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Notes from City Hall

Helpful information to keep in mind throughout the summer months

Grass and Noxious Weeds

The City has an ordinance requiring regular lawn and planting bed maintenance between the months of April and October. Please contact the Building Department if you see a lot becoming overgrown, so that we may notify the owner.

Solicitors in your neighborhood

With the summer months and nicer weather, we may encounter more people circulating in the neighborhoods wanting to promote businesses and charities. It's important to clarify exactly what is and is not permitted in your neighborhood.

Anyone who knocks on your door must be a representative of a charitable organization. No commercial or for-profit company is allowed to solicit door-to-door in residential areas. Secondly, any charitable organization must have a permit to solicit. The permits are issued by the City Clerk's Office and are approved by the Police Chief. If someone comes to your house, ask to see their permit. If they do not have one, you can call the police. If you wish to keep people from your door, you can get a "No Soliciting" sticker from your local hardware store. As always, if you notice anything out of the ordinary, please call the police department.

Building Permits: Why and When?

Building permits are required to help protect your investment and your safety. The Michigan Residential Code requires permits when "any owner or authorized agent...intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move or change the occupancy of a building or structure..." This includes driveway, approach and service walk replacement. It further requires permits when an owner or agent intends to "erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system..." The Code specifically states that the permit for the work must be obtained before the work begins. It is always best to call the Building Department for clarification of permit requirements.

Homeowners often fear that once a permit is filed their tax base will increase. Sometimes that is true, but not always. Adding on a room will increase the value of your home, but refurbishing a bathroom may not. Adding a pool will increase your home's value, while adding an in-line heater may not. Yet, all these activities require permits for one main reason: Homeowner Protection.

Beware the contractor who suggests that you take out the permit to "save money." Permit costs are the same regardless of the applicant. It is to your benefit to

require that the contractor be responsible for the work provided and that required inspections be adhered to assure code compliance. Only when inspections have been made and approved should payment be made.

Builder Beware

Scam artists thrive on people who fail to conduct due diligence before entering into a contract. These unscrupulous individuals not only cause homeowners great emotional and financial distress, they put honest contractors out of business, often giving all contractors a bad rap. It's a scenario that need not happen, if homeowners take the necessary steps:

Seek bids from no less than three contractors who have a solid history in the community.

Request a copy of the contractor's Builder's or Maintenance and Alteration Contractor's License.

The Michigan Occupational Code requires that contractors be licensed to provide labor or materials for any contract in excess of \$600. Remember, the M&A Contractor is only licensed to perform the services listed on the license. While we require registration of all contractors each calendar year, which includes proof of licensure, we do not check for complaints registered with the state.

Before you sign a contract, verify that the license is active and that there are no past or pending complaints. Call 517-241-9288 or check www.michigan.gov/builders.

Insist that the contractor obtain a building permit.

The need for a permit can be verified by calling the Building Department at 248-541-2901.

Ask for references and call them! Ask questions relating to the quality of work, timeliness of installation and overall responsiveness.

Unbundled Brush Pick-Up

Larger branches, 1" to 4" in diameter, will be collected by the City on the third Monday of each month. Branches 1" to 4" in diameter and between 4 feet and 10 feet in length must be placed at resident's curb with butt ends facing the direction vehicles travel. Branches larger than 4" in diameter will not be picked up by the City.

FIREWOOD AND LOGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

If a contractor or homeowner cuts down a tree, they must make arrangements to remove the debris from the property. It will not be collected.

Questions about garbage collection? Please contact City Hall at 248-541-2901.



OFFICER RETIREMENT

Congratulations to Officer Glenn Fearn. Officer Fearn retired on May 30, 2017 after 23 years of service to the residents of Pleasant Ridge.

LOCK YOUR CARS: Pleasant Ridge Police reminds you to lock your car and home doors. Summertime brings with it thefts from unlocked cars. Call Pleasant Ridge Police immediately if you see anyone lurking around or looking into cars.

DON'T WALK IN THE STREET: Michigan Law prohibits people walking in the street where sidewalks are available.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES: If you see suspicious people or vehicles in Pleasant Ridge, immediately call the police at 248-541-2900 and press #1 for police dispatch. Please don't think that it's too small an issue to call the police. If it doesn't seem right, call the police. Officers are more than happy to check the situation to keep you and other residents safe.

DOGS: Please be a responsible pet owner. Dogs must be walked on leashes; animal waste must be picked up; dogs are not allowed to be off the walking paths in Gainsboro Park, nor running free.

