

HUDSONVILLE

HOMETOWN NEWS



GOOD PEOPLE.
GOOD LIVING.

HUDSONVILLE'S TREE LIGHTING EVENT

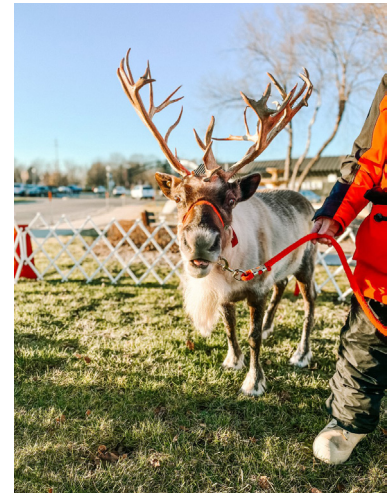
"3, 2, 1" and with that the Hudsonville Downtown Christmas tree was lit by two local children. How cool was that! If you have not been downtown to see the tree, you need to make the trip. It's perfect.

While you are there take in some shopping or a meal; spread some cheer. Amazon has nothing on Hudsonville. I'd rather buy a lightbulb from a person that smiles than a confused web bot any day, particularly at Christmas. We have a wonderful city and downtown that calls us to celebrate and rejoice.

Many of us were disappointed at the canceling of our annual holiday parade. It was not an easy, last-minute decision knowing the work and excitement we had invested. But know, safety trumps fun. It just would not have been safe to hold a parade in our first major snowstorm of the year. No worries though, the city has 50 pounds of candy frozen for next year.

I'm very thankful for living in a well-run, safe, and clean city. It reflects on all of us that call Hudsonville home. Our community is one of the most desirable places to live in the state. If you haven't noticed, homes for sale are in short supply and our home values are up 13% from one year ago, \$41,000 on average. A present not under the tree but in your bank account someday perhaps.

Mayor Mark Northrup



MEET TYLER DOTSON, HUDSONVILLE'S NEW CITY MANAGER

Born and raised in South Haven, one of my first jobs was as a deckhand at South Haven Municipal Marina. It was at the young age of 16 that my passion for local government took hold as I learned not only about the roles and services our local governments provide, but the value of effective leadership and making a positive difference. It was because of this experience that I focused my education on working toward a career that would allow me to serve others in leadership positions at the local level.

After receiving my undergraduate degree from Ohio State and my graduate degree in public administration from Western Michigan, I made my first career move and became the Economic Development/DDA Director for the Village of Blissfield in Southeast Michigan. After serving for 2.5 years, I was appointed to run the day-to-day operations at the City of Watervliet as their City Manager.

In my time there (4.5 years) I was able to work with the City Commission on several policy changes and serve as the project manager for numerous infrastructure, parks, and community impact projects. Together, we were able to address our aging infrastructure, secure several grants, and invest in the future of the community, making a positive difference for generations to come!

The thing I'm looking forward to most as your next City Manager is getting involved in the community outside of my role and enjoy all that the City offers. I'm thrilled to be part of this team and look forward to meeting the members of the community and make Hudsonville my home. Feel free to stop by City Hall and introduce yourself, I can't wait to meet you and learn more about what Hudsonville has to offer!

**Tyler Dotson's first day
as City Manager will be
Wednesday, February 1st.**



PROPERTY TAXES REMINDER

Winter property tax bills were mailed to property owners on December 1 and are due February 14, 2023. If your winter taxes were under \$100, they were included with your summer tax bill.

To avoid penalties and interest, winter tax and deferred summer tax payments must be received no later than February 14, 2023. **Postmarks are NOT accepted.** A penalty of 3% will be added on February 15.

The last day to pay ad valorem real property taxes at the city is the last day in February. On March 1 all ad valorem real property taxes are turned over to Ottawa County for collection. Once taxes are sold to the County, tax payments must be paid directly to them.



