



Letter from the Mayor

Our H.O.M.E. Food Pantry

Helping others with Opportunities, Meals, and Empowerment!



Our H.O.M.E. Food Pantry is located at the Maplewood Community Center and serves Garden City residents and Garden City Public School students & their families in need. While the pantry is available and busy all throughout the year, now more than ever is there a need for donations. If you are fortunate enough to have some extra money to donate, or nonperishable food to contribute, please consider Our H.O.M.E. Pantry.

It is incomprehensible how big the issue is in which families need basic food. According to the USDA's 2019 Household Food Insecurity Report, **more than 37 million people in the US struggle with hunger**. In 2018, 14.3 million American households were food insecure with limited or uncertain access to enough food.

It's heartbreaking to know that households with children are more likely to experience food insecurity. Currently, more than 11 million children live in households with limited food. In fact, every community in the country is home to families who struggle with food insecurity, and Garden City is one of them.

Since many households that experience food insecurity do not qualify for federal nutrition programs and need to rely on their local food banks, Garden City is fortunate to have Our H.O.M.E. Pantry. Please help if you can.

For more information and hours of service, please call the food pantry at 734-793-1850, or visit:

<http://gardencitymi.org/248/Our-HOME-Pantry>.

Randy Walker

Mayor of Garden City

Homeowner Tip #1 - Check-for-Leaks

Today, walk around your home and check for leaks in your toilets and faucets, inside and out. Many residents must pay high water bills because they either leave their house with the toilet running, or the toilet has a slow leak because the flapper needs to be replaced. Save yourself a fortune by doing some simple maintenance. If possible, like with your A/C system, a professional plumber could help with a yearly maintenance cleaning. Please call in a plumber to keep your water bills down. With an excessive



water bill, you can always request a "Check-for-Leaks" visit by the City for a charge of \$25. If the leak is between the street and the meter, there will be no charge. The Water Division can be called at (734) 793-1630.

Keeping the green in Garden City

Last year, Style Masters Salon planted flowers to attract bees and butterflies. They said it was such a huge success they released numerous butterflies that came from caterpillars in their garden. Hopefully everyone will be able to do the same as the season starts to bloom.



Homeowner Tip #2 - Do not feed the rats

To keep rodents off your property, store pet food in closed containers and never leave it outside in open dishes, especially overnight. Clean up around bird feeders. Rats are attracted to nuts and seeds. Be sure to pick up fallen fruit from your fruit trees and clean your BBQ well, because rats love leftovers. Keep your garbage cans lidded and never leave trash in plastic bags outside. Finally, clean up your animal waste in a timely manner. Rats eat dog poop!

Rats also need water, so fix any leaks in your irrigation equipment. Do not leave any pools of water outside like pet water bowls. Keep in mind that bird baths and fishponds may also attract rodents.

GARDEN CITY COVID CHAMPIONS

Garden City would like to recognize organizations and individuals who have really done exceptional things during the COVID-19 issue. While many people have assisted a neighbor or donated to an organization, all wonderful gestures, we would like to learn about any "over-the-top" donations or work that was selflessly given to others. Please send an email to: Administration@GardenCityMI.org.



Help stop the spread of COVID-19



STAY HOME. STAY SAFE!

Avoid public interaction and travel except that which is absolutely necessary.

If you must leave your home for permitted reasons please use the following guidelines provided by the CDC.



6 ft between you & others



Wash hands with soap



Sanitizer with 60% alcohol



Clean & disinfect surfaces



Do not touch your face

Feeling sick? STAY HOME!

Fever, cough, and shortness of breath may be symptoms of COVID-19. Do not risk the potential spread of the virus. Stay home and CALL your medical care provider for instructions.

Only seek emergency medical attention if you have: Trouble breathing, Persistent pain or pressure in the chest, New confusion or inability to arouse, Bluish lips or face.

Watch for the New Parks and Recreation Playbook Brochure

The Parks and Rec Department is putting together a brand-new brochure that includes programs, special events, pavilion rentals and information on our City parks. We hope that the Playbook will come as a great resource for families of Garden City as it will have programs for everyone including children, adults and seniors! Some programs will include Nerf Nights, Dodgeball Leagues, Themed Birthday Party Packages, Senior Trip Packages, and the list goes on! The Playbook is going to be offered twice a year. Our first Playbook will cover the fall and winter months and the second will cover the spring and summer months. **The inaugural brochure will be available on our City website starting in July 2020.**

Great Bacon Run Canceled



Unfortunately, due to the COVID Virus, and the time and money it takes to organize such an event, this August's Great Bacon Run has been cancelled until next summer.

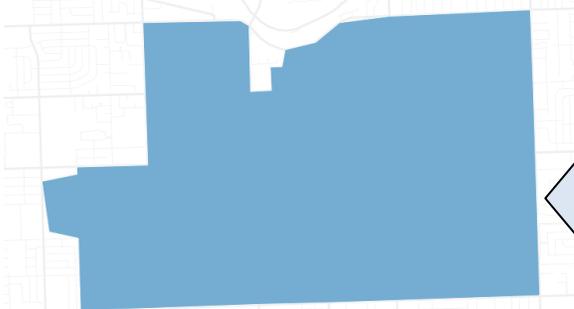


Census Self-Response in Garden City

The map of Garden City on the left indicates the number of self-reporting residents in the City compared to all the State of Michigan. Thank you, Garden City residents, for so many of you already self-reporting your Census 2020 information.

Michigan Self-Response
57.9%

Garden City Self-Response
65.8%



Self-Response Rate (%)
 0-15 16-30 31-40 41-50 51-56 57-62 63-68 69-74 75-85 86-100

BE COUNTED MICHIGAN 2020



Census 2020: Fast Facts

What Is The Census?

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census to determine the number of people living in the United States.

Are My Answers Secure and Confidential?

The Census Bureau is committed to keeping your information confidential, private and secure. By law, individual-level census information cannot and will not be shared with any agency. Furthermore, cybersecurity measures have been put in place to keep your information safe, and any unlawful release of information is punishable by a \$250,000 fine and/or five years in prison.

What Will The Census Ask?

The Census asks for less personal information than most social media profiles. Items like name, gender, age, birthday, race/ethnicity, relationship to head-of-household, owner or renter and phone number are asked. **The Census will not ask about citizenship or immigration status.**

Who Gets Counted?

Census forms are filled out by household. Everyone living at the address matters and everyone needs to be counted, including children.

How Do I Fill It Out?

It's easier than ever for 2020. You can respond online using the unique Census ID that will be mailed to you. If you don't have internet access, you can respond by phone or mail.

How Is Census Information Used?

Being counted helps communities create jobs, provide housing, fund K-12 education, prepare for emergencies and build schools, roads, hospitals and libraries.

Census And Elections

Census data determines how many seats your state gets in Congress. Also, state and local officials use census data to draw boundaries for state and local legislative districts and school districts.

Language Assistance

- Online form: 12 non-English languages
- Paper form: English and Spanish
- Telecommunications help for the deaf
- Language guides (video and print) 59 non-English languages, also American Sign Language, Braille and large print

Key Dates

MARCH 2020

Census invitations mailed to households

APRIL – JULY 2020

Reminder letters/postcards sent if no response received

JULY 2020

Self-response deadline

DECEMBER 31, 2020

Census Bureau delivers count to President

MARCH 2021

States receive official count



www.2020census.gov

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.”*

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

