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Save the Date!

Christmas in the Village!

December 4, 2017 5:00pm—7:00pm

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The following agencies and organizations offer a variety of resources to the Gratiot County Community. Resources include housing, clothing, food assistance, utility bill assistance, transportation, and employment, among other services.

Community Resources

Alma Housing Commission 400 E. Warwick Dr., Alma 989-463-4200	Michigan Works! 327 E. Center St., Alma 989-466-4832
St. Louis Housing Commission 308 S. Delaware St., St. Louis 989-681-5100	Health and Human Services 201 Commerce Dr., Ithaca 989-875-5181
American Red Cross 525 N. State St., Alma 989-463-3209	Mid Michigan Health Dept. 151 Commerce Dr., Ithaca 989-875-3681
Career Closet 150 W. Center St., Alma 989-463-5693	Ministerial Association Tuesdays at the United Methodist Church 989-842-0177
EightCap Inc. 525 N. State St., Alma 989-463-5693	Alma Transportation 219 N. State St., Alma 989-463-5693

Food with Friends

- * Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- * At the Breckenridge Masonic Lodge (Please use back door) 122 E. Saginaw St., Breckenridge. Alma Transportation provides rides to Food with Friends. Please call 989-463-6016 for schedule and fees.
- * To make reservations for lunch please call 24 hours in advance, 989-875-5332.
- * \$2.50 Donation ages 60 and up; \$5.00 fee for ages 59 & under.

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Meeting Schedule

Village Council Meetings	Fourth Monday of every month Held at the Village Hall at 7pm.
Planning Commission	Second Monday of every month Held at the Village Hall at 7pm.
Fire Board	Third Wednesday of every month Held at the Fire Hall at 7pm.
Rotary	Third Thursday of every month Held at Anschutz Café at Noon.
Library Board	Second Monday of every month Held at the Howe Memorial Library at 6pm.
School Board	Third Monday of every month Held at the High School Media Center at 7pm.



Please visit www.breckenridgemi.com for council and commission meeting minutes; to view the Village Community Calendar, and to see Community News and Updates.

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Reminders...

- ⇒ Leaf vacuuming begins Mid-October and continues until November 15. Please rake leaves ONLY to curbside. Thank you for not piling leaves in roadway. After November 15 ALL leaves must be put in biodegradable bags and placed at the roadside.



- ⇒ Trash pick-up is every Friday. Delays will occur for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Unlimited 33 gallon containers and two (2) bulky items per week.



- ⇒ Recycling is also available bi-weekly. Please visit www.recyclemotion.org for details.
- ⇒ The Village Dump located on the south side of town is available for Village Residents ONLY to dispose of biodegradable items.
- ⇒ The Village now accepts debit/credit cards for water/sewer payments. Payments can be made in the office or online, Instructions for online bill payments can be found on our website at www.breckenridgemi.com under "Online Payment" at the top of the Home page.
- ⇒ Residents may now receive Water/Sewer bills via email. To set up paperless billing, please contact the Village Office at 989-842-3109.



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Pet Reminders...

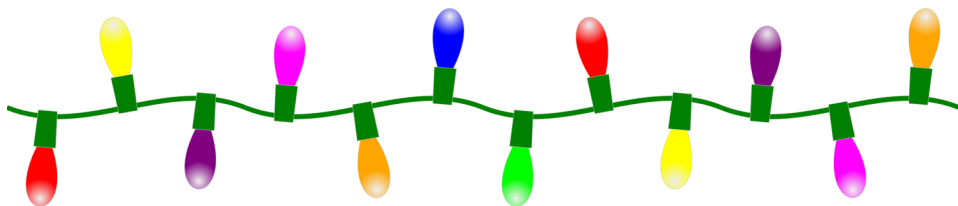
- ⇒ Cats must remain at your residence at all times. Cats found in areas without an owner are considered stray and may be collected by animal control.
- ⇒ Dogs must be on a leash while walking and tied up or in an enclosed area when on your property. It is also your responsibility to clean up after your pets.



Holiday Light Recycling Drive

Mid Michigan Waste Authority

The Holiday light recycling drive returns November 15, 2017, and runs through January 15, 2018. Residents can drop off at the Wheeler Township Hall during regular business hours. Collection cart is located inside. Contact Mid Michigan Waste Authority at (989) 781-9555 if you have questions.



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RIDGELAWN CEMETERY

As we strive to keep the cemetery clean, here are a few reminders to our Ridgelawn Cemetery Lot owners and to the public.