IMPROVEMENTS TO WATERWASTE TREATMENT PROCESS

One of the essential services that the City of Hudsonville provides is wastewater collection and treatment. Our wastewater is treated by the City of Grandville at a regional facility. This facility receives wastewater and separates the liquids and solids and treats each part, producing clean water and biosolids. The clean water is discharged to the Grand River and the biosolids are applied to farm fields as a soil amendment and fertilizer.

Recent regulation changes and restrictions on land application of biosolids have made the process increasingly difficult and expensive. To ensure a future of reliable and financially viable service, Grandville began a nearly 20-million-dollar project to minimize the amount of waste that will need to be land-applied. With the improvements, the majority of the solid waste will be able to be dried and compacted sufficiently to be accepted by landfills. Additionally, a byproduct of the improved treatment process will be higher quality methane gas. This gas will be collected and used to provide electricity for a portion of the plant's operations.

These improvements to Hudsonville's treatment process will decrease our reliance on outside energy sources, decrease the amount of "waste" generated, and increase the reliability and resilience to changing regulations affecting this public service.



CITY SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

This is your chance to have an impact on development in Hudsonville. If you have a passion for your community and are interested in serving, a position has become available on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

For a more detailed description and to apply for the position please visit the city's website at <https://hudsonville.org/get-involved>. If you have any questions you can contact the Planning and Zoning Department whose contact information can be found on the website.

BUSINESS REGISTRATION REMINDER

Reminder letters were recently sent out to local brick-and-mortar businesses.

Every two years, the City sends out (re)registration letters to businesses within the City limits. This registration is required, per City Ordinance No. 05-253, (which can be found here: https://library.municode.com/mi/hudsonville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH4AMEN_ARTIIIIGEBURE) and helps our emergency services personnel in the case of an emergency at your business.

If you own a business within the City limits, with a soon-to-expire or already-expired certificate, and need to register your information, the registration form can be found on the City's website: <https://www.hudsonville.org/business-forms>. You can also use this QR Code to access the form.

If you have any questions about your registration, please contact the City Clerk.



WINTER PARKING

To ensure that city streets can be plowed and salted after heavy snowfalls, the citywide parking ordinance states: "Between the dates of November 1 and April 1, parking is prohibited on all city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m."

This ordinance is in effect even when there is no snowfall and is posted at the entrances to the city. Please make sure to move your vehicle off the street during these hours or a ticket will be issued to the vehicle owner.

WINTER TIPS

- **Adopt a Drain:** Have you adopted a drain yet? Storm drains need to be cared for even in the winter. Do your part to care for our watershed and adopt a drain today!
- **Shovel:** Always shovel storm drains from the sidewalk. Shovel snow onto vegetated areas, where melt water can soak into the ground. This reduces runoff that goes down storm drains and directly to rivers and streams. Avoid spreading rock salt at temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Rock salt will not react and melt snow and ice at temperatures that low. It will only be blown around and off the road.
- **Mark Drains:** Keeping your drains clear of snow is an easy way to prevent flooding.
- **Maintain:** Winterize vehicles to prevent leaks. Wash cars at a commercial car wash, where soapy water is reused or goes to the sanitary sewer.
- **Use Less:** A little salt goes a long way. Apply sparingly and remove slush once the snow melts to prevent refreezing. Salt in our stormwater system can be harmful to aquatic life.
- **Store Safely:** Practice good housekeeping by storing salt or other de-icers under a roof to minimize polluted runoff.

NEW CITY-WIDE ZONING ORDINANCE

The city has recently adopted a new city-wide zoning ordinance and wanted to highlight two of the frequently referenced sections: fences and accessory buildings.

