



Letter from the Mayor

Unwanted Newspapers Thrown in Your Driveway



For several years there has been an ongoing battle between homeowners across the Country and newspaper officials regarding free speech versus litter.

Many times, the free papers thrown on resident's driveways have valuable coupons, as well as interesting stories. On the other hand, unwanted newspapers sit for months on driveways, only to look like unchecked blight. Often, during the winter months, those newspapers left abandoned on the pavement become covered with snow, only to get caught inside a resident's snowblower.

The Detroit Free Press is the company responsible for the weekly delivery of the news and shopping guide called the "Select", which gets delivered in pink plastic bags. Through cordial discussions with the company, our City administration has come to the Agreement that for those residents who choose to continue receiving the weekly newspaper, they could continue to receive it. For Garden City residents who choose to not receive the newspaper, and want the delivery to stop, they should call:

Chris Nichols 586-826-7014, cgnichols@michigan.com
John Morey 586-977-7522, jmorey@michigan.com

Although it was recommended to call the phone number first, because any message arrives as an email anyway, it would seem to me that sending an email, describing your street address and your decision to not receive the Sunday Select would put your request clearly in writing. I am going to guess that it may take some time for the delivery to stop, (anyone who delivered newspapers as a kid will understand this), so please be patient, but certainly follow-up with a second request within a few weeks after the first. A detailed request should bring an end to this issue for you.

Randy Walker
Mayor of Garden City

Was your trash pick-up missed today?

If your trash can was put out on-time and not picked-up, send a request through the GFL Customer Service Portal (QAlert) website. Go to: <http://qalerts.gflusa.com/311/request/add> or call GFL at 844-464-3587.

PURPLE BAGS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN CITY HALL

Garden City's PURPLE BAG CHALLENGE



www.GardenCityMI.org/PurpleBag

ARE YOU READY TO BE CHALLENGED? Be a part of our city-wide litter clean-up challenge with either your family, your friends, or your organization!



Please take one or more bags and **BECOME PART OF OUR TEAM!**

Use a Purple Challenge Bag to collect litter from your neighborhood, a local park, or anywhere you see a need. Then take a picture with the purple bags and post it to:

Facebook@GCPurpleBagChallenge



Questions? Call 734-793-1636



KEEPING GARDEN CITY CLEAN, 1 BAG AT A TIME!

DID YOU KNOW?

You should put your trash cans on the street; keep them 3 feet apart; and away from parked cars!

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FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION 30 lbs of Nutritious Groceries*



Wednesdays
June 24, July 22,
August 19, & Sept 16



Maplewood Community Center
31735 Maplewood St.
Garden City, MI 48135
Balmoral street side parking lot (South side)

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY DURING URGENT TIMES OF NEED

Families and individuals in need of food are encouraged to attend an upcoming drive-up distribution provided by Gleaners Community Food Bank.

- ~30 pounds of groceries—Items like milk, fresh fruits, vegetables, lean protein and other shelf-stable items.
- Drive-up or walk-up—Stay in your vehicle, and groceries will be placed into your trunk. Walk up guests without vehicles or those without a trunk are welcome to obtain groceries from a self-service table. If walking, please be prepared to carry the groceries or have a cart.
- No appointment needed—You do not need to bring identification or proof of eligibility to receive food.
- Increasing safety- If you wish to pick up for another household you may do so without their presence in the car.

Together with Gleaners Community Food Bank, we are taking all necessary precautions to distribute food safely.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

*Food items may vary by distribution site

FYI – Garden City Animal Rules and Restrictions



Number of Animals

No person residing in a residential area in the City of Garden City shall keep, harbor, or possess more than a **combined total of three dogs and cats.** Ord. #90.16

Animal Licenses

All dogs and cats within the City must be licensed, and the license must be displayed on the animal's collar at all times. Ord. #90.15 Animal Licenses can be obtained in-person at City Hall. The fees are \$10 per year for spayed / neutered animals and \$20 per year for non-spayed / neutered animals. You must present your Certificate of Rabies Vaccination from your veterinarian and proof of neuter / spay.