MICHIGAN TRAFFIC TURNAROUNDS: Please keep in mind: Michigan traffic turnarounds are only one lane unless otherwise marked with lane dividers. A lot of drivers tend to make their own lane when there is already a car waiting for traffic, but it can block the view of traffic from the other driver and is illegal. The turnarounds are made wide to allow trucks to be able to make the turn. Please keep in mind that the person who is there first has the right of way, and you could be ticketed for improper lane use.

PHONE / EMAIL SCAMS: Never give your personal information out over the phone, or by email. PR Police has received numerous reports of people claiming to be IRS agents collecting tax debts, people claiming they're a family member and need bail, People claiming that they can fix a computer over the phone (they ask you to log onto a website, and they steal your personal information), and even people being told their family member has been kidnapped and you need to pay ransom or they will be hurt (they may even play audio clips of your alleged "family member")... this last example is particularly bad because the perpetrator keeps you on the line while you are instructed to buy gift cards or withdraw money from the bank and wire to an account.

Some tips to keep you and your information safe:

- If you're contacted by phone for "a problem" with an account, don't give out any information; tell them you'll call back their main number to verify there is an issue with the account (don't ask them for a phone number, Google it).
- Never log into any website that a phone solicitor tells you to
- Never give your social security number out over the phone (ask for another form of identity verification)
- Check your credit report regularly (get a free credit report each year at **www.annualcreditreport.com**)
- Sign up for the national Do Not Call list at **<https://www.donotcall.gov/>**
- Sign up with a credit protection program (offered by most banks, they'll run your credit regularly and inform you if your information has hit phishing / hacker websites or new credit has been opened in your name)
- Don't open suspicious texts or emails
- Don't buy or invest in something over the phone (have them mail information if you're truly interested)

**PLEASANT RIDGE POLICE WISH YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER**

Gainsboro Park

The park had some major improvements completed over the fall and winter, including the addition of new play equipment, a new Community Garden, and much more! Enjoy the park this summer!

Photo courtesy of local photographer, Thomas Treuter.





pool news

Pool Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 1-8 p.m., Sat.-Sun.: 12-8 p.m.

Zero-depth: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (ends Aug. 11)

Early-bird swim: 6-7:30 a.m. (ends Aug. 11)

7/6: PR Pool Closes at 3 p.m. for home swim meet
(residents can swim at HW pool with picture ID).

7/13: PR Pool Closes at 3 p.m. for home swim meet
(residents can NOT swim at HW pool due to their own home meet).

POOL CLOSSES SEP. 4, 2017

Adult-Only Swim
Jul. 26 & Aug. 23, 6-8 p.m.

Water Aerobics Classes

Participants may bring and use their own water shoes and gloves. Please also bring your own pool noodles (2) to class. Drop-in fee \$10 per class.

Saturday Morning Classes: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Jun. 17-Jul. 15, Jul. 22 - Aug. 19 \$50R/\$55NR

Jul. 25-Aug. 17

Tue. or Thu. 12:15-1:15 p.m. \$40R/\$45NR

Tue. & Thu. 12:15-1:15 p.m. \$75R/\$80NR

Adult Swim Meet

Tue., August 1, 7:30 p.m. This FUN event is for ADULTS ONLY! We will practice at 8 p.m. on July 18, 20, 25, & 27. Please watch for more information to follow! \$5 per person to register.

ADULT SWIM MEET EVENTS:

100 FREE RELAY

100 MEDLEY RELAY

WATER RELAY

CHEATER RELAY

PLUNGE

WET T-SHIRT RELAY

FLIP CUP RELAY

DECADE RELAY

...AND MANY MORE!

Once registration is complete, events may be added to eliminated based on number of participants.

Swim Lessons

The City of Pleasant Ridge offers one-week swim lessons for both residents and non residents. Lessons follow American Red Cross Levels 1-7. Mon.-Thu. with make up on Fri. **COST: Residents: \$30, Non-residents: \$55.**

SESSION 3: JULY 10-13

SESSION 4: JULY 17-20

Sign up begins 6/26

11 a.m. Levels 1-4,
Parent/Tot

11:30 a.m. Levels 1-4

12 p.m. Levels 1-7

Sign up begins 7/10

11 a.m. Levels 1-4

11:30 a.m. Levels 1-4

12 p.m. Levels 1-7



The City of Pleasant Ridge presents
The 2017 Synchro Swimming Show

“Broadway”

The first meeting will be held on Mon., July 31 at the PR Pool. Groups and practice times will be decided at that meeting. Practices will be held during the weekday mornings.

SHOW: Thu., Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

Show tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 per person/\$20 per family

Synchro Cost:

\$45/Resident \$65/Non-Resident

The show is open to resident & non-residents, girls and boys ages 4-15.

