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INSIDE ST CLAIR SHORES



Snow Event VS Snow Emergency

Although the Farmers Almanac and some meteorologists are predicting less frigid weather and a little less snow than last year, we all know that winter is coming and with it ice and snow. During these winter months, many residents - including children walking to school and the physically challenged - need to be able to safely use the public sidewalks. This means that all snow and ice must be removed from the entire width of the sidewalk. City Ordinance 30.012 (**snow event**) is intended to provide safe passage and to protect the general health, safety and welfare of our residents and those using the public walkways. In addition, City Ordinance 21.800 (**snow emergency**) is intended to clear the streets of any parked vehicles so the City snowplows can remove ice and snow from the streets to allow for safe travel. The following are highlights from the ordinances that all residents and property owners need to know.

NOTIFICATION OF SNOW EVENT/EMERGENCY

The Mayor or the City Manager may declare a **snow event** after 2 inches of snow has fallen or accumulated. A **snow emergency** may also be declared after 4

to 6 inches of snow has fallen or accumulated. The City notifies residents of a snow event or snow emergency through one or all of the following means of communication:

- An advisory message on the main telephone line at City Hall. Call 445-5200 for details.
- Notification to local television and radio stations.
- An alert on the SCSTV Community Bulletin Board which is broadcast on Comcast, WOW and AT&T.
- An Emergency Alert on the City's website at scsmi.net.
- An alert posted on the City of St. Clair Shores Facebook Page.

SNOW EVENT

- After the declaration of a snow event, residents and businesses have forty-eight (48) hours to remove snow or ice from sidewalks and walkways.
- Forty-eight (48) hours after a snow event has been declared, the City's snow removal contractor canvases the City by street looking for violators. A written notice is placed on the violator's property stating that ice and snow

must be removed. The property will be re-inspected in twenty-four (24) hours.

- If the snow or ice is not removed within twenty-four (24) hours, the City contractor removes it. The contractor also leaves a notice stating that the City has removed the snow or ice.

PENALTIES & FEES

FIRST OFFENSE: \$30 or the actual contractor's cost to remove the snow or ice **plus** a \$65 administrative fee. No ticket will be issued.

SECOND OFFENSE: \$30 or the actual contractor's cost to remove the snow or ice, the \$65 administrative fee, **and** a civil infraction ticket of up to \$50 plus court costs.

THIRD OFFENSE: \$30 or the actual contractor's cost to remove the snow or ice, the \$65 administrative fee, **and** a civil infraction ticket of up to \$100 plus court costs.

APPEAL PROCESS

The ordinance provides for a two-tiered appeal process. First, any resident who does not agree with the penalties and fees may appeal in writing to the City Manager within twenty-one (21) days after receiving the invoice for the

City snow removal.

Second, if the resident does not agree with the City Manager's decision, an appeal can be made to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. This five person board includes three residents, one Council person and one staff member. The decision of the Board of Appeals is final.

For more information, contact Code Enforcement at 447-3399.

SNOW EMERGENCY

A **NO PARKING** ban goes into effect twelve (12) hours after a snow emergency has been declared by the Mayor or City Manager. Per City Ordinance, no vehicles can park on any City street—residential or main street—for the duration of the snow emergency. It is imperative that the City's snowplows have clear access to streets for snow removal so citizens can travel on them safely. Violation of the **no parking** ban could result in a \$35 ticket and or the towing/impounding of the parked vehicle. Towing charges are \$55 plus a \$10 per day storage fee. Residents will be notified when the snow emergency is lifted through the communication avenues detailed under **Notification of Snow Event/Emergency**. Questions or concerns regarding tickets, towing or impounding of vehicles as a result of a violation of the snow emergency ordinance may be directed to the St. Clair Shores Police Department at **445-5300**.

NEED HELP/WANT TO HELP

Do you need help with snow removal? Or are you willing to volunteer your services to help the elderly, disabled or those who are not physically able to shovel the snow from sidewalks and public walkways? In either case, our Helping Hands program is for YOU! Call Sue Fickau at 498-2339 to learn more about the services available.



BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS 2014 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Each year the City recognizes the outstanding efforts made by individuals and businesses to help keep our City beautiful through the use of landscaping and architectural improvements to their property.

