



Springtime 2008

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City of Fennville: Meeting Dates

City Council Meetings:

7:00 P.M.
 Monday, April 21st
 Wednesday May 7th
 Monday, May 19th
 Monday, June 2nd
 Monday, June 16th
 Monday, July 7th
 Monday, July 21st
 Wednesday, Aug. 6th
 Monday, Aug. 18th
 Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
 Monday, Sept. 15th
 Monday, Oct 6th
 Monday, Oct. 20th

Planning Commission Meetings:

6:30 P.M.
 Wednesday, May 14th
 Wednesday, June 11th
 Wednesday, July 9th
 Wednesday, Aug. 13th
 Wednesday, Sept. 10th
 Wednesday, Oct. 8th
Fennville Area Fire Board:
Meet at 599 W. Fennville St.
 7:00 P.M.
 Tuesday, July 8th
 Tuesday, Oct. 14th

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Meet at City Hall
 7:00 P.M.
 Thursday, May 8th
 Wednesday, June 4th
 Wednesday, July 16th
 Thursday, Aug. 7th
 Wednesday Sept. 3rd
 Wednesday, Oct. 1st
Fennville Area Emergency Services:
Meet at 117 N. Maple St.
 7:00 P.M.
 Thursday, June 12th
 Thursday, Sept. 11th

- City Commissioners
- Dan Rastall, Mayor
- Jim Suerth, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Larry Cummins
- Tony Meyaard
- Larry Morse
- Tom Pantelleria
- Dan Watson

Important Election Dates

School Election Date:

Tuesday, May 6th
 Last day to register to vote: Monday April 7, 2008.

Primary Election:

Tuesday, August 5th
 Last day to register to vote: Monday, July 7th, 2008.

Presidential Election:

Tuesday, Nov. 4th
 Last day to register to vote: Monday, October 6th, 2008.

CEMETERY RULES

The City of Fennville only allows live plants in the Cemetery. No artificial flowers are permitted. Rules and regulations for the cemetery are available at City Hall. Please let us know if you have any questions about plantings, containers, etc. The Fennville Cemetery is one of the most beautifully manicured, well maintained cemeteries in the area. Thanks to all of you who pick up brush and litter, water plantings and help keep things looking nice!



FENNVILLE CITY ORDINANCES

To all Fennville City residents: with spring fast approaching and summer right around the corner, everyone needs to be aware of City ordinances. Please keep your lawns mowed and well maintained. Any vehicles that don't work or aren't registered please have them

removed out of your yard. If such a car is in your yard for more than 30 days you may receive a warning notice that could lead to a ticket being issued if the situation is not resolved. Also, remember to keep your pets on a leash or kept in your yard. Complaint forms are

available at City Hall. If you have any questions regarding the City Ordinances, please feel free to contact City Hall at 561-8321. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.!

MASTER VALVE

Do you know where your master valve is? Does everyone in your family know? If there's an emergency, you will need to know in a hurry. If you need help locating your master valve, call the City of Fennville water dept. 561-2444 and set up an

appointment for assistance. We will be glad to help you locate the valve and give you some helpful tips on keeping it in good working order.

OPENING ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION

We have a seat open on the Planning Commission that meets once a month on the second Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. If you are interested in serving your community in this way, please contact the City Offices.

REVISED BRUSH PICK-UP POLICY

The City will pick up brush on the first Monday of every month or immediately after a storm. Please have brush at the curbside no more than two days before pick-up. Small limbs and twigs should be in bundles for easy pick up. Leaves and grass clippings shall be placed in bags. All other

limbs shall not exceed 4" diameter or 8' in length. Pick-up will be limited to dead wood, or storm damage. The city will not be responsible for large amounts of brush from tree trimming, tree removal or clearing of a lot. Property owners should contact a tree service for excessive brush removal.

BOARD OF REVIEW

We also have a seat open on the Board of Review which meets two days in March, one day in July and one day in December. For more information on this position, please give us a call at Fennville City Offices. 561-8321.

