



Fall Yard Waste & Leaf Cleanup

Fall is just around the corner, which means the leaves will soon be putting on their annual show—and eventually making their way into our yards! 🍁

Please mark your calendars: **the final yard-waste pickup of the season is scheduled for Friday, December 4, weather permitting.** This is also the **final day of the Association's lawn service contract**, so please have your yard-waste bags out and ready for pickup.



Our friends at **Evergreen Lawn Care Services** will begin the annual fall leaf cleanup **around mid- to late October, or when the trees begin dropping their leaves.** The crew will make an initial pass throughout the Association, followed by additional cleanup in areas with heavier accumulation as time and weather allow before the end of the contract.



Of course, **Mother Nature has the final say.** Our location next to the National Forest means wind can quickly blow leaves back into freshly cleaned areas, while an early freeze or snowfall may prevent the crew from completing the final cleanup. Some trees may also hold onto their leaves until after the December 4 contract end date.

If some leaves remain after the December 4 service date, **don't worry!** The lawn crew will return in the spring to collect late-falling leaves, along with any tree limbs and branches that may have come down over the winter.

In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful fall colors—and maybe give those leaves a little time to finish their grand finale before they land in your yard! 🍁

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Board of Director's Corner

As the saying goes, **IT'S FALL YA'LL!**

Fall is here, along with cooler temperatures, colorful leaves and a few reminders from your Board.

Beginning **October 1st**, the **ACC Committee will meet on the second Thursday of each month through April**. If you have an improvement project planned, please remember that ACC Request **forms are due the Friday before the scheduled ACC meeting**. Also, a heads-up for those wanting to install a snow fence for the winter months. Please remember that ACC approval is required **prior** to erecting the snow fence. A big **"Thank You!"** to our ACC Committee for the time and effort they put into helping keep our community looking its best. Their work is truly appreciated.

A **final call** for those that have not received their new **Amended & Restated Consolidating Master Deed and Bylaws** books. These important documents are still available at the HOA office until October 31st. Those not picked up, will be mailed in November. If you're unable to stop by, call the office to arrange a time for one to be delivered to you or you can request one be emailed to you. Thank you to everyone who has already picked up a copy. Your help has saved the Association—and our homeowners—the cost of mailing hundreds of books.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather while it lasts! Halloween, Thanksgiving and the fall colors are ahead, with winter waiting patiently around the corner. As you travel through the Villages, please slow down and watch for children, pedestrians and deer. They don't always follow the rules of the road!

Happy Autumn, everyone! 🍁

Sherry Proulx, Secretary

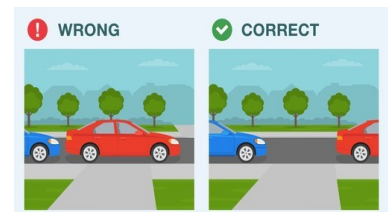
Keep the Way Clear!

A Small Parking Reminder with a Big Impact for Four-Plex Residents

A quick reminder for all our neighbors: **please be sure your vehicle isn't parked in front of the sidewalk approaches leading to the units**. Those little pathways need to stay clear—not just for convenience, but for some pretty important reasons.

When a vehicle blocks the approach:

- It prevents **Waste Management** from being able to reach and empty the trash carts at the curb.
- It hinders lawn care and snow removal contractors from servicing/maintaining **this critical access point**.
- More seriously, it makes it **impossible for EMS teams** to get a gurney from the street to someone's front door in an emergency.



We know parking can sometimes feel like a game of "Where can I squeeze this thing?" But please take a moment to make sure your vehicle isn't blocking these important access points. Keep the pathways clear, use your designated parking spaces, and help keep the Villages safe and accessible for everyone.

Your Curb Isn't a Classified Ad



Thinking about putting that old chair, table, or "perfectly good" whatever at the curb with a **FREE** or **FOR SALE** sign? Please don't!

Residents are **not permitted to leave items at the curb or along the street for sale or free pickup**. What may look like a great bargain to one person can quickly become an eyesore—and somehow, that "free" item always seems to find a permanent home at the curb.

Please make other arrangements for unwanted items rather than leaving them at the curb.

Your neighbors—and our neighborhood—will thank you!



HALLOWEEN

Ghouls, Goblins & Good Common Sense

A Few Safety Tips for a Fun Evening in the Villages

October is here, which means pumpkins are appearing, costumes are being planned and little ghosts and goblins will soon be making their rounds for treats. A few simple precautions can help keep the evening safe for everyone.



Light the Way

Sharing treats? Turn on your porch light so neighbors know you're welcoming visitors! Not participating? Keep it off so everyone knows to skip your house. Please keep sidewalks and steps clear of decorations, cords and other obstacles. Let's keep the spooky fun in the costumes—not on the walkway!