- ◇ Please be courteous of surrounding cemetery lots. Each grave has a maximum landscaping area of not more than 1'-0" to the East of the headstone. Landscaping beyond this parameter, or to the West of headstones will be removed.
- ◇ The Village DPW Crew completes cemetery clean up twice per year; **April 1 through April 15 and October 1 through October 15**. Lot owners are responsible for removing decorations and landscaping prior to each clean up. The Village WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for items removed from your cemetery lot after the deadline.
- ◇ The Village reserves the right to abate, remove, and maintain any planting, structure, either natural or man-made, that is deemed unsightly, a nuisance, or poses a hazardous situation.
- ◇ Domestic animals are NOT ALLOWED on cemetery grounds.
- ◇ Children must be under adult supervision at all times.



A full list of cemetery rules and guidelines is posted at each end of the cemetery; can be found on our website at www.breckenridgemi.com; or may be requested at the Village Office.

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RIDGELAWN CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM



Ridgelawn Cemetery Columbarium Niches are now available for purchase. To purchase a niche or for additional information, you may contact the Village Office at 989-842-3109.

A cremation Niche is a small personalized above ground space where an Urn is placed inside and sealed. A beautifully polished Black Granite front cover is permanently engraved with the loved ones name and dates.

Prices include Niche location, interment and faceplate engraving.

Resident \$1,100, Non-Resident \$1,500.

Resident shall include any resident who currently resides within the Village limits.

(25% of each lot sale goes into endowment fund)



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New Ordinances

Ordinance # 168 Residential Parking Ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the outdoor parking and storage of recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, construction equipment, and other vehicles in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts within the Village. This is adopted to preserve peace and good order; to promote aesthetic beauty of the community and hence the value of the property therein; and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Village of Breckenridge.

1. Parking or storage is in the rear yard or side yard, adjacent and parallel to the home, and not protruding past the front most part of the home.
2. High profile recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, construction equipment, and other vehicles over 8 feet in height, must be set back a minimum of 3 feet from the side and rear property lines.
3. Parking of recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, construction equipment, semi-trailers and trailers and other vehicles over 8 feet in height in the front yard or driveway is permitted for a period not to exceed 48 hours for the sole purposes of cleaning, restocking and packing of said vehicles.

Ordinance # 170 Total Noise Regulation

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate motor vehicle total noise as defined in the Michigan Vehicle Code, section 257.707c.

A motor vehicle shall not be operated or driven on a highway or street if the motor vehicle produces total noise exceeding 1 of the following limits at a distance of 50 feet.

For more information and details on the new adopted ordinances
please contact the Village Office.

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Police Department



25 Years of Service

Chief James Durham celebrated his 25 years with the Breckenridge Police Department in July of 2017.

Grant Award

The Breckenridge Police Department received a grant from the Gratiot County Community Foundation to purchase 3 new Kevlar bullet proof vests for the department.



VILLAGE CURFEW

For children under the age of 16;

- Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday; 11:00 p.m.

Sidewalks

Please make sure sidewalks are shoveled for pedestrian traffic.

Prescription

Drop Off

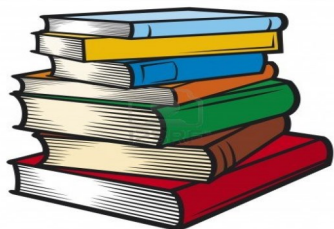
Drop off any unused and unwanted prescriptions to the Police Department during Village Office hours. Pills only, no liquid or needles.

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Howe Memorial Library

Howe Memorial Library would like to have more space for year round library programming. In 2013 they had 5,110 adults and 1,478 children visit the library. By 2016 their numbers rose to 6,690 adults and 2,129 children after adding new programming. They continue to grow but are running out of space. They have garage space that is 1543 sq. feet that needs a complete renovation. It would make a great Program Center. They are looking to raise \$300,000. They have already achieved \$92,000 of that . They ask that you consider them for your Christmas giving this year.



Hours:

Monday: 9:30—6:30

Tuesday: 9:30—5:00

Wednesday: 9:30—5:00

Thursday: 9:30—6:30

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Chamber Update

The local Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Chamber of Commerce will now be joining with the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce. All businesses are encouraged to join the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce and be a part of the advertising and offerings that are available with a paid membership.

