

Village of Gaines

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It's spring!! The Earth is waking from a long winter rest. This is an amazing time when our surroundings start fresh, preparing for a new season. Let's work with Nature and start our Spring by cleaning and sprucing up our properties to transform our village into a place that will make us as residents proud and visitors take notice.
~President Stiff

Coming Soon!!!

The Village of Gaines website is currently under construction. Soon you will be able to visit villageofgaines.net to check out Village ordinances, community happenings, council meeting minutes, etc. at your convenience from the comfort of your home or when you are on the go.

More Important News

Brush pick up is scheduled the first Friday of the month after Waste Management yard waste/recycling pickup [*May 4, June 1, July 13, August 10*]. Please make sure your brush is in a uniform pile – no longer than 4 ft lengths - with butt ends out. Our DPW department does have the right to refuse to pick-up someone's branches if they are not in a uniform pile.

Remember yard waste cannot be put in plastic bags. Only biodegradable bags or containers marked "yard waste".

Also if you need to take anything to the dump, Village Residents are allowed 3 free dumps per year. Just go to the township office and they will give you what you need.

Burned out or malfunctioning street lights should be reported to the Village Hall at 989-271-8386.

Grass clippings and leaf piles are a hazard if they wind up in the street, therefore, please do not blow grass clippings into street. They make the road surface slippery and clog storm drains. To prevent flooding, neighbors near catch basins are being asked to keep them free of any type of debris.



Upcoming Events

April 18

Zoning Board of Appeals

May 9

Council Meeting

May 20

Lions Club – Family FACES

June 13

Council Meeting

July 11

Council Meeting

July 20 & 21

Gaines Community Rodeo

July 28 & 29

Baron's Summer Fest

Village of Gaines Council

President:	Samuel Stiff
Clerk:	Vicky Sandlin
Deputy Clerk:	Hanna Lytle
Treasurer:	Demi Manutes
Council Members:	Emily Alexander Carol Erickson Barbara Ferris Melissa Neal Diane Nowak James Savage

Village Ordinances

Ordinance 90.01 Animals Running at Large

It shall be unlawful for any person who is the owner of, in the possession of or has control of any dog, cat, domestic fowl, horse, cattle, swine, or other animal to allow the animal to roam unrestrained upon any street, sidewalk, park, or other public place in the village or upon the land or property of another person other than the owner, person in possession or person having control of the animal. Also, it shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor, or have charge of any dog, cat, bird, or other animal which, by loud, frequent, or persistent barking, howling, yelping, calling, squalling, or any other extended noise, shall disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in the vicinity.

Ordinance 91.01 Outside Burning

No person shall dispose of refuse or other waste material by outside burning, or cause or permit outside burning of refuse or other waste material... A person shall be permitted to maintain open fire [ONLY] as follows: Fires for non-commercial cooking of food for human consumption [i.e. hot dogs, marshmallows]. Only a contained fire will be acceptable when used with a fire ring, a pit with stones, or bricks surrounding it or a commercial self-contained fire pit, all of which should be no larger than 30 inches in diameter. *The Gaines Township Fire Chief will not issue any burning permits in the Village.*

Ordinance 91.10 Fireworks

A person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks on public property, church property, school property, or another person's property without that organization's or person's written permission *and only on the day before, the day of, or the day after* designated holidays, such as Independence Day (a complete listing of designated holidays is on file at the Village Hall).

Ordinance 92.15 Weed and Grass Control

The accumulation or growth upon any property in the village of weeds, grass at a height greater than eight inches is hereby deemed to be a nuisance. If these provisions are not complied with, the Village can have it cut and the costs assessed to the property.

Ordinance 131.01 Minors: Curfew

No minor **under the age of 16 years** shall be permitted, caused, or suffered to be upon the public streets or in any public place between the hours of **12:00 (midnight) and 6:00 a.m.**, unless the child is accompanied by his or her parent or guardian, or some adult delegated by the parent or guardian. No minor **under the age of 12 years** shall be upon the public streets or in any public place within the village between the hours of **10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** unless the minor is accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or some adult delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the minor.

Ordinance 92.30 Blight

Junk cars, unregistered boats, debris, old building material, etc. These can be a cause for action in which the costs of clean up can be assessed to the properties, plus fines. Blighted or dangerous buildings need to be demolished or brought up to code, injunctive relief through the courts can be sought and the cost assessed to the property, plus fines.

Ordinance 92.60 Noise Control

No person shall cause or create or permit to continue any unreasonable, improper or unnecessarily loud noise or disturbance, injurious to the health, peace or quiet of the residents or property owners of the village.

^^Ordinance 61 – Address (Township)^^

Gaines Township requires that all homes have readable addresses from the road and if they are 200 feet or more off the road, they need to have an address posted not more than 25 feet from the roadway.

NOTE: If you put numbers on your mailbox check for fading and put them on both sides of your mailbox as fire trucks and ambulances do not always come from the same direction as the mail carrier.