Remember, This Is Michigan!

October weather can be unpredictable. Check the forecast and dress accordingly. A costume may look great, but a warm layer underneath could make the evening much more enjoyable. Rain, wind or an unexpected snowflake can turn a fun night into a chilly one quickly!



Be Seen

Flashlights, glow sticks or reflective tape can help children be more visible. Make sure costumes fit properly and don't block vision.



Drivers, Slow Down

Please watch carefully for children crossing the street and remember that excited trick-or-treaters may be paying more attention to their candy buckets than traffic.



One Last Rule: Inspect the Treats

Children should wait until they get home before eating their candy. Parents, of course, may conduct a thorough **quality-control inspection**—especially when chocolate is involved.

Have a safe and enjoyable evening, and enjoy seeing all the creative costumes around the Villages! 🎃



The annual Downtown Oscoda Trick-or-Treat takes place on

Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

- **Location:** Downtown Oscoda (participating local businesses and decorated trunks along Dwight, Lake, River, and US-23)
- **Time:** 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Trick-or-treating and Mystic Alley Vendor Market)
- **Costume Contest:** 1:00 PM
- **Additional Activities:** Part of Oscoda's HalloWeekend celebration, which also features the Witches Party starting at 1:30 PM and a family-friendly Halloween Parade lining up at 5:00 PM (parade starts at 6:00 PM).
- **Cost:** Free

More Information: Check updates via the [Oscoda AuSable Chamber of Commerce](https://www.oscodauable.com).



Need Help with Tree Cleanup?



If you have large, broken or fallen tree limbs and branches left behind from storm damage, or cut-up sections of tree trunk left behind from Consumer Energy's tree maintenance activity, don't worry—you don't have to tackle the big stuff alone!

Give the Association office a call, and we'll make arrangements for one of our volunteers to remove the larger tree debris at no cost to you. One less thing to wrestle with—and your back will thank you!

Please note: Homeowners are still responsible for **removing any tree stumps** left behind and for restoring the lawn or landscaping after the stump is removed.

Just give the office a call, and we'll be happy to help get those leftovers cleaned up!



Paws & Pick-Up: A Friendly Pet Reminder

We love our four-legged neighbors—but there are a couple of pet rules worth a friendly reminder!

Pets **may not be housed, tethered, tied up, or left outside unattended.** In other words, the backyard is not a pet babysitter, and Fido shouldn't be left out to supervise the neighborhood on his own!

And while we're talking about pet etiquette, please remember to **pick up after your pets.** Nobody enjoys an unexpected "land mine" while walking the neighborhood, and our lawns certainly don't need extra surprises.

So, keep your furry friends safely with you, keep the neighborhood clean, and let's make sure the only thing our pets are leaving behind is a wagging tail! 🐾



Fall Is Coming—Time for a Little Home TLC!

Fall is knocking on the door, which means it's time to give your home a quick checkup before Michigan decides it's officially **furnace season!** A few simple checks now can help prevent bigger—and more expensive headaches later.



Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Change those batteries! Colder weather means more furnace use, so make sure your CO detectors are ready to do their job.



Fire Extinguisher

Check that the gauge is in the green, the safety pin is in place, and there's no visible damage. If something looks questionable, replace it.



Furnace

Turn it on for 5–10 minutes and make sure it's heating properly. Fall is also a good time to schedule a cleaning or tune-up.



Thermostat

Yep, it has batteries too! Give them a fresh start before you need the heat.



Washer & Dryer

Check your washing machine hoses and water lines for cracks, leaks or signs of wear. If your washer drains into a utility tub, consider using a lint trap on the drain hose to help keep lint from building up and clogging the drain. And don't forget the dryer: **clean the lint filter after every load.** It's a small chore that can help your dryer run efficiently and reduce a potential fire hazard.

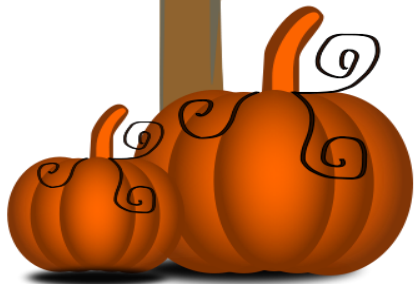


A little fall maintenance now can help keep your home cozy, safe, and ready for whatever Michigan weather has planned next!



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on
Thursday & Friday, November 26th &
27th in observance of Thanksgiving and
the day after.
Normal office hours will resume on
Monday, November 30th.



A very special thank you to the wonderful
neighbor who has been giving Idaho St. so
much love and attention. Your time, hard
work, and personal touch have truly made a
difference.

We appreciate you more than you know.
Idaho St. looks beautiful because of you!

