

# Council Communications

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## VILLAGE OF DIMONDALE MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2019

### Middle Grand River Designated as One of the First State Water Trails

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) announced on December 20, 2018 the selection of the Middle Grand River Water Trail as one of the first waterways in Michigan to be a state-designated water trail. A total of eight waterways, covering 540 miles that flow through more than a dozen counties, were selected as part of the MDNR's new water trails program. The granting of this designation signifies the water trail provides a quality experience, offers clear information for users and enjoys broad community support. Drafting the plan was a collaborative effort of Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW) and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, along with all the access site owners and the public.

This is a terrific opportunity to promote our region as a recreational river destination and strengthen future grant applications for projects to improve user experience, safety and access to the river.

### Protecting Our Corner of the Watershed

#### Michigan Watersheds: Everyone Lives in a Watershed

Living in a watershed is not a choice like deciding if you want to live in the country or the city. If you live on earth then you live in a watershed! Your daily actions affect the health of the Michigan watershed where you live and work – whether it is an intentional act or an automatic routine behavior.

A watershed is the land area from which surface runoff and groundwater drain into a body of water. Any rain or snow that falls on your property or place of work, whether it soaks into the ground (infiltration) or runs off over the surface of the land (stormwater), it all moves downhill to the nearest lake, stream or river. All of the land area that contributes to this body of water is known as a watershed.

The water doesn't stop when it reaches the nearest lake, stream or river. It keeps flowing into larger and larger bodies of water. In Michigan watersheds, small streams flow into major rivers which all empty into the Great Lakes. Water in the Great Lakes continues to run eastward through the St. Lawrence River and eventually into the Atlantic Ocean. Groundwater follows this same path.

**Remember, clean waterways benefit EVERYONE!**

## VILLAGE SERVICE REMINDERS

**Brush Collection Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Brush and branches: must be at the curb by 9am the day of collection, cannot exceed 9-10 inches in diameter, must be placed in manageable piles facing the same direction, and should not be mixed with other materials.

**Trash Pick-Up Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Due to the Memorial Day holiday.



## RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

**Spring Clean Up Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** – 9am to 3pm, Delta Township. Location will be released once registration is complete. Call 517.543.3686 or visit <https://springcleanup2019.eventbrite.com>. Some items collected at this event include: electronics, household hazardous waste, medications and books. Visit <https://www.eatoncounty.org/recycling> to view the entire flyer.



## SAVE THESE DATES

### **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Parade**

The Lions Club will hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Participants will start at Carl's parking lot and travel through the Village down Bridge and Jefferson Streets to their final destination at the Windsor Township Cemetery.

### **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Farmers' Market Opening**

The Dimondale Farmers' Market hits the pavement Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 136 N. Bridge Street. Vendors will sell food products from 3-7pm every Thursday through the end of September and from 3-6pm in October. Please come out and support this effort to bring fresh, locally grown food to Dimondale!

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## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Village Office will be closed on the following holidays:

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday**  
**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day**