PROPERTY TAXES

The City of Fennville collects property taxes twice a year. The summer tax collection is due August 15th and consists of the State Education tax as well as the operating millages of the City of Fennville and the County of Allegan.

The winter tax collection is due February 14th and consists of the operating millage and debt service bond of Fennville Public Schools, the operating millage of the Fennville District Library, the road and senior

services millage of the County of Allegan, and the operating, special education, vocational education and handicap services millages of the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency.

The City collects an administrative fee, which is 1% of the total taxes. This fee is used to offset the costs associated with mailing the tax bills and distributing the collected monies to the appropriate taxing units.

After the due date, all unpaid taxes are assessed a 3% penalty and 1% interest. Each month the taxes remain unpaid will result in another 1% interest being assessed.

If you have any questions regarding your property taxes, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa A. Sheaffer at City Hall.

Downtown Development Authority

The Fennville Downtown Development (DDA) has been busy lately! The mission of the Fennville DDA is to create a vibrant, functional attractive business district to meet the needs of the community members and visitors.

To that end, the recent major focus of the DDA has been the "City Central Redevelopment Project", located on the south side of Main St. between Maple and South Streets. Over the past several years, the DDA and the City have purchased this property and removed deteriorated buildings to ready the property for development. A plan has been created that will feature two new buildings with commercial space on the main levels and residential space on the second floors. Design standards have been put in place to assure that

the new buildings will be developed into public parking. A request for proposals for this project will be released to developers in May 2008.

The DDA has also been working for the past several months on the development of a logo for the City of Fennville. Members of the City Commission, DDA and Chamber of Commerce have been involved in the selection process and plan to have the new logo released in the spring.

The DDA has created a new central website for "all things Fennville". You can find information about the City, DDA, Chamber of Commerce, Fennville Public Schools, Fennville News and more at the new website, www.fennville.com.

The DDA is also pleased to

announce that City Treasurer, Lisa Sheaffer has taken on duties as the DDA coordinator. Lisa helps keep up momentum on DDA projects and is also the recording secretary.

The DDA is financed primarily by captured taxes collected from the City of Fennville, the County of Allegan, and the Fennville District Library and generally meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Due to elections, some meetings have been rescheduled, so please check with the front of the newsletter for meeting dates and times or call City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

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VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

@

www.fennville.com

Just a reminder:

**On the forth Friday of every month
at 11:00 A.M. a test from the
emergency signal will sound.**

Personnel and office hours:

Pat Phenix: City Clerk

Lisa Sheaffer: City Treasurer

Gary Tuhacek: Superintendent-Water/Sewer

Craig Phillips: DPW

Toby Carpenter: DPW

Tony Davison: DPW

Fennville City Hall is open weekdays from

8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday thru

Friday. Closed Saturday, Sunday &

Holidays.

TUESDAYS IN THE PARK

The Greater Fennville Chamber of Commerce has put together some dates and bands for another year of "Tuesdays in the Park". The tentative schedule starts on June 10 with Freshwater, Celtic music and dance. On June 24th Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys will perform their Honky Tonk Country Music. Next up on July 8th is the Reggae Band Zion Lion. On July 22nd the Big Jazz Band Truth in Jazz will be performing. And for the last performance: Shout, Sister, Shout—A Vintage Jazz band will perform. Please join us for this great line up of entertainment.

Handy Telephone Numbers:

911 – For fire, ambulance and police emergencies only

561-2148: Non-emergency number of the Fennville Area Fire Department

(800) 968-8869: Non-emergency number for American Medical Response

673-3899: County Dispatch

561-6912: Fennville Police non-emergency number

561-8321: Fennville City Hall

561-2444: Fennville City Water/Sewer Maintenance

673-3239: Michigan Township Services (Permits & Inspections)

MTS applications for building permits are available

On line @

www.michigantownshipservices.org/City_Fennville.htm