

## Letter from the Mayor

### Census 2020 – We Need Your Help!



It's time for a new census and we need EVERYONE'S input. While it seems like a hassle, or it appears that the federal government just wants your family's personal information, your response to the Census makes a world of difference to Garden City and the State of Michigan.

According to the Census 2020 information, "Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs - impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They are also used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives."

Starting this month (March 2020), everyone will begin having the opportunity to respond to the 2020 Census online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). If you want to stop from having census workers knock on your door, send you mail, or call you, please respond online as soon as possible.

Either way you respond, please treat the census takers respectfully, because, in the end, they are just making sure you and all of Garden City benefits the most by obtaining correct and complete information. For every person in our City that is not counted, we lose funding and other benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this most important process!

*Randy Walker*  
Mayor of Garden City

### GCYAA Baseball Opening Day

May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. at Moeller Field, including a pancake breakfast at Maplewood Center 8-11 a.m.

### GCYAA Kerwin Classic

April 24-26 - Moeller Field

For more info, go to:

[www.gcyaa.com](http://www.gcyaa.com)



### Lucas Device Already Saves Lives

A Lucas Device was purchased by the GC City Council a few months ago, and automatically performs chest compressions (CPR) far more effectively than any human can. It has already saved the lives of several Garden City residents.



### Operation Fire-Up! Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

The Westland Area Jaycees are teaming up again with Garden City volunteers to paint fire hydrants throughout our City. Last year we painted over 200 hydrants. You can help by coming to the Maplewood Center on April 25<sup>th</sup> by 9 a.m. Email [Amybohanon18@gmail.com](mailto:Amybohanon18@gmail.com).



**Garden City Parks and Recreation's**  
1<sup>st</sup> Inaugural  
**Egg Hunt**  
Free Event  
Bring your own bag/basket  
Saturday, April 11  
Hunt Begins at 9:30 am  
Easter Bunny Arrives at 9:15 am  
Find 15 magical eggs in each age group and turn them in for a special prize!

over 10,000 eggs  
3 age groups  
3 & under  
4-6  
7-10  
Garden City Park

200 Log Cabin Garden City, MI 48135 | [www.gardencitymi.org/parks](http://www.gardencitymi.org/parks) | 734-793-1882

### Senior Bus Trip to Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Tickets are \$35 for the bus trip to Grand Rapids to see the gardens and exhibits. Tickets can be purchased at the Maplewood Community Center. Call 734-793-1870.



### Maplewood Senior Center Mother's Day Celebration Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon to 3 p.m.

### Great Bacon Run Sign-Up Race Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To run or walk in this year's Great Bacon Run, produced by the Garden City Parks & Rec Department, go to: [www.gcicearena.com/page/show/3805915-registration](http://www.gcicearena.com/page/show/3805915-registration) / call 734-793-1882.



