President's Message

Dear Village Residents,

We are pleased to provide you an update on some significant projects secured by your Village government. Nearly $1.5 Million dollars of Grant money has been secured for very important projects within our Village. All but $122,000 is funded by the State/Federal government to assist us in important infrastructure improvement projects. That would be street, sidewalk, sewer, storm water and water delivery projects.

We are starting the major portion of a SAW Grant, which does a complete mapping and video inspection of all sewer and storm sewer lines and equipment within our Village system. This is a HUGE tool to help us evaluate the condition of underground investments our taxpayers have made over the last 100 years. Without this kind of evaluation, we would not know the true condition of these systems...until a failure or sinkhole lets you know!!! The results will assist us in making educated estimates on what we must charge for utilities going forward, in order to fund expected maintenance repairs and replacements of those systems we all count on. Surprises are an expensive alternative to good planning.

$425,000 has been provided to assist us in doing this by your State/Federal Government, at no direct cost to Village taxpayers.

We have been seeking financial assistance through an ICE Grant (Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement) for nearly three years, to help to improve the storm sewer and Water main system on Banker Street. We are pleased to inform you that we have been granted over one million dollars toward our project for THIS year, by your State and Federal Government!

Beginning in July, we will be installing all new storm sewer on Banker Street from Washington Street to Jefferson Street, and replacing the current water main in the same area.

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This project will help remove storm water that currently flows into yards and driveways on the south side of Banker Street, and create a new water system loop that allows water delivery to more of our customers in that area in the event of a water main/connection break.

As a result of those system upgrades, that area will receive all new curb and gutter, new sidewalks and new pavement along the entire route. Paved parallel parking will be created on both sides of Banker Street along this route as well.

The total project cost will be approximately $1.22 Million dollars. Our local contribution for this important project is around $122,000. A true value for the taxpayers of our Village.

As we move through the inconvenience of construction this summer and early fall, please be patient and focus on what a significant improvement these projects make to our community. Feel free to call our Village Offices with any comment or concerns you may have, before or during these projects. Your support and cooperation is much appreciated.

M. Kelly Martin
Village President

NORTH BRANCH LIONS PRESENT
AUTO CROSS BUMP & RUN
Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 7:00 pm
RAIN DATE:
Sunday, June 30th, 2019 at 5:00 pm
ADMISSION: $15 Adults - $5 Children 6yr-12 yr
5 yr & Under Free
Pit Passes available—$5.00

Grandstand Seating– Free parking on grounds—Concession Stand. Race held at The Lions Field on South Beech Street,
South of M-90 (Huron Street). West End of Town.

NO PETS ALLOWED - NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT COOLERS
**Village Office Notes**

**2019 Village Tax Bills**

Bills will be mailed on July 1st or sooner and are due by September 16, 2019 without penalty. Postmarks are considered on time if postmarked by September 16, 2019. Any utility bills that are 3 months old that are not paid by June 18th will go on your taxes. You can pay your taxes online at www.northbranchvil-

any questions, contact the DPW department at 810.688.3410.

Please keep your lawn mowed regularly and make arrangements to have your grass cut while you are on vacation. Grass that exceeds 12” in height will be cut by the Village crew with the cost billed to you or assessed as alien against your property.

**Recreational Fires**

Recreational fires are permitted but must be located in a fire pit, outdoor grill and/or container that adequately contain ashes and cinders. Must be 10’ from the property line & 20’ from any building or structure. Burning must be confined to the rear yard. No burning in the FRONT yard. The entire Ord.#40 is on the website, under department, Treasurer and click on the black box-

**Brush Pickup & Grass/Weeds**

The Village would like to remind residents that small sticks, branches, grass and leaves, garden material can be put in brown paper bags or in trash bins. If any trash or debris is found in the containers, it will not be picked up. Pick up day is on Thursdays. Yard waste must remain separate from trash. If you have any questions, contact the DPW department at 810.688.3410.