This merger with the Gratiot Chamber will not affect the current local events that are put on in Breckenridge. The Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Action Committee was created. This committee will still plan Christmas in the Village, Homecoming Festivities, the Daddy/Daughter Dance and the Annual Bernie Siler Memorial Golf Outing. It is a time of change and growth and we encourage anyone who is interested in being on the action committee to contact the Village Office for the next scheduled meeting date and time.

New ideas and volunteers are always encouraged and welcomed!!

If you have any questions about the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce, you may contact the Chamber Director Taryn Blanshan at 989-463-5525 or email chamberdirector@gratiot.org.



Gratiot County, a great place to Work, Play and Do Business!

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Park Enhancement Project

2018 WILL BE A YEAR OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JAYCEE PARK AND BIRCH STREET PARK.

The Village is working on a proposal to obtain grant funding and donations towards many exciting new additions and upgrades to the parks in town.

The proposal will include the following:

Jaycee & Hoffmeyer Memorial Park

- ◆ 3 Horse Shoe Pits
- ◆ 3 Bean bag Toss Pits
- ◆ GAGA Ball Pit
- ◆ 3 hole Frisbee Golf Course
- ◆ Basketball/Pickle Ball Court

Birch Street Park

- ◆ 10'x12' Pavilion
- ◆ Paved Parking Area
- ◆ Split Rail Fence
- ◆ Playground Structure
- ◆ Unisex Restroom



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Fifth Street Tunnel of Terror

The 10th Annual Fifth Street Tunnel of Terror was a success! This year they expanded the spook house with the addition of another tent. Many community members enjoy this event every year. Thank you to Pug and Linda Chapin for your efforts in offering this to the Breckenridge Community for 10 years. Also thank you to all the volunteers that have helped over the years.

The spook house is free to enjoy, however donations are always accepted and donated to the Village of Breckenridge Park Projects.

Please consider making a donation when you enjoy the spook house. If you still would like to donate to the Breckenridge Parks you may do so by contacting the Village Office at 989-842-3109.

Thank you for your continued support!

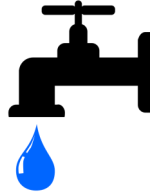


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Water Tips

Frozen pipes and a frozen water meter can be very costly to repair so preventative measures are highly recommended. Please review the list of suggestions below to help ensure that you do not experience lack of running water, or broken or frozen pipes.



- ⇒ Disconnect and drain all garden hoses and install covers on outside faucets.
- ⇒ Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- ⇒ Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- ⇒ Wrap pipes nearest exterior walls and in crawl spaces with pipe insulation or heating tape. This will prevent freezing, especially for interior pipes that run along outside walls.
- ⇒ Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- ⇒ Close all windows near water pipes; cover or close open-air vents. Freezing temperatures combined with wind drafts can cause pipes to freeze more frequently.

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Common Causes of a High Water Bill

- ⇒ The most common cause for a high water bill is a leaking toilet. A continuously running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. An easy way to check toilets for leaks is to put food coloring in the toilet tank. Simply flush the toilet, wait for the tank to refill, put a few drops of food coloring in the tank, wait at least 20 minutes (longer if you suspect a small leak), if the food coloring shows up in the toilet bowl, there is a leak.
- ⇒ A dripping faucet; a faucet drip can waste 20 gallons of water per more per day.
- ⇒ Filling a swimming pool, watering the lawn (check for open hose bib)
- ⇒ Water-cooled air conditioners.
- ⇒ A broken water pipe or obvious leak; check pipes in crawl spaces or basements; water heaters may also leak.

Did you know that it takes...

- ⇒ Two gallons of water to brush your teeth-with water running
- ⇒ Four gallons of water to flush a toilet
- ⇒ Eleven gallons of water to run a dishwasher
- ⇒ Twenty gallons of water to wash dishes in a sink with water running
- ⇒ Twenty-five gallons of water for a 5 minute shower
- ⇒ Thirty-five gallons of water for a bath
- ⇒ Forty gallons of water to run a washing machine per load



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**Online Bill Payment Available*

After hours DPW/Water Emergency

989-842-3137

EMERGENCY—DIAL 911

Breckenridge Police Department

989-842-5657

Central Dispatch (non-emergency)

989-875-7505

Breckenridge Village Office Holiday Hours

November 23, 2017

Closed

November 24, 2017

Closed

December 22, 2017

8:00am-12:00pm

December 25, 2017

Closed

January 1, 2018

Closed



Village of Breckenridge

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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