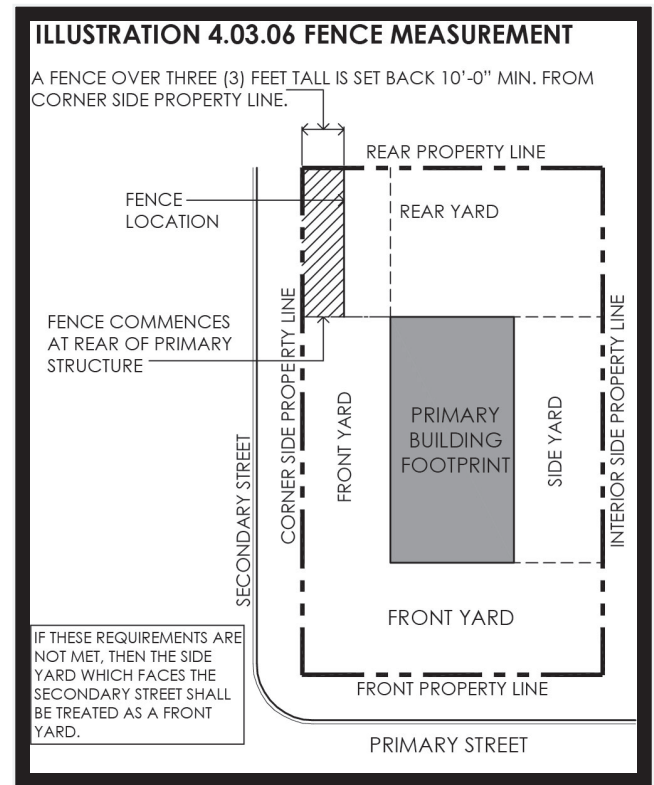
Fences

- Recommended Fence Materials: Ornamental metal, rot-resistant wood, and / or vinyl.
- Chain-link Fencing must be vinyl coated and is not permitted in the front yard.
- Height Requirements: Fencing in the front yard can be no more than 3 feet tall. Fencing in the side and rear yard can be no more than 6 feet tall with a 4-inch extension for grade changes.
- Corner Lot Fence Placement: If a fence is over 3 ft tall there is a minimum 10-foot setback from the corner side lot line. See diagram layout below.

Accessory Buildings

Number of buildings permitted:

- One primary garage, which can be either attached or detached. It is the building most likely to be used for parking and storage of vehicles owned and operated by the residents. A primary garage can be considered a detached accessory building if 50% or more of the detached building is in the rear yard.
- One secondary building. If the primary garage is considered a detached accessory building, a secondary building is not permitted.
- One shed up to 199 s.f. in the rear yard only. These tables show the permitted accessory building size based on lot size as well as the required lot line setbacks, roof peak maximums and wall height maximums.



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Table 4.01.01 Permitted Single-Family Residential Accessory Building Size

Type of Building	Maximum Size - lot area under 1/2 acre	Maximum Size - lot area over 1/2 acre to 1 acre	Maximum Size - lot area over 1 acre to 2 acres	Maximum Size - lot area over 2 acres
Primary Garage	576 s.f. , or up to 864 s.f. when no more than 60% of the ground floor area of the principal building.	576 s.f. , or up to 1,024 s.f. when no more than 60% of the ground floor area of the principal building.	576 s.f. , or up to 1,200 s.f. when no more than 60% of the ground floor area of the principal building.	576 s.f. , or up to 1,500 s.f. when no more than 60% of the ground floor area of the principal building.
Secondary Building	Up to 576 square feet	Up to 864 square feet	Up to 1024 square feet	Up to 1200 square feet
Shed	Up to 199 square feet	Up to 199 square feet	Up to 199 square feet	Up to 199 square feet

Table 4.01.02 Permitted Detached Accessory Building Setbacks and Height

Building Size	Building Setback from Lot Line when 50% or more of the building is in the rear yard	Building Setback from Lot Line where less than 50% of the building is in the rear yard	Building Height Maximum*	Wall Height Maximum
Up to 576 square feet	4'	10'	15'	10'
From 577 to 864 square feet	7'	10'	16'	10'
From 865 to 1024 square feet	10'	10'	17'	12'
1025 square feet or greater	10'	10'	18'	14'