Congratulations to the 2014 Residential Beautification Award winners:

- Arturo Mesado & Jean Mira
- Phil & Karol Thomas
- George & Joyce Wartian

The following 2014 Business Beautification Award winners were also recognized for their community spirit and civic pride

- ANK Enterprises (Harper/Little Mack Center)
- The Copper Penny Restaurant
- Vito Vitale (Harper Avenue)



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

- The Copper Penny Restaurant on Harper and 10 Mile Road
- George and Joyce Wartian on East 12 Mile
- Vito Vitale on Harper, North of 11 Mile Road
- ANK Enterprises on Harper and Little Mack
- Arturo Mesado & Jean Mira on O'Conner
- (2) Phil & Karol Thomas on Yale
- Arturo Mesado & Jean Mira on O'Conner



Lawn plaque awarded to 2014 Beautification Award winners



COUNCIL CONNECTION



**Council Member
Ronald J. Frederick**

Fall is a great time in the Shores to reflect back on a busy summer – say goodbye to the Fish Flies but then realize autumn has a hectic schedule too!

You always ask me, “What’s happening?” Right now you can attend local high school football, Little League football, college and professional football, Back to School and the elementary school fall festivals beginning. Hay, Cornstalks and Pumpkins usually supplied by the same crew each year. We see Craft shows leading up to Christmas (yes CHRISTMAS!!! 8 weeks way- YIKES).

All of this is happening on schedule - just like the Optimists, Poinsettia Ball in December-GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY, the Goodfellow’s collection (be generous) and Cops for Kids! We saw the Firefighter’s Open House and soon a Chile Cook Off or two. Don’t forget the Seniors held their Made in Michigan Festival - bigger every year (the Pies!!!). Fall started with the Fine Art Show, the Church fairs, Hockey Assn. Opening Day and on and on... All I know is that we live in a great City with tons of volunteers - young and not so young, who we never thank enough for all the dedicated hours they put in! THANK YOU!

No matter what is happening we all seem to pull together and get it done. This year we may see a few new businesses open – We all welcomed back – Gilbert’s Lodge and still applaud Louie for all his work. Just down the Street, Wally’s is adding on a new building and a bigger parking lot – Custard Twist for me! ... and at 11 and Harper - 2 new businesses!! Little Mack is getting fixed and we are concrete patching more streets this year! We hope to soon see the razing of Chaption Apts. on Mack and maybe something new to extend the downtown could spring up!

As we hope for an easier winter (Aqua-Freeze Fest planning underway!) and look forward to Spring, I hear from the Cool City Committee there will be numerous fishing tournaments on “our” GREAT lake – Lake St. Clair. Old timers and newcomers are saying we have some of the best fishing in our history for Bass and Walleye, (perch – not bad either).

The Parade folks are already fundraising. The Activities Committee is scheduling bands for next year’s concerts! They are also planning Halloween in the Park (Blossom Heath), and the Tree Lighting ceremony (Optimists hot chocolate at City Hall!)

You always ask me “What’s happening?” Well, that’s only a little taste of what’s happening in our Homeport, Tree City USA, one of the greatest cities to live, work and play! - ST. CLAIR SHORES I am Ron Frederick, honored to be your Councilman and look forward to telling you in person what’s happening next! rfrederick@scsmi.net, 586-808-3478



The decision is yours! VOTE on November 4

QA I will be out of town on November 4, can I still vote?

Yes. You can apply for an absentee voter’s ballot. Every voter is required to complete a written request to receive an absentee ballot that indicates one of six statutory reasons to be eligible to receive the ballot. One of the reasons is “I am absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.” You can obtain an application at the Office of the City Clerk in City Hall Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. OR go to the City’s website at www.scsmi.org. Fill out the application, sign it and submit it to the Office of the City Clerk by mail at 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, 48081 OR drop it off in the white mailbox in front of City Hall. The deadline for acceptance of applications for absentee ballot requests by mail, fax or email is Saturday, November 1 at 2:00 p.m. The Office of the City Clerk will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept absentee ballot applications. Voters making a late request must appear in person at the Office of the City Clerk between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3. Once you obtain a ballot, you are not allowed to leave the building with the ballot. You must vote the ballot in person and return it to the Office of the City Clerk immediately.

QA When is the deadline to return my absentee ballot?

Before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on November 4. Do not mail in your absentee ballot if you are not sure that the City will receive it on time.

QA Does the “Straight Ticket” cast my vote for the entire ballot?

No. It is only for the Partisan Section of the ballot. You still need to vote the Nonpartisan races and the ballot proposals.

QA What time are the polls open on Election Day, November 4?

