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Winter

2021

A Message from Mayor Krueger

Wow! 2020. What was that all about? We fully expect better things in 2021. If nothing else, we can report that good things are happening in the Creek! While we cannot anticipate the impact of COVID on our lives, nor the impact of restrictions on businesses and our various community events, we still have a number of projects that will enhance our community.

2021

2021 will be a busy year again for many areas of the community. We anticipate the following projects this year:

1. Ongoing school enhancements for many facilities, including Elms, Syring, the high school/middle school campus, and administration building. This will include new walking paths, access drives, and many public features.
2. The remainder of Chelmsford Drive and Oakview (Seymour to Daval) will be reconstructed this year, including street, sidewalks, water main, and forestry.
3. Water main replacement on parts of Morrish, Bristol Road, and Miller (Dye to Raubinger Road) will also finish up this year.
4. The Genesee Valley Trail, along with the Safe Routes to School Connectors (Elms School to Heritage, Morrish Road to the Middle School, and various connections on Seymour Road) are also anticipated to start this year.
5. The Otterburn Disc Golf Course (on Bristol west of Heritage Village) should be ready to go this summer or fall!
6. Downtown is seeing much new owner and user activity. We expect to see many rehabilitation jobs on retail, office, and hospitality. We also expect to see the start of the Brewer Townhome project.

Find the community calendar and service information online at: www.cityofswartzcreek.org

Call 911 For After-Hours Emergencies:

*Do so for water and sewer problems such as water main breaks or sewer backups.
Messages at the office are not checked on the weekends or after hours.*

Waste Bids Coming Soon!

The city is currently bidding out the refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services. The current contract with Republic expires at the end of June 2021. While opinions vary home to home, there is a notable uptick in complaints regarding service the past few years. While we have been working closely with Republic to ascertain the nature of the issues and attempt to address them, we need to keep our options open for service moving forward.

As such, our bids have requested both automated (standard bin with robotic pickup) and non-automated pricing (owner bins with human collection). The council is also mindful that the lowest price is not the sole qualifier for the ultimate award of a contract. As such, community input will be crucial in determining how we proceed once we have new bids.



Please stay tuned to our webpage, local news, and Facebook regarding this matter. Once bids are received, we will be inviting the public to provide their input on the various pricing and service schemes offered.

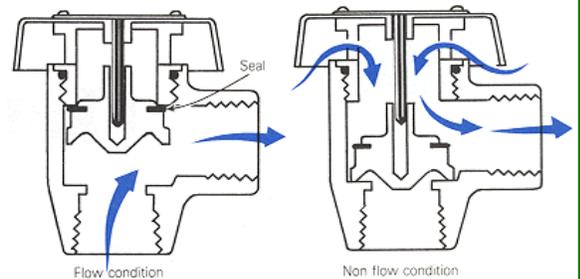
2021 Residential Cross Connection Control Program

More regulations are upon us. 2021 will roll in the implementation of a new water system mandate. Per rules promulgated by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, we will be contracting with Hydrocorp, Inc. to perform inspections on residential dwellings to ensure there are not improper cross connections on the water system.

Cross-Connection Definition: the physical connection between the potable water system and an “end-use” where a potential hazard exists. Backflow.

Folks can expect notification from the contractor to access each property sometime in the next three years (then once every ten years thereafter) to perform an inspection. The contractor will inspect the home for connections that could compromise the potable water of the system during a pressure loss (the most common example is a home irrigation system). If such connections exist, the contractor will supply complementary devices (if available) or otherwise send notice to correct specific connections.

Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker



Please work with us as we complete this task. Our goal is to ensure that our water system is safe from backflows of all kinds and that we are compliant with state regulations.

Winter Reminders

- ⇒ There is **no parking on any city street from 2am-6am**. Please be mindful to only park on city streets where it is not prohibited. Keeping vehicles off the street permits winter maintenance. Violations will be issued to vehicles parking illegally.
- ⇒ **Property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks after snow and ice events!** Folks leaving town for the winter should make arrangements to have this done. Failure to do so can result in the clearing of the walkway by a contractor at the owners expense, and/or fines!
- ⇒ **Visit our website at www.cityofswartzcreek.org for updates or like us on Facebook!**



Fire Department Message

Chief Dave Plumb

Thank you for the incredible response we received for our community parade. It was an honor to bring some cheer to the neighborhoods since we were unable to hold our Christmas parade.

The winter months are a dangerous time of year for home fires. Statistics have proven sleeping with bedroom doors closed have saved lives and minimized the spread of fire, giving the fire department time to arrive at the fire scene to perform rescue and suppression tactics. Replacing both your smoke and carbon monoxide detector every 10 years is highly suggested.

While we think of all the to-do's we should also be thinking about is what not to do. Here is a list of things you just might want to review, then pass it on to the rest of your household:

-DO NOT open doors that are hot. Use the back of your hand to check it first. Use another way out if it feels hot to the touch.

-DO NOT try and save personal belongings. Though some things irreplaceable, so are you!

-DO NOT try to put the fire out unless you know what you are doing. People have been killed staying in a burning house, finding out too late that they were not equipped to handle the heat and smoke.

-DO NOT go back inside a burning building once you have left. Go to a neighbor to call 911.

-DO NOT run if your clothes catch fire. STOP, DROP & ROLL!! Remember this one from school? Better yet, let your kids show you how.

-DO NOT try to save pets. Those that can get out will.

Remember, your life is what is important. **Get out and stay out!**

Thank you to the residents for allowing us to serve our community! It is our hope that we can return to some level of normal that will allow us to provide more community activities this year.

Police Department Statement

Chief Matthew Bade

As we enter 2021, I would like to offer a couple of reminders. First, telephone scammers continue to be hard at work. These scams come in many different forms such as offering help with your college loans, telling you that you have an arrest warrant in another state or country, telling you that you have won a lottery somewhere or even that a loved one is in an out of state jail and needs bail money. This is just a sampling of such scams that, unfortunately, net the criminal organizations conducting them millions of dollars each year.

Each one of these scams solicits money from you to “help” with the problem offered or as a service fee. The best advice is to not answer callers you do not know. Let them leave a voicemail with which you can then evaluate whether it is friend or foe.

Second, this is our busiest time of the year for traffic accidents so please give yourself a few extra minutes when the roads are bad. And remember, no texting while driving!



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