*See section 3.04.11 for Accessory Dwelling Unit Height Requirements

NATURE CENTER HIKE 2023 SCHEDULE:

**Did you know that we have a city naturalist who leads free nature hikes in the Nature Center?
If you haven't taken a tour yet, this is a great way to learn about this natural resource and check out the nature center.**

Saturday, January 7, 6:00pm
Winter Evening Hike

Sunday, January 8, 2:00pm
Winter Botany and Nature Hike

Sunday, February 12, 2:00pm
Winter Trees and Nature Hike

Sunday, March 19, 2:00pm
Signs of Spring

Sunday, April 23, 2:00pm
Early Spring Wildflower
& Nature Hike

Sunday, May 7, 2:00pm
Spring Wildflowers

Wednesday, May 10, 10:00am
Spring Wildflowers

Thursday, May 11, 6:00pm
Spring Wildflowers and Birds

Saturday, June 3, 9:00am
National Trails Day Hike

Sunday, June 11, 2:00pm
Early Summer Nature &
Woodland Ecology Hike

Sunday, July 16, 2:00pm
Prairie Flowers and Butterflies

Wednesday, July 19, 10:00am
Kids' Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, August 13, 2:00pm
Prairie Flowers & Ecology

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00am
Morning In The Prairie

Sunday, September 17, 2:00pm
Early Autumn and Trees

Sunday, October 22, 2:00pm
Fall Nature Hike

Sunday, November 12, 2:00pm
Nature Hike

Saturday, November 25, 6:30pm
Night Hike

Saturday, December 30, 6:00pm
Night Hike

Participants should come prepared for the weather, as the walk will be held except in the event of threatening or severe weather. Long pants and hiking shoes/boots are recommended.

PARK & FACILITY RENTAL PROCESS

With the spring and summer seasons around the corner, you may be interested in reserving a City facility for your gathering in 2023. Our park facility rental season is May 1 – October 15. If you have been on the Park & Facility Rental page of our website within the last year, you may have noticed some changes. Not only did we change the look of the page, including some updated pictures of the available facilities, but we also added a link to our online rental request site!



With this new site, you are only initially placing a hold for the facility and date you would like.

Once we receive your request, we will send you an agreement form (that needs to be signed and returned to us) along with an invoice for your rental.

You will be able to use this invoice to pay for your reservation on the online bill-pay page of our website! You are still welcome to come into City Hall to pay the invoice if you would rather skip the 3% credit card processing fee. When we receive your payment and signed agreement form, your reservation is officially booked.

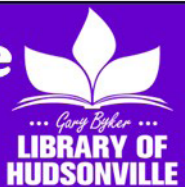
As a reminder – all City park facility rentals are for the entire day, during normal park operating hours.

<https://www.hudsonville.org/facility-rental>



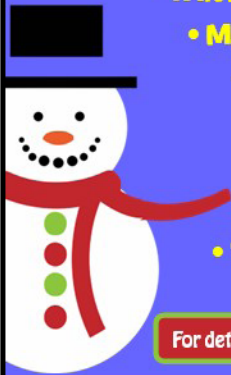
Gary Byker Library of Hudsonville

Services, Programs & More!



FOR KIDS, TWEENS & TEENS ...

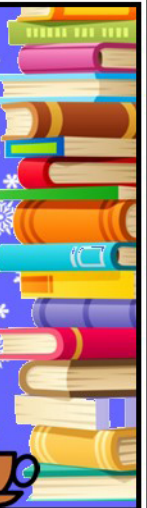
- **FLAMINGOS IN THE SNOW!:**
WINTER READING CLUB FOR KIDS
- **MAKER MONDAY**
- **WINTER STORY TIME**
- **YOGA STORY TIME**
- **STAY & PLAY**
- **MOVE TO THE MUSIC**
- **THIS IS NOT YOUR NORMAL BOOK CLUB**



For details & registration, visit the Library's Event Calendar.

