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Wednesday, October 31 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

# Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Saturday, December 1 3p.m. to 6p.m.



The Downtown Development Committee will once again be hosting Christmas in the Village. Please join us in Downtown Stevensville for this family friendly event. Some of our



Photos with Santa

Music & Entertainment

**Face Painters** 

**Food Carts** 

**Christmas Tree Sales** 

S'mores Stations

Children's Crafts

**Sleigh Rides** 

Lincoln Township Library Craft

**Cookie Decorating** 

**Chestnut Roasting** 

Letters to Santa

Goodie Bag Scavenger Hunt



The Village Council and Staff would like to thank the DDC for all of the hard work they do to ensure that Christmas in the Village is a success every year. Without them, this event would not be possible. Please be sure to thank the members of the DDC when you see them around the Village.

Donations for Christmas in the Village are 100% tax deductible. If you would like to make a donation to this event, you may either mail them or drop them off at the Village Hall.

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#### **Department of Public Works News**

## Village of Stevensville Fall Leaf Pick Up Schedule

Leaf pick up will begin October 22, 2018 and will continue as long as weather allows. Leaves will be picked up according to the following schedule.

**Monday -** St Joseph Ave, Yasdick Dr, Lawrence, Mill, Kimmel (East of St Joe Ave) John Beers Rd, Demorrow Rd, Demorrow Circle, Alpine Ridge.

**Tuesday** - Red Arrow Highway, Puetz Rd, Johnson Rd, Legion St, Ridge Rd. (South of John Beers), George St, Berrien St, Kimmel (West of St Joe Ave)

**Wednesday** - Ridge Rd(North of John Beers), Kirk Ct, Bluff St, Wildwood Ln, Karen Ct, Delany St, Pine St, Oak St, Phillips Dr, Karen Ct, Fairview St.

Leaves not picked up on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday.



#### \*\*\*LEAVES MUST BE OUT BY 7 A.M. ON YOUR FIRST SCHEDULED PICK UP DAY.

\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET. PLACE LEAVES BEHIND THE CURB LINE, WITHIN FOUR FEET OF THE EDGE OF THE STREET, TO ALLOW THE VACUUM TO REACH LEAVES.

\*\*\*LEAVES MUST NOT CONTAIN OTHER YARD WASTE, BRUSH OR TREE LIMBS, ROCKS, ANIMAL WASTE, PUMPKINS OR HOUSEHOLD WASTE.

\*\*\*\*ALSO, PLEASE KEEP LEAVES AWAY FROM TREES, POLES, MAIL BOXES, FIRE HYDRANTS, CABLES OR OTHER OBSTACLES.

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WEATHER AND VOLUME IN OTHER AREAS

## Why are we seeing more sand than salt on snowy days?

**Did you know** that the deicers we use to remove unwanted snow not only corrode our automobiles, but also negatively affect our water and vegetation? The most commonly used material to melt snow and ice is unrefined rock salt – the same chemical compound used as table salt and water softener ingredient. As the salt melts the ice, the water solution runs into nearby storm drains or ditches. As a result, the salt can seep into groundwater or enter local lakes and streams. This excess salt poses a great threat to fresh water ecosystems and fish, as well as, intensifies hypertension in humans and diminishes the amounts of clean drinking water available.



## What can we do to prevent salt damage?

It is very important to physically remove as much ice as possible with a shovel before applying salt..

You can also opt to use salt alternatives such as calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) or sand; however, you must remember that each of these materials, though more environmentally friendly, pose possible harmful affects to the environment as well.

Therefore, the best strategy is to minimize the use of any chemical and when you do choose to use a deicer, apply the least amount necessary to get the job done.



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## **News and Updates**

#### From the Treasurer's Desk

Village property tax bills can still be collected at the Village Hall until February 28, 2019. However, you will be charged 1% interest for each month they remain unpaid from Sept 15, 2018 to Feb 28, 2019. On March 1, 2019 all outstanding real property taxes will be turned over to the Berrien County Treasurer and deemed delinquent. Remember, you always have the option to make partial payments if you are unable to pay your bill in full. If you need assistance with your tax bill, please contact the Berrien County Treasurer's office, there are various programs available that could help you keep your home. The Berrien County Treasurer can be reached at 269.982.7111 extension 8569

## **Village Snow Protocol**

#### As snow arrives to the Village of Stevensville, please remember these tips:

- The DPW's snow removal priorities are major streets, secondary streets, public parking (both on-street and public parking lots) and sidewalks (time and weather permitting), in that order.
- Snow/ice removal from sidewalks is the responsibility of property owners within 24 hours after a snow/ice event.
- Please do not shovel, plow or blow snow into any street. This is prohibited by Village Ordinance and a citation could be issued.
- Remove trash/recycling receptacles during snow events to make way for plowing.
- Daytime on-street parking is prohibited during a snow event to facilitate plowing
- Please shovel around fire hydrants as a courtesy to our local fire fighters.

Holiday Schedule

The Village Hall will be closed the following dates for the observance of holidays.

November 12, 2018 Veteran's Day

November 22 & 23, 2018 Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25, 2018 Christmas

Visit our website:

www.villageofstevensville.us

after December 20th for the 2019 Recycle Schedule

#### Recycle



#### **Ordinance Reminders**

Motor Vehicles (Chapter 12-24) (IPMC 302.8)

- All vehicles must be registered, licensed and up to date. All unregistered vehicles must be stored in an enclosed building.
- No vehicles should be in a major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled
- Painting of vehicles must be conducted inside an approved spray booth.

#### Weeds, litter, and unsafe trees (Chapter 24-6) (IPMC 302.4)

- The owner or person in control of any private premises is in charge of:
- Maintaining the premises free of noxious weeds and grasses and unsafe trees or limbs.
- Cutting weeds and grasses on vacant lots or other premises prior to going to seed.
- Maintaining a grass height of less than 6 inches
- Correcting violation within 48 hours
- If the condition is not corrected within 48 hours of violation, the Village, or it's contractor may mow the property at the Village's current established rate. The minimum fee the owner can expect to pay is \$95.

#### Trash Receptacles (Chapter 24-37)

- Please do not place trash receptacles at the curb prior to 24 hours before pickup.
- Please remove trash receptacles from the curb within 24 hours of pickup.
- Same rules apply to large trash items scheduled for pickup.

#### Sidewalks (Chapter 28, Article II)

- It shall be the owner or occupant's responsibility to:
- keep sidewalks free from sand, dirt, rubbish, litter, and filth
- promptly remove all ice and snow

#### Parking

- No person shall park on any paved street between the hours of 2:30am and 6:00am of any day (Chapter 32-75)
- All motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers, etc must be parked on surfaces which meet the requirements of parking areas as outline in <a href="https://chapter.36-450">Chapter 36-450</a>, and not on any grasses.

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President Pro Tempore -
President - Steve Slavicek
Village Council Members

Berrien County Printing

Trustee - Chris Mason

Trustee - Amanda Pohyba

Trustee - Carl Steinberger

Trustee - Brian Liggett

Hours of Operation:

Monday — Friday
9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

Votice will be posted on the door of any day-to-day changes in this schedule.

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