

Letter from the Mayor

Lead Water Lines



As of writing this, just over 200 homes have been identified to have a lead line. It appears that the City still has around 70 houses with lead lines that need to be replaced.

Unfortunately, many of those homeowners are not responding to the City's repeated requests to have their lead lines replaced for free. As you may recall, in 2019 the State of Michigan made it mandatory for governments to replace all lead lines in the city, including on private property. While the City has done a great job in replacing over 150 lines already, there are still more to go.

Through this letter, I implore anyone who has already been contacted about their lead line to please contact our Public Works Department to schedule an appointment. For everyone else, the Internet has instructions on different ways of testing the pipe coming into your home. The easiest is if you gently scratch the surface of the pipe with a coin and the pipe is soft, easily scraped, silver, and a magnet doesn't stick to it, then it is lead. When in doubt, call the P/W Department at 734-793-1800 for a free inspection to give you peace of mind.

Please keep yourself and your family safe by replacing the lead line entering into your home.

Randy Walker
Mayor of Garden City

**MARK THE CALENDAR
Community Shred Day**

**Saturday, June 4th
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

City Hall Parking Lot
6000 Middlebelt Road Garden City, MI 48135

We will accept up to five paper grocery bags or cardboard banker's boxes of sensitive paper documents from Garden City residents & businesses to shred at no charge - NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!

PLUS:
Prescription Drug Disposal
Pills only, no liquids/needles

HOME Pantry Food Donations
Non-perishable foods, toiletries, and cash donations



**See a
Streetlight
Out?**

If you notice a streetlight not turning on, get its number and go to the following web address.

<https://www.dteenergy.com/cso/pltr/initTrouble.do?customerType=residential>

Streetlights are owned by DTE.

Home Alone Safety Class

Please attend a new program to teach kids how to stay safe when home alone. The program will cover a variety of topics such as:

1. How to call for help when using the 911 system
2. How to deal with a stranger at the door or on the phone
3. Why it's important to keep doors locked
4. When you smell smoke or see fire
5. When the power goes out
6. When you get locked out of the house
7. Preparation for severe weather
8. Injuries Minor and Major

Wed. June 1st / 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Ages 10-15
Fee: \$5 per person
Maplewood Community Center

Camp GC SUMMER CAMP
M-F | Ages 6-11 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Jun 20-Aug 19 | Garden City Park
Per Week: \$79/resident · \$94/non-resident

Scan the QR Code to Register for Camp



Garden City DDA presents **WALKING THE BEAT WITH RUDY**
Join our Garden City K-9 Officer on his daily downtown patrol

THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd

Registration 6:00 PM
Waiver must be signed by pet owner to participate. Dogs must be well behaved on a six foot leash. (Please no retractable leashes.)

Walk Begins at 7:00 PM
Rudy will lead the pack at 7:00pm sharp.

Questions
Please call the DDA Office at 734.261.2830



CREATIVE SOL MAKERY & HELIUM STUDIO PRESENT:

INDIE ART & CRAFT JAM

5/22 & 9/25
2PM-7PM

ARTIST MARKET
HELIUM STUDIO
CREATIVE SOL MAKERY
ARTIST MARKET

2022

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Featuring Local Artisans, Live Music, Handcrafted Items, DIY Crafting Tent, One-of-a-kind Furniture, Jewelry, Ceramics, Signs, Swag Bags, and more!

CONTACT US FOR VENDOR INFO AND GENERAL INQUIRIES (734) 558-7993

5805 Central St.
Garden City, MI 48135

GC Downtown Development Authority

Lucky Squirrel Flea Market, Craft, & Vendor Event

Arts, Crafts, Antiques, and more...