No Barking Dogs

No person shall harbor or keep any dog, cat, or other animal which, by loud, frequent, unnecessary, or habitual barking, howling, or making any such noise shall cause serious annoyance to the neighborhood or to people passing upon the streets. Ord. #90.19

Animals at Large

No owner of a dog, cat, or other animal shall allow the animal to run at large throughout the City. RUNNING AT LARGE means wandering unrestrained on any street, alley, commons, or other public or open spaces or places, within the corporate limits of the City or upon any private property other than that of the owner of the dog or cat. Ord. #90.19

Cleaning Up After Animals

Animal owners must clean up fecal matter deposited by the animal in a timely manner and maintain the area where the animal lives, or has access, in a sanitary manner. Ord. #90.28

Homeowner Tip #1 - Blocking Sidewalks

Walking weather is now upon us, so we ask that you please be considerate of those who may want to take a walk throughout the neighborhood. Our elderly residents, dog walkers, families with strollers, and little ones should not have to worry about vehicles parked over the sidewalk obstructing their path while walking - *Michigan Compiled Law 257.674*

www.2020census.gov

Right now, everyone can respond to the 2020 Census online at:

www.2020census.gov

Stop census workers from knocking on your door, sending you unwanted mail, or calling you, by responding online as soon as possible.



ELECTION INSPECTORS NEEDED

The City Clerk's Office always needs Poll Workers

Come and be part of the democratic process. To be considered, you must be a registered voter in the State of Michigan, computer literate, and able to work election days from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. You will be paid \$170.00 for the day, plus a mandatory training pay of \$20.00, with lunch provided on election day. If interested, turn in your completed application to the City Clerk's Office.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Elec_Inspe-App_131809_7.pdf?20150422085944

For questions, please contact Matthew Miller, Garden City Clerk at 734-793-1620.



Homeowner Tip #2 – Low Water Pressure

Occasionally, a water main blow-out will cause low water pressure, but if you have low water pressure issues at your home or business, it could be the cause of higher water usage during high peak hours. People are using water in the morning and just after work are when the use will be much higher. If you use a sprinkler system, please turn it off during off peak hours. If you are still experiencing low water pressure issues, then check to see if it is in just one area or throughout the whole building. If it is just in one area (i.e. bathroom or kitchen), then you would need to clean the aerator on the faucets, and make sure the valves are turned open all the way. Always check the outside spigots to be sure they are off. If the low pressure is throughout the whole house, it may have something to do with the plumbing in your home. Is it the original plumbing? Could there be build up in your plumbing lines? If so, you may want to contact a plumber to have them check on these issues.



GC Downtown Development Authority

Lucky Squirrel
Flea Market, Craft, &
Vendor Event

THE THIRD SATURDAY

July 18, August 15 and
Sept. 19
10am – 3pm



For registration info:
call 734.261.2830
www.downtowngardencity.com

FIREWORKS NOT ALLOWED EVERYWHERE!

Please use caution, common sense and courtesy if you are using legal fireworks around Independence Day. Per Michigan law, fireworks may only be used June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. Per Garden City Ordinance, fireworks may not be used within 200 feet of a residential structure and not within 20 feet of an open flame, a burner, gasoline, ignited gas or electric grill. Fireworks may not be used on public property such as streets and parks. Consider neighbors with dogs, small children, Veterans, and the elderly when using legal fireworks.

FIREWORKS
Each year, fireworks injure thousands and cause thousands of fires.

Fireworks cause an estimated **19,500** reported fires in the U.S. each year.

U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 9,100 people for fireworks-related injuries in 2018.

Fireworks Injuries by Body Part

- Eye **19%**
- Arm **4%**
- Hand or Finger **28%**
- Head, Face or Ear **15%**
- Trunk or Other **10%**
- Leg **24%**