

Spring/Summer 2019

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

Check It Out!!!

The Village of Gaines has a website!! You can visit at villageofgaines.net. 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 for Friday, June 5, 2019. Please make sure your brush is in a uniform bundle, no larger than 3" in diameter, no longer than 4 ft lengths, with butt ends out. Please do not place bundles at the curb until the day before pick-up. Our DPW department does have the right to refuse to pick-up someone's branches if they are not adhering to these standards. 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.

The Depot Library is now open on Wednesdays from 4pm to 8pm, as well as, Saturdays 9am to 5pm.

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. **Michigan Vehicle Code, Act 300 (Section 257.677a)** indicates that grass, snow, ice, or slush cannot be deposited, or be caused to be deposited (blown), onto any roadway or highway. Violation of this code is up to a \$500.00 fine.



Upcoming Events

May 8

Council Meeting @ 7pm

May 18

3rd Annual Gaines Community Men's Club "Taking It To Your Streets"

May 27

4th Annual Gaines Memorial Day Celebration @ 2pm

June 5

Village of Gaines DPW Brush Pick-up Day

June 7

Last Day of Swartz Creek Schools

June 12

Council Meeting @ 7pm

June 13 - 16

Village of Gaines Yard Sale

July 10

Council Meeting @ 7pm

July 19 & 20

Gaines Community Rodeo

July 27 & 28

Baron's Summer Fest

August 14

Council Meeting @ 7pm

August 24

Gaines Community Band Ice Cream Social

August 27

First Day of School for Swartz Creek

Village of Gaines Council

President: Samuel Stiff
Clerk: Vicky Sandlin
Treasurer: Demi Manutes
Admin Asst: Hanna Lytle
Council Members:
Emily Alexander
Christopher Crawford
Carol Erickson
Barbara Ferris
Melissa Neal
Diane Nowak

Reminder of Village Ordinances Pertinent to Spring & Summer

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 six (6) 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 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 110 Yard Sales, Garage Sales and Basement Sales

No sale shall be held until a license for the sale has been obtained for an application fee of \$1.00. The sale shall be for a period NOT GREATER THAN THREE DAYS.

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 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.