported directly to National Grid via their website.

You will need to know the address of the property closest to the affected pole. It also helps to have the pole number, if possible.

If you enjoyed this column and would like to see us address more FAQs in future newsletters, let us know!

Colleen Hay

Deputy Clerk Treasurer

'Lift Off in Livonia' mural project

In August, the Village welcomed mural artist Tim Parsley to create a new piece of public art.

The nine-month project culminated on Aug. 2 when Tim began painting on the east wall of the Sullivan Insurance building at 27 Main Street. He started with doodles to form a grid for the scene. Then he began filling in, first the background, then the sky and water and finally the blue heron that is the focal point of the mural.

Community members helped paint in the early stages of the project, and many people stopped by to watch and chat during the two weeks that Tim was here. He presented a free Artist Talk on Aug. 14, hosted by the Livonia Public Library. The mural was completed on Aug. 15 and will be dedicated during Autumn in the Village.

The project was funded through a Grow LivCo grant and private donations

from local sponsors: Village of Livonia, Grow LivCo, ADMAR, Conesus Lake Association, Coyle Family, Denney Family, Michael and Stacey Dougherty & the 4 K's, Ember Woodfire Grill, Gina Horan Reflections, Pizza Paul's, Kurtz Farm, Lantern Lounge, Meade Family, ReNewed Coffee Co., and Louise Wadsworth.

Thank you for the additional donations of money and/or services from ALandscape and Design, Bob and Margie Enright, Dawn Brennan, Marlene and Larry Kramer, Margaret Linsner, The Vogel Family, West's Shurfine, Wegmans, Lake BBQ and Bistro, and Solitude Brewing Co.

Tim has created murals in Caledonia (Trout Culture mural) and in Ticonderoga, NY (Old Paper Mill mural), as well as around the Midwest and in Kenya. He is Program Director and a professor of Studio Art at the University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and lives in Ft. Wayne.

Special thanks to Chris Hoffman and the Village of Livonia DPW Crew for support at the mural site during the painting, and the local committee that shepherded the project: Emily Davis, Betsy Kurtz, Kathy O'Neill, Sarah Vogel, Laura Dragone, Francine Miller, Theresa Denney, Annette Meade and Louise Wadsworth.

Livonia's 21st Annual Autumn in the Village Festival

The Autumn in the Village Committee has been working hard over the past few months to prepare for another wonderful festival. This year's Autumn in the Village Festival will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

The festival will start with a parade at 10 am. The parade will begin at the top of Main Street Hill, go straight down the hill, and end at the Ember driveway. It will feature local high school marching bands, the Rochester Scottish Pipes & Drums, sports groups, fire and police departments, and more. Floats will be included again this year, with prizes to be won. Our theme for the floats is "Sailing the Seven Seas." Besides our themed floats, the high school will join the parade this year with their homecoming floats and the homecoming royalty. If you're interested in participating, please sign up before Friday, August 30th. For more details about the float contest, scan the QR code.



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The arts and crafts vendors, bounce houses, live music, festival food, and family fun start at 11am. Don't forget to stop by the information booth and enter to win gift certificates from many local businesses. Kids will also want to be sure to enter the free bike raffle!

Festival activities will start at 11 am and end at 6 pm. Again this year, we will have a nighttime band playing on the main stage from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Make sure to join us for some great music by 7 Days!

The Livonia Rotary tent, Solitude, and No BS will be providing food and drinks during that time. Join us for some great music, dancing, and food while the rest of the festival wraps up.

We're hosting a cornhole tournament starting at noon in the Community Bank parking lot. Sign-up costs \$40 per team, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams at the end! Use the QR code to register.



Admission and parking for the festival are free. A shuttle bus will be available to transport visitors from the Livonia Elementary School parking lot. Commercial Street will be closed for the festival, and Main Street will only be shut down during the parade.

If you're interested in being a craft vendor for this year's event, please contact Melissa at (585) 313- 4534 to sign up. Applications are available on our Facebook page.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, September 13th, as we celebrate the beginning of Autumn and our 21st festival. We look forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE NO DOGS, NO SKATEBOARDS, AND NO BIKES AT THE FESTIVAL

Make sure to follow us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/LivoniaAutumnintheVillage

The Autumn in the Village Committee
 Cara, Melissa, Jake, Chris, JoAnn, Rhonda, Cal, Chris, Betty, Stacey, Holly, Kate, Amber

Autumn in the Village Festival Event Timeline

10:00 AM: PARADE ON MAIN STREET

- Livingston County Sheriff Department, local fire departments, Scottish Pipe & Drum Corps, high school bands, sports groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc., will be marching
- The 3rd annual float contest will take place during the parade
- Livonia HS Homecoming Floats & Royalty will also be joining the parade this year

11:00 AM-6:00 PM: FAMILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT

- New mural dedication immediately following the parade at the corner of Commercial St. and Grove St.
- Over 60 vendors will be lining Commercial Street with their arts and crafts booths
- Dunk tank, bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses
- Bike Raffle and local Gift Certificate raffles- stop by the information booth on the Bank Lawn, under the tree, for your chance to win
- Food and drink vendors located in the parking lot
- Cut-a Thon on Commercial St.
- Open mic on the corner of Main and Commercial from 12-4 pm
- 12:00 pm- Cornhole Tournament
- 4th annual cornhole tournament
- \$40/team, Cash prizes awarded for the top teams

LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

- 11:00 am-1:00 pm** Steel Alchemy Band
- 12:00-4:00 pm** Open Mic in the Art Park with Steve West
- 1:45-3:15 pm** Blue Sky
- 4:00-6:00 pm** Mojo Blue
- 6:30-9:00 pm** 7 Days

Food and drink will be available for purchase from Livonia Rotary, Solitude Brewing Company, and No BS from 6:30-9:00 pm