AND, FOR ADULTS ...

- **Book Clubs/Discussions**
- **Craft Programs**
 - Stone Painting
 - Paper Quilling
 - Basket Weaving
 - Quilting
- **Informational Programs**
 - Financial Planning
 - Ottawa County History
 - Friends Present Series
 - Creating Content/Brand Building
 - NWA Flight 2501 Disappearance over Lake Michigan
- **Fitness Classes**



Booklist Reader

Book and audiobook recommendations for all ages

Top 10 Lists | Essential Reads | Must Listens
New Releases | Original Features | Read-alikes
Library Reads Picks | Book Group Recommendations
Interviews With Top Authors & Illustrators



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of Those with
Alzheimer's & Dementia

- Spark memories.
- Create conversations.
- Engage in positive interactions.



USED BOOK SALE



FEBRUARY 16 - 18

Books, CDs, DVDs & More!



See the full Calendar of Events for details & to register for programs!

www.hudsonvillelibrary.org

3338 Van Buren St. | 616.669.1255



Note: All programs held subject to restrictions on public gatherings for health & safety.

HUDSONVILLE HAS EVENTS



Memorial Day Service:
Monday, May 29 at 10am



Terra Square Farmers Market:
Wednesdays from June - September
(see terrasquare.com)



Concerts On The Green
Thursday evenings in June from 7pm-8:30pm



Happenings On Harvey
Thursday evenings in July from 6pm-8pm

SNOW PLOW LICENSES



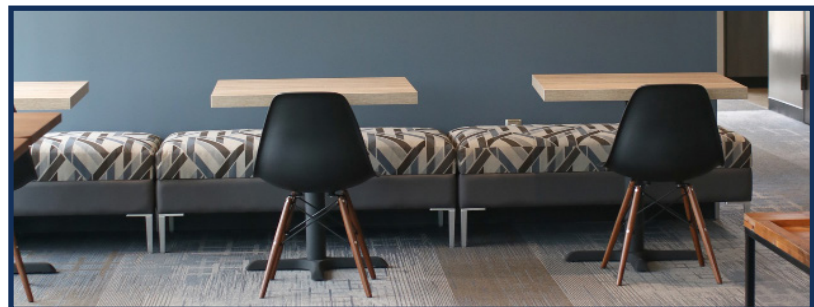
Before offering snow-removal services in the city, contractors (anyone who is hired to provide snowplowing services using a vehicle) must first apply for a snowplow license.

- Licenses cover the period from August 1 to May 1.
- Licenses are \$50 per motor vehicle.
- Licenses should be placed in the upper corner of the rear cab on the driver's side.

In addition, plow vehicles need to have an efficient, working muffler and an external yellow or amber light that is either oscillating or flashing and visible at 360 degrees. The light should be mounted on the rooftop of the vehicle. Snow may not be deposited in any public right-of-way, on public or private property without permission of the owner, in a way that impedes access to a fire hydrant, or to a height that obstructs the vision between a driveway and the public right-of-way.

If you plan to hire a contractor to remove snow from your property, please ask if they are licensed in the city to do so and verify that they have a sticker like the one shown here on their plow vehicle. For complete regulations on snowplow licenses, visit www.hudsonville.org or visit city hall.

NEED AN OFFICE SPACE?



Are you tired of your current work space or looking for a quiet place to work?

Terra Square offers a work space where you can concentrate on your business and be focused, creative, and inspired. With 24/7 access, you can work whenever motivation strikes. The co-work space offers many perks, such as a conference room and wifi, for only \$120 per month.

For more information, contact Teri Schut at tschut@hudsonville.org.

CONNECT WITH US

Visit Us:

3275 Central Blvd.
Hudsonville, MI, 49426

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Give Us A Call:

(616) 669-0200

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