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

QA What do I do if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Simply return your ballot to the Office of the City Clerk in person and we will issue a replacement ballot for you.

QA Will election results be posted to the City’s website?

Yes. Once vote totals are completed, they will be posted to the City’s website at www.scsmi.org. However, the totals will reflect only the votes cast by our registered voters. To find out the winner of a race, please go to the Macomb County Clerk website at <http://macombcountymi.gov/> as the district is larger than our City.

QA Have any of the voting locations changed?

Yes. Precinct 17 formerly St. Gertrude now votes at the VFW Bruce Post 1146 located at 28404 Jefferson, just south of Martin Road. If you live on or north of Carolina St. and previously voted at Elmwood School, you will now vote at Precinct 4 located at St. Lucy Church at 23401 Jefferson. If you live south of Carolina St. and previously voted at Elmwood School, you will now vote at St. Joan of Arc Community Center located at 22415 Overlake.

Inside Our City



Mayor Kip C. Walby

You see them sprouting up all over the country in cities large and small, in schools, even in corporations. What are they? They’re community gardens. Volunteers...young and younger...are getting their hands dirty and building a sense of community by working side-by-side to grow locally produced, affordable and nutritious fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Closer to home, the students at Jefferson Middle School have been tending to their Community Giving Garden for a couple of years now. After a season of planting, weeding, watering and nurturing, student gardeners were able to give away their bounty free to those in need. The Garden showed students not only where food comes from, but also provided a living lesson in sustainability and generosity.

I believe that the time has come for the City to lend a helping hand and create a community garden for our residents. I’m willing to make a pledge to our residents that the City will open its community garden in the spring, 2015. But, I need your help! I want to organize a committee of resident-volunteers to spearhead this effort. I need people who love gardening, who are knowledgeable about gardening and are willing to share their knowledge with other residents. I need volunteers to literally get this project off the ground, to design and decide what type of community garden we want to offer to our residents.

Will we create a “farm” area where vegetables are grown and harvested for distribution?

Will we create raised, trellised, and square-foot beds where residents can demonstrate various gardening techniques and landscaping possibilities?

Will we create formal raised beds reserved for herbs and blooming plants to demonstrate the wide variety of plants that are successfully grown in the Southeast Michigan area.

Gardens need water for irrigation and amenities such as picnic tables, parking, toilet facilities, garbage cans, and fencing. Where is the best location for our community garden?

The Community Garden Program Committee will make these decisions and many, many more. And, above and beyond the steering committee, we need resident-volunteers to tend the gardens. Remember, gardens take time. Realistically, gardeners usually spend a minimum of three to five hours per plot each week to keep on top of a growing garden. We need volunteers that can give us as little as a day or as much as an entire summer. We even need volunteers who have a green thumb, but do not have the yard space to cultivate their talents. We need men, women, teenagers, children, organizations, and fraternal clubs. In short, we need YOU!

If I have perked your interest in helping us launch this new and exciting venture, then, please, contact me by phone at 445-3983 or email me at walby@scsmi.net.

St. Clair Shores Directory

27600 Jefferson Circle Dr.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2093
CITY HALL HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
St. Clair Shores Web Site
www.scsmi.org



Michael E. Smith
City Manager

smithm@scsmi.net • 447-3311

Municipal Telephone Directory
Direct Dial Numbers

- Assessing 447-3355
- City Clerk..... 447-3303
- City Manager..... 447-3311
- Code Enforcement 447-3336
- Communications Dept.....447-3414
- Community Devel..... 447-3340
- D.P.W. Complex.....445-5363
- Finance.....447-3324
- Fire Department.....445-5380
- 40th District Court.....445-5280
- Golf Course294-2000
- Housing-Leisure Manor.....773-9200
- Library771-9020
- Parks & Recreation.....445-5350
- Police Department.....445-5300
- Senior Activities Center.....445-0996
- Tax & Water Bills..... 447-3317

EMERGENCY911
NON-Emergency 777-6700

For Garbage Complaints:
Rizzo Environmental Services
866-772-8900
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Inside St. Clair Shores

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Presented by the St. Clair Shores Activities Committee & The Parks & Recreation Department

HALLOWEEN FUN FEST

Trick or Treating for the Kids

(Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

Sunday, October 26

1:00-5:00 PM

Blossom Heath Park

(Jefferson, South of 10 Miler Road)

Lots of fun for the whole family!