Synchro Coaches: Abilyn Cardelli & Regan Castle

*Dress rehearsal will be held on Wednesday & Thursday morning 8/16 & 8/17. Times to follow.

For more questions, please contact the
Recreation Department at 248-541-2902
or stop in to register!



Then & Now: A History of the Pleasant Ridge Community Pool

PR Community Center

August 2, 7 p.m.

Join the Historical Commission in conjunction with the PR Rec Department for a speakers series about the history of the Community Pool.

Learn about the unique fundraising that initially built the pool, and the transformation into the pool we all know and love today. Feel free to invite anyone that may have historical knowledge of the pool to aid in the discussion.



50+ Club events & trips

50+ Club Trivia Night

Thu., Aug. 10, 6-8 p.m. PR Pool

Please bring your smartphone or tablet if you have one (but it is NOT a requirement to attend). Appetizers will be provided.

Flu Shot Clinic

Sep. 21, 1-5 p.m.

PR Community Center

Walgreens will be on site providing flu shots, as well as blood pressure checks. There will also be FREE demonstrations of our offered Fitness Class to keep your blood pumping! Claddagh Chiropractic will be on site to offer information on their services & as well as providing FREE postural screening and chair massages. Oakland County Health Division will have a representative on site for questions & program information. **Vaccines are subject to availability. State, age, and health related restrictions may apply. Most insurance coverage is accepted,*

including Medicare Part B, Blue Cross, HAP & AARP. Check with your insurance company for coverage details.

SAVE THE DATE!

Monthly movie begins the third Thurs. of each month @ 12:15 p.m.: 9/21, 10/19, 11/23. Titles to come.

let's go!

Eastern Market Tour

Tue., Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Cost: \$21. Lunch cost is on your own.

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of America's oldest and largest outdoor farmer's market. From woodlands to cemeteries, railroads, prisons, breweries, rum-running, and crime, find out what makes Eastern Market so fascinating and learn about the exciting plans for its future. After the tour, we will eat lunch at Eastern Market. After lunch, we

will have an opportunity to shop! Max. 13 participants.



Detroit Opera House + Gold Cash Gold Dinner

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$16. Dinner cost is on your own.

Enjoy an informative a tour of the Detroit Opera House, followed by dinner at Gold Cash Gold.


<http://www.michiganopera.org/learning/>

SAVE THE DATES!

50+ Club Fall Trips TBA


11/21 & 12/19 all trips subject to change

Call 248-541-2902 for more info on any event or trip.



FERNDALE SCHOOLS

A LETTER FROM THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Ferndale Family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the entire Ferndale community for the opportunity to serve as your next superintendent. I am honored and humbled to be a part of the Ferndale family and am eager to begin establishing positive, collaborative, and meaningful relationships with each of you.

I am most excited to join Ferndale because of the hometown, small school atmosphere that allows us to get to know one another on a personal level. Even though there is the small town feel, it is evident by the wide array of curricular and extracurricular offerings at Ferndale, the district is committed to providing a personal and relevant experience for every student. It is refreshing to join a diverse community that understands the importance of meeting the individual needs of our students and celebrating the diversity of community.

To share a little about myself, I started my educational career as a high school math teacher at John Glenn High School. I also have held positions as an ISD School Improvement/Data Consultant, Curriculum Director, and most recently as a Superintendent. On a personal level, I have two sons, Danny (age 5) and Norman (age 1) and have been married to my husband Zach for 8 years. I look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you better on a personal and professional level.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the summer and at our many back to school events in the Fall. Have an enjoyable, safe, and happy summer.

Best regards,
Dania Bazzi, PhD
 Superintendent

**Meet the new superintendent at
 NEW PARENT INFO NIGHT
 Wednesday, August 9th | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 at the FHS Auditorium Commons**

Ferndale Schools Board of Education with Dr. Bazzi (From Left: Nancy Kerr-Mueller, Mike Davisson, Jackie Hart, Superintendent Bazzi, Jennifer LaTosch, Jim O'Donnell, Sandra Dukhie, Karen Twomey)



field trips every day!

City of Pleasant Ridge Summer Travel Camp

Let's have some fun this summer!

Monday, Aug. 14 thru Thursday, Aug. 17, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Travel Camp • Ages 7-12 • One week only!

Campers will experience unique field trips each day. In this week-long unique camp experience, kids have the opportunity to go by bus on a new field trip every day! Kids will need a bag lunch unless otherwise stated. Providing spending money is up to you.