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**Dog Ordinance**

Per the Village’s Dog Ordinance, “It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a dog owned, harbored or possessed by that person to deposit fecal matter in any place other than the premises where the dog is harbored and kept, unless such fecal matter is immediately collected and removed to the premises where the dog is harbored or kept. Don’t get fined for your dogs fecal matter. Keep your dog on a lease if they are not enclosed in a fenced yard. No more than 3 dogs over 4 mo’s in age can be kept or allowed to remain on the premises of any household. Only 1 dog of any

**Clean Up After Your Dog**

Age can be kept or harbored in any apartment.
4th of July Activities

NORTH BRANCH DAYS 2019

MAY 13-31 Precious Pet/Beautiful Baby Contests (submit entries)

JUNE 3-JUNE 21 Precious Pet/Beautiful Baby Contest (Voting at NB Tri-County Bank and Outback Jack’s Feed & Seed)

JUNE 29 -7pm Bump and Run Lion’s Field

JULY 4

8-11am NB Mason’s and OES Breakfast Masonic Temple

11am—GRAND PARADE Downtown NB

North Branch Village Orr Museum Tour—After the Parade. Noon–3pm, Jefferson Street

12n-until out Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner—Ss Peter & Paul/Keenan Hall

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS & ENJOY THE ACTIVITIES AT NB MEMORIAL PARK

Noon-3pm (* FREE EVENT)

12-3pm Muxlow Exotic Reptiles* Sponsored by NB Animal HCare

12-3pm Balloon Guy* Sponsored by Independent Bank

12-3pm Petting Zoo* Sponsored by NB Days Committee

12-3pm Face Painting* Sponsored by NB Days Committee

12-3pm Zone Production-Inflatables* Sponsored by NB Family HealthCare and Marlette Regional Hospital

12:30-2pm Elvis-Shades of King Tribute* Sponsored by NB Days Committee

2-3:30pm Christian Band-Sinner Saved* Sponsored by NB Lions

1pm Wells Castle Horseshoe Tournament

DUSK FIREWORKS NB High School

JULY 6 Evening Stars and Stripes Dance NB Legion Hall

CONTACT Mary Oliver 810-441-6111 or Kathy Whitaker 810.656.0020 for more information about the 4th of July Activities or visit the Village website at www.northbranchvillage.org
North Branch Village Orr Museum

Come look at all the Cool Olde Stuff

The museum is open the second Saturday of the month from June to August. For appointments including groups and clubs, call the village office at 810.688.2620. The Village is always looking for volunteers to help at the museum. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Village Office at the above phone number. Don’t forget to Buy-a-Brick for the commemorative Brick Walk in front of the museum. Brick forms can be picked up at the museum box located on the back of the outdoor sign or at the village office during regular village hours. For questions call Betty at 810.688.2620.

The 2018 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality is Available online: www.northbranchvillage.org. Click on Departments under Public Works and you can view the report or stop in at the Village Office for a copy.

Just a reminder, Regular maintenance of your sewer lines is important so you don’t have tree roots getting into your line and plugging them up. Maintenance of the sewer and or water line to the public main is your responsibility. The village DPW department does not clean private sewer lines. Make sure your water shutoff in your house is also maintained in case of an emergency.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The Village Council sends its sincerest thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who serve on various boards and commissions in the Village of North Branch.

Planning Commission: Chair Don Lamb, Kelly Martin, Betty Kennedy, Tom Bates, Rob Hoell and Steve Sippell.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Kelly Martin, Leonard Cowles, Matt Hohman, Nichole Guerra, Richard Evans

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Chair Kelly Martin, Angela Kauffman, Dan Czaczkowski, Sean Kennedy, Tom Bates, Barb Deming, Jim Eppler and Cliff Cameron
We're on the web
www.Northbranchvillage.org

It a Beautiful Day in North Branch!

The Village uses an email blast system to inform residents of important news, like when the village might spray for MOSQUITOES or when the garbage might be picked up on a different day because of the weather. Send your email address to: notices@northbranchvillage.org

**Happy Memorial Day** - American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

**North Branch Township Library Events**

**Story Time**
May 30, 2019 from 10:30am to 11:30am. NNTL Meeting Room. Story Time with Ms. Arleen. Games, songs, stories and crafts. This program is for preschoolers.

**Writing Club**
June 10, 2019 11am to noon. NNTL Meeting Room. Do you have an author in you wanting to get out? Ever thought about writing your life story? Would you like to start a blog? Do you just love to write and want to explore more of your creativity? This group is for you. Email: Chris Mortell at northbranchlibrary@northbranchlibrary.net