- Cider & Donuts
- Music by Elite Entertainment
- Hay Ride
- Kiddie Rides
- Petting Zoo & Tons of Treats

Admission: \$2.00/person

No Rain Date & Free shuttle available from 9 Mile & Jefferson Boat Ramp area



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- TH 23** Sign Arbitration 9AM City Hall
HI to 5 Event 9 Mack Merchants Assoc. 9 Mile Road & Mack
1ST Stop for Tots 10AM Library
TOT Time 10:30AM Library
Local History Ctr 5-8:45PM Library
Genealogy Mtg 7PM Library
- F 24** HI to 5 Event 9 Mack Merchants Assoc. 9 Mile Road & Mack
Classic Film Friday: *Dark Passage* 1:30PM Library
- SA 25** HI to 5 Event 9 Mack Merchants Assoc. 9 Mile Road & Mack
Lego Block Party 10AM-Noon Library
Local History Center Open 10AM-Noon & 1PM-4PM Library
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum Open 1PM-4PM
Halloween Craft 2PM-4PM Library
- SU 26** Halloween Fun Fest Trick or Treating for Kiddies 1PM-5PM Blossom Heath Park Sponsored by SCS Activities Com & Parks & Rec
- TU 28** Local History Center Open 1PM-4PM Library
Preschool Storytime 1:30PM Library
Council Sub-Com on Brds & Com 7PM City Hall
Planning Comm 7PM City Hall
Friends of the Library 7PM Library
Family Storytime 7PM Library
- W 29** 1ST Stop for Tots 10AM Library
TOT Time 10:30AM Library
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum Open 1PM-4PM
- TH 30** 1ST Stop for Tots 10AM Library
TOT Time 10:30AM Library
Local History Center Open 10AM-Noon 1PM-4PM Library

- F 31** Halloween
Trick or Treating throughout the City
Classic Film Friday: *Little Shop of Horrors* 1:30PM Library

NOVEMBER

- SA 1** Yard Waste & Large Brush Pick Up Service in Effect until December 12
Office of City Clerk Open to Issue Absentee Ballots for General Election 8AM-2PM City Hall
Early Warning Siren Test 1PM (in Good Weather Only)
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum Open 1PM-4PM
Family Movie Matinee: *Sleeping Beauty* 2PM Library
- SU 2** Daylight Savings Time Ends
Check Batteries in Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- M 3** **Deadline to Vote Absentee at Office of City Clerk 4PM City Hall**
No City Council Meeting
State General Election Polls Open 7AM-8PM
- TU 4** Local History Ctr 5-8:45PM Library
Preschool Storytime 1:30PM Library
Water Resources Brd. 7PM City Hall
Historical Comm 7PM Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum
Family Storytime 7PM Library
- W 5** 1ST Stop for Tots 10AM Library
TOT Time 10:30AM Library
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum Open 1-4PM
Classic Film Friday: *Hips Hips Hooray* 1:30PM Library
- TH 6** 1ST Stop for Tots 10AM Library
TOT Time 10:30AM Library
Local History Ctr 5-8:45PM Library
Dog Park Mtg 6:30PM Civic Arena
Cinema Thursday: *Maleficent* 6:30 Library

- TH 6** Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) 7PM City Hall
SCS Memorial Parade Committee 7PM City Hall
- SA 8** Local History Center Open 10AM-Noon & 1PM-4PM Library
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum 1PM-4PM
- M 10** Yardeners Mtg 7PM Library
- TU 11** Veterans' Day
All City & County Offices Closed
Library Closed
- W 12** 1ST Stop for Tots 10AM Library
TOT Time 10:30AM Library
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum Open 1-4PM
Cultural Com 6:30PM Library
Communications Comm 6:30 City Hall
Beautification Comm 7PM City Hall
Cool City 7PM City Hall
- TH 13** 1ST Stop for Tots 10AM Library
TOT Time 10:30AM Library
Local History Ctr 5-8:45PM Library
Parks & Rec Comm 7PM Civic Arena
- F 14** Classic Film Friday: *Hips Hips Hooray* 1:30PM Library
- SA 15** Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum Open 1PM-4PM
Teen Advisory Brd. 1PM Library
- M 17** **City Council Mtg 7PM City Hall**

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES:

- TH 27** **Thanksgiving**
All City & County Offices Closed
Library Closed
Trash Service Delayed One-Day
- F 28** **All City & County Offices Closed**
Library Closed
Trash Service delayed One-Day