The cost is \$190 per camper, or \$50 per day option. Camp cost includes transportation and admission. Camper will need to bring a bag lunch and swim attire daily. Don't forget the sunscreen! (Residents only, max. 40 kids, ages 7-12). To register, stop by the PR Community Center or call 248-541-2902, ext. 0 for more information!

Monday, Aug. 14: The Adventure Park

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Jump Island

Wednesday, Aug. 16: C.J. Barrymore's

Thursday, Aug. 17: University of Michigan Campus Tour

*Field trips may change pending weather conditions and camp attendance

SAVE THE DATE! Teen Trip to Cedar Point: Oct. 14

Join us for some spooky fun at Cedar Point's HALLO-WEEKENDS!

Cost: \$87. Must be age 11 or older to attend. Transportation and admission included.

Spending money is your responsibility. 30 kids max.

Ridge Resale Summer Dates

It's that time of year again! **Ridge Resale will be open for both sales and donations from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on July 8, August 12 and September 9.**

Those making donations should enter the DPW yard from Amherst & drive up to the large garage door. Otherwise you will need to carry your donations in from the end of Maywood street. This is because there is no longer a driveway to the small garage door / the entrance to Ridge Resale.

Please call Jodi or Sharon if you need to schedule a donation at other times. **Jodi McGuire 248.398.6404, Sharon 248.548.6097.**





fun in the **summer time**

Check out what's happening this summer!

Mom2Mom Sale

Sunday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$15 for one table/\$25 for two tables

Whether you are looking to buy or sell gently used toys, clothes, books or parenting times, then the PR Mom2Mom Sale is the place for you! Vendor space is limited to vendors on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fall 2017 Season

U6 & U8 Youth Soccer

U6: Jan 1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2012

U8: Jan 1, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2010

Cost: \$55 for U6 Fall

Cost: \$65 for U8 Fall

Contact the Rec. Department for details to sign up. Practice begins at the end of August, first game TBD.



For up-to-date youth sports schedules, please visit:

<http://www.quickscores.com/cityofpleasantridge>

**COME
ON OUT
FOR THE
CAMP
OUT!**



Fun times at the PR Father's Day Camp Out, June 2017

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 19, 6–8 p.m.

Come to the PR Pool and get social! Enjoy Oberweis ice cream, poolside games, prizes and family fun! Concessions will be open for business.



Family Camp-Out

Saturday, August 12, 4 p.m.; Cost: \$25 per family

At the Family Camp-Out*, families can enjoy free time together! A movie begins at dusk. Participants will stay in a pre-reserved campsite for an overnight adventure in the newly renovated Gainsboro Park. The deadline for reservations is July 31. The \$25 fee includes the campsite, dinner, and pancake breakfast.

**this is a Pleasant Ridge resident-only event.*

LET'S PLAY



Neighborhood Co-Ed Kickball Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.

Fee: \$25 per team

Includes: one-game elimination tournament, BBQ lunch for players, Tournament Champ prize, and game balls. Each team, per game, will have a \$10 umpire fee (cash). All games will be played in one day. Games begin at 10 a.m.

Must have 6 teams registered by Sept 9. Each team needs to have at least 5 women for Co-Ed Kickball league rules.



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let's get active! 2017

join the fun at the PR community center

Contact PR Rec for class descriptions and full schedules: **248-541-2902** or visit **www.cityofpleasantry.org**.

Cardio • Strength • Flexibility *with Melanie Sevald*

Incorporating these three components of fitness, this class will get you moving to raise your heart rate and cardiovascular fitness. We will use body weight and resistance tools to increase strength and combine yoga, stretching and relaxation techniques to complete your spirit, mind, body circle.

Beginning and experienced exercisers are welcome in this class which uses progressions to build challenges to create multiple levels of impact and intensity. Please bring your favorite hand weights and a mat for floor work. With Melanie Sevald
Monday & Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Summer 7 Weeks July 10–August 23
(No class Aug. 28 – Sep. 6)
1 day: \$70, 2 days: \$105, Drop-in: \$10 (to Melanie)

Yoga with Michele O'Brien
Yoga for All: Tue. & Fri., 2 p.m.

Pilates with Pam Kampf
Mon., 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Tue. 5 p.m.

Sit & Get Fit with Victoria Dickinson
Wed. & Fri., 9–10 a.m.
\$20 for a 10-visit punch card

WELLNESS CENTER HOURS
5 a.m. – midnight, 7 days a week!

Stop at the desk during open hours to get your key fob. Don't forget your picture ID!

Register for activities: **https://www.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs?clientid=PLEASANT&siteid=1**



RECYCLE The Ridger!