October/November 2026

- * Oct 2nd –ACC Requests Due
- * Oct 8th–ACC Meeting–10:00am
- * Oct 14th–Monthly Board Mtg. –10:00am
- * Oct 31st –Happy Halloween
- * Nov. 1st–Daylight Savings starts
- * Nov 6th– ACC Requests Due
- * Nov 11th–Happy Veterans Day
- * Nov 12th–ACC Meeting–10:00am
- * Nov 18th–Monthly Board Mtg.–10:00am
- * Nov 26 & 27–Thanksgiving Staff Off

Christmas Decorating Event

It's hard to believe but December is just around the
corner. We will need **volunteers to decorate the
Clubhouse** for the Christmas holiday season on
Thursday, December 3rd at 10:00 am.

Call, stop in the office or send an email to sign up.

Fun and refreshments included.

News You Can Use

- ⇒ Holiday decorations must be removed **within 10 days** after the holiday. This includes Halloween decorations, pumpkins, hay bales and Jack-o-lanterns.
- ⇒ Beginning in October and running through April, the ACC will only meet once per month, on the **2nd Thursday** of the month.
- ⇒ **Parking on all streets is strictly prohibited between November 1st and April 1st from 8am to 5pm** in order to facilitate County snow removal. This will also help prevent the ice and snow build up from becoming a hazard to other drivers and pedestrians. (See Bylaws Article VII, Section 2(a)).
- ⇒ **4-Plex Owners:** Remember to trim the bushes **by the trash shed** so that the snow removal crew is able to access the area to clear a path to... and in front of the shed door.



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The HOA office hours are:
Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 8am - 5pm & Tues. 10am - 5pm.

**OFFICE CLOSED ON
SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

Please remember there is always a drop box for your convenience!



CLASSIFIEDS

Clubhouse Activities

- ♦ Pinochle - Mondays & Fridays at 12:30pm
- ♦ BUNCO— 2nd Tuesday of every month 1:00pm
- ♦ BUNCO - Last Friday of every month - 1:00pm
- ♦ Chair Yoga - Every Monday & Wednesday at 5:30pm
- ♦ Stampin' Up Card Making - 1st Friday of every month 1-3pm
- ♦ Quilters - 2nd Monday of every month - 9:00am



RECYCLING PROGRAM: You can drop off recyclable materials 24/7 at no charge at the designated drop site located in the parking lot of the **Oscoda Area Schools Athletic Complex** (3550 E. River Road, Oscoda, MI). Iosco County, MI

Accepted Items:

- **Cardboard:** Corrugated cardboard, shipping boxes, and paperboard (e.g., cereal and tissue boxes).
- **Paper:** Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and office paper.
- **Plastics:** Recyclable plastics (primarily #1 through #4).
- **Metals & Glass:** Rinsed tin cans (with labels removed) and glass bottles/jars. Iosco County, MI

This community drop site is managed by Iosco County. For specific updates regarding bin availability, special drop-off events, or to view the full list of accepted items, check the official [Iosco County Recycling Program](#) webpage.

Sewing & Alterations: Contact Deborah at 989-254-2377.

Pet Care: Riverside Pet Lodge is a new state of the art boarding kennel nestled in the woods beside the Pine River just north of Oscoda. We offer boarding, daycare and grooming services in a loving atmosphere. Our building has heated floors, indoor/outdoor runs and two play yards. Daily woodland walks also available. Send your pets to “camp” while you are out of town! Stop in and see us or give us a call. Riverside Pet Lodge, 2910 Kings Corner Rd., Oscoda, MI 48750; 989-739-5039; www.riversidepetlodge.com; “Like” us on Facebook!

Pet waste removal: D&L's K9 Pooper Scoopers is a new business located in Oscoda, serving the east Michigan area from Tawas to Harrisville and as far west as Glennie. We specialize in dog waste removal. We will take care of your pet waste so you don't have to! Our courteous staff will come to your home, remove your best friend's lawn ornaments (doggy poop) and bring it to our facilities for earth friendly composting. Free quotes are available upon request. Call Now! (989) 820-1671 or visit us on Facebook and don't forget to give us a Like!

Professional Pet Sitting & Pet Nail Trims: in your home. Call Veterinary Technician, Amber Cowan, 989-278-7019

Real Estate Services:

Perfect Landing Rentals & Real Estate - Anne Giori, Broker/CEO. Established in 2005, providing professional and quality Property Management services and professional Real Estate services since 1998. Over 20 years experience as a landlord and real estate investor. Our services cover Northeastern Michigan. 989-362-3300.

Sterling Properties - Jeff Pukall, Associate Broker/Realtor, owner in the Villages for 11 years. I get results and will sell your house! I also purchase units in any condition for quick cash and a fair price. Also offer full house/estate clean service. Call or text me at any time. 712-852-6190.

Are you a resident in the Villages that would like to place your ad in The Village Chatter? Contact the office for more info.