May 21st 

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For registration info call 734-261-2830
www.downtowngardencity.com

PARKS AND RECREATION

Seniors Mother's Day Celebration

Fri. May 6th
12 noon - 3 p.m.
Maplewood Community Center

The Wacky Science Show

Sat. May 14th
12 noon
Ages 4 - 12
\$5/child, \$2 Sibling
Maplewood Community Center

Mom2Mom Sale

Looking to sell some kids clothes, toys, and things your kids have grown out of?
Sat & Sun June 4th & 5th
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days
\$20 per table
Civic Ice Arena

The Garden City Business Alliance's "Music in the Park" dates are set:

Thurs. June 23rd - Sinjon Smith
Thurs. July 21st - Smith Factor
Thurs. August 18th - Taylor Tucky



All events are between 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This year's events will have live bands, food trucks, vendors, games, and raffles.

For more info, go to: www.gardencitybusinessalliance.org

Adult Wiffleball League

June 6th - Aug 8th / \$150 per team / Ages: 18+

Teams of 5 will play 8 weeks with one game per night followed by single elimination playoffs. Mondays at 6:30pm. All games will be inside the Civic Ice

Adult Floor Hockey League

June 7th thru Aug 9th
Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$150 per team

Do you miss your childhood days of playing hockey in the street? Join our floor hockey league! Teams consist of 8 players. 734-793-1882

Parents Night Out – GLOW PARTY

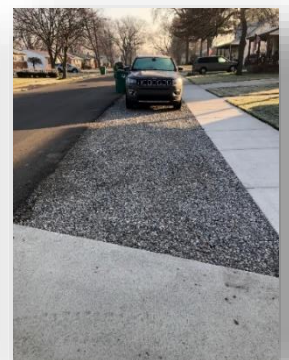
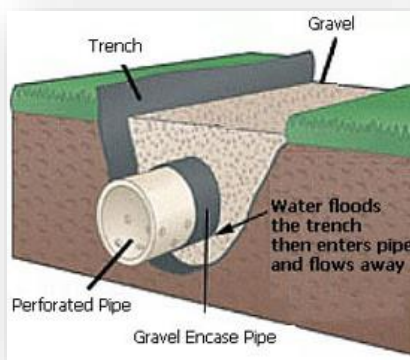
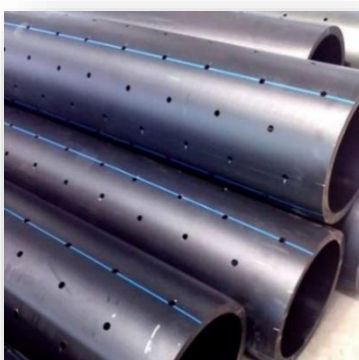
Friday, May 13th / 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. / \$10 Per Child and \$5 per sibling / Maplewood Community Center
Go out for date night, run some errands, or simply have a silent night while the kids are safe watching movies, making glow crafts, playing games, and eating pizza. You must register in advance 734-793-1882

WANT TO FILL IN YOUR DITCH? DO IT THE CORRECT WAY...

If you are interested in filling-in your swale for more parking, there is a correct and legal way to do it. Below, please find some pictures as to how to add parking to your property, while at the same time allowing for the proper drainage of rainwater. Often this process is referred to as installing a "French Drain".

The reason that homeowners are not permitted to fill in their swales between the sidewalk and the street is because then the rainwater has nowhere to go but sit along the edge of the roadway. This is why most of the damage on the roads in the City is along the edges. If your grass is higher than the sidewalk, then your filled in ditch forces the water to sit on your sidewalk. If the rain would run into the ditches as they were designed, then the problem is solved.

To stop homeowners from inappropriately filling in their swales with asphalt, concrete, clay, or compacting stone, the City would like to share with everyone the proper way to fill in their swales and still remove the rainwater. When a perforated pipe is installed to run from one end of the swale to the other, then water can flow to wherever the drain is located. The perforated pipe allows the water that collects in the crushed limestone to enter into the pipe and easily drain the swale. Be sure the pipe you install connects to the pipes under the driveways on both sides of your property. Go to the Building Department in City Hall to obtain the directions and permit. It is the proper way to collect the water and allow for parking.



To see a representation of the final product for this technique, visit the 32900 block of John Hawk