

The Paper City Newsletter

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City of Parchment

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Parchment Welcomes New City Manager Nancy Stoddard



June has arrived and with it an opportunity for me to meet the residents and business owners of the Parchment community. I would like you to know a little about me as I begin to serve as your city manager.

I was born and raised in Wayland, a community much the same as the city of Parchment. Coming into your community felt like coming home to me. For the past 23+ years I have worked in local government including positions in the Inspection's Department, Treasury Office, and Finance Department and on the Wayland Township Board.

Recently, I received my Master's Degree in Public Administration from Grand Valley State University and previous to that, my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Western Michigan University.

When not at work, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Harry, and our three grown children. I like reading, riding bikes, attending theater performances, and traveling. I can hardly wait to see the performances in Kindleberger Park this summer!



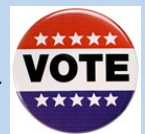
Parchment Fire Department Recruiting

Are you interested in serving your community as a paid-on-call firefighter? The Parchment Fire Department is looking for new firefighter recruits. Complete an Application at City Hall or call with any questions.

ELECTION/VOTER INFORMATION



The next election in the City of Parchment is November 7, 2017. Four commission seats are expiring – Robert Britigan III, Terry Hageman, Jon Heasley, and Eric Cronin.



If you are interested in running for City Commission, the candidate petition filing deadline is July 25, 2017. Contact the City Clerk 349-3785 for more information.

Deadline for registering to vote in the November election is 4 pm October 6, 2017.

Absentee voting is possible but you must fill out an absentee voter application form (available at City Hall upon request).

Stage at Kindleberger Seeks your Support

Parchment City Commission

Mayor

Robert B. Heasley

Vice Mayor

Robert D. Britigan III

Commissioner

Terry Hageman

Commissioner

Jon R. Heasley

Commissioner

Doug Fooy

Commissioner

Holly Evans

Commissioner

Eric Cronin

The City of Parchment has a long history of community involvement in a variety of cultural events. Kindleberger Park provides a great venue for such events as the well known Kindleberger Summer Festival. In addition, many other events take place in the park including concerts, theatrical plays, weddings and more. The Stage at Kindleberger has been a wonderful addition to our park and has enhanced the area's spectrum of family-oriented cultural opportunities, a catalyst for economic development and a lasting symbol of civic pride.

The KSF of the Performing Arts and Summer Concert Series is organized by volunteers and supported by donations, local grants and special fundraising events. They are truly locally-organized events that have been part of the Parchment community for the past 36 years. Be a part of our hometown atmosphere! We welcome you to visit Parchment and Kindleberger Park. The Kindleberger Arts Commission has an exciting summer of community entertainment and we invite you to visit Parchment for these annual events.

Such events as the annual Kindleberger Stage Musical, Youth Play, Summer Concert Series, Arts, Children's Area Activities and 5K Kindleberger Run benefit the surrounding Parchment community by providing access to theater and musical experiences for our youth, encouraging health and wellness and creating a sense of community in Parchment.

This is the City of Parchment's request for your consideration of a contribution to partially fund the events at the park as well as fund the operation and maintenance of the stage. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions concerning the stage, the park or this request. Give what you can! It's our shared commitment that counts. Thank you for considering this request for support and helping to continue the long tradition of the arts in the Parchment community.



While no refuse shall be placed for collection earlier than 8:00 PM on the day prior to the collection day, City Ordinance requires your cart be at the curb by 8:00 AM on the day of collection and removed the same day. **No carts are ever to be in the roadway and may not remain in the curblawn.**

Please bag as much trash as possible and put all trash in your cart. Your service contract includes all waste items that can fit in your cart with the bin closed. Please keep your cart at least 3-4 feet from any object such as cars, light posts, other bins, trees and mailboxes. Placing your cart with the opening towards the road will help close the lid properly and help placement when setting the cart back down (as shown). Hazardous items are not picked up and you should call the Household Hazardous Waste Center at 373-5211 for information.

Monthly Brush Pickup

Monthly citywide brush pickup is the first Monday of each month, April through November. Brush must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on pickup day.

Branches, limbs and other tree trimmings cannot be longer than eight feet or thicker than six inches in diameter. Unacceptable items include plastic bags, rocks, concrete, bricks, asphalt or any other item that cannot be composted. Check the City's website for more information.



Neighborhood Watch Group On The Job

A group of citizens led by Deb Lawson have been meeting and organizing a new Neighborhood Watch for Parchment. With assistance from the City of Parchment, neighborhood watch signs were placed throughout the City with information for residents. Anyone interested in serving can contact City Hall (269) 492-3260.

Zoning Board of Appeals Looking to Fill Vacancies

The Parchment Zoning Board of Appeals is a five-member board charged with hearing requests from property owners for correcting errors in enforcing the City's zoning ordinance, as well as granting property variances, when appropriate.

Planning Commission Members Sought

The Parchment Planning Commission is a seven-member board appointed by the City Commission to review site plans and enforce building and property rules and regulations.



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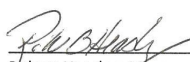
Dear Parchment Resident(s):

We are proud and pleased to let you know we now have an organized neighborhood watch in Parchment. It is our mission to improve everyone's awareness and safety while working collaboratively with the City of Parchment and the Kalamazoo Township Police Department. Our neighborhood watch was formed by residents concerned about maintaining the quality of life in Parchment. It is up to all of us to ensure our community continues to be a great place to live, work and play. The key to a successful neighborhood watch is building relationships among neighbors. Signs have been posted at strategic places in the city to make everyone aware we are united in this effort.


Here is how YOU can help your neighbors and improve your community:

- If you don't already know your neighbors, take a few minutes and introduce yourself. Having a relationship before something happens is very important. By getting to know your neighbors, you will better know what may be out of place on your street.
- Call 911 for any police, fire or medical emergencies including crimes that are in progress. Examples could include a suspected cardiac arrest, a fire or a fight you see happening. It is very important to get help on the way before taking action yourself or alerting your neighbors.
- Call (269) 343-0551 for incidents that are not in progress, to report suspicious behavior or just to speak to a police officer. This is the non-emergency dispatch number, which is answered by a dispatcher 24 hours a day.

Thank you for reading this letter. We hope it will help bring our community together in a positive way. We can all maintain our privacy and still look out for ourselves and our neighbors. We hope this letter has helped you and we welcome your input.


Robert Heasley, Mayor
City of Parchment


Tim Bourgeois, Chief of Police
Kalamazoo Township Police


Deborah Lawson, Chair
Neighborhood Watch

QUESTIONS? Contact Debbie Lawson, Neighborhood Watch Chairperson
Phone: 269-492-0667 Email: DeborahLawson507@yahoo.com

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OVERNIGHT PARKING

Parchment City Ordinance prohibits overnight parking on city streets (between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.). Violators will be ticketed.

LAWN CARE

Property owners in Parchment are responsible for mowing lawns to prevent noxious weeds and creating blighted properties. City Ordinance prohibits grass or vegetation in excess of 12 inches high.

PARKING RV's, TRAILERS and BOATS

City Ordinance prohibits parking RV's, trailers and boats outside an enclosed garage in a front yard for more than 96 hours in a 30-day period. Such vehicles can be stored indefinitely in a rear or side yard provided they are parked on an improved surface and must be properly licensed.

Fence Permits
Are available at City Hall.

