

**District 3, the 3 Lakes District
October 2017 Newsletter**

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Office Hours by Appointment

As always it is my pleasure to serve you.

Youth Activities! Yes this Council did not levy the millage, however the Executive side, did not have a building, which was a reasonable rental fee or without stipulations that had not been discussed let alone approved by their leaser. However Council did approve \$440,000.00 which is being used.... Basketball season is over and now the Youth Directors are looking for youth up to age 8 - 16 to play kickball, in our parks. Please contact Troy Craft @ 248-758-3034.

We've all read or heard of the Oakland Press's article as to what the crime stats were in 2016, one way we can help our City, become a safer place to live, work and play, is when you see something illegal happen, call it in, as soon as you do. Since 2011, we have noticed a tremendous drop in crime, but our deputies still need our help, they respond to the activity called into dispatch, they are not security guards, who sit in one place. So if you see someone suspiciously lurking around a building, trying to gain access to a neighbor's car or home, or assaulting someone one, please call it in.

Deputy Francisco, (248-409-7140) and Deputy Garrett (248-409-7115) our Community officers are interested in starting up more neighborhood watches, including in the apartment complexes

Some phone numbers you may find handy are:

Clerk's office 248-758-3200

Star EMS non emergency (800) 973-9999

Emergency 911

Fire Department non emergency 248-673-0405

Emergency 911

OC Sheriff Dispatch non emergency 248-858-4950

Emergency 911

Sanitation 248-758-3700

Building and Safety, 248-758-2800

Department of Public Works 248-758-3600

Sanitation 248-758-3700

Sheriff's Anonymous Tip Line 1(888) TURN-1-IN 888-887-6146

There is no caller ID, you leave a message here and an alert is sent to the Command staff to let them know someone called in and left a message and they retrieve it.

Please remember per City Ordinance 2294 not only is it a violation to blow the leaves and grass clippings in the road, and leave it after cutting, but it is unsafe for those riding motorcycles, bicycles. It also clogs the draining covers on the sewer lines and water backups will occur. Leaves should be put in a paper lawn bag and out to the curb, no earlier than the night before trash day and not later than 7:00 a.m. Twigs, of small sticks need to be bundled no more than 4 feet long and 18 inches in diameter and tied tightly. These are ticketable offenses

Riding through the neighborhoods again this month, I have noticed large items are being put to the curb as early as days before the trash day in which bulk pickup is being collected, which leads to a blighted look on your street, so let me list the schedule of Wednesday Trash day Bulk Pick up dates....for the rest of the year. October, 4th and 18th, November 1st, 15th and 29th, December 13th and 27th. Please keep in mind Christmas is the 25th trash pickup will possibly be behind on day.

2017 is an election year in our City, there will be 2 names on the Ballot for the Mayors position and one write in candidate, I have never been on to tell you or suggest who you the citizen should vote for, but I will say, this write in is the only one of 8 who cared enough to attend our District wide meeting, and was the only one in July when I sent out 8 invitations. He again attended in September announcing he was running as a write in.

You will also see two names on the Ballot for District 3. I ask only one thing, elect someone who knows our District, who has been active in our District and has continued to make our District a safe place to live, work and play in. One, who has worked for your vote, not assumed it was there for the taking.

A reminder, Friends of District 3 continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month @ 26 Leanne Lane, (Walton Park Manor Cooperative) at 6:30 each month. The Month of October will be Mr. Knopaske from the Downtown Business Association to talk about the Flagstar small business fund and grant applications. John Balian the City Engineer will also be present to inform us as to what is happening with road repairs, as Dresden and Terry both in our district have some major work being in progress.