



Summer 2019

# Village of Vicksburg

**NEW** Village Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs  
7:30 AM to 6 PM

Fri 9 AM – 1 PM

Drop box in door.

Call 911 for emergencies.

### Know Your Village Office Staff

Jim Mallery – Village Manager  
Tracy Locey – Village Clerk  
Michelle Morgan – Village Treasurer  
Denise Herald – Village Utility Clerk  
Christian Wines – Administrative Assistant

126 N. KALAMAZOO AVENUE, VICKSBURG, MI  
(269) 649-1919

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## A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO LAWN CARE

Using healthy lawn care practices is one step toward cleaner rivers and lakes — even if you don't have waterfront property. For example, a lot of sediment and algae problems can be relieved by keeping lawn clippings out of street catch basins. Instead, sweep them back on your lawn. Clippings are mostly water, and break down quickly to return valuable nutrients to the soil. Do your part by preventing the problems at the source!

### Tips for Mowing

Taller grass means a healthier lawn, and it's easy to take care of! Set your mower blade to leave grass about three inches tall. Taller grass cools the soil, needs less water and shades out weed growth. It's also more insect and disease resistant. Vary the direction of lawn mowing periodically to prevent wear patterns and soil compaction.

### Tips for Watering

Excessive watering is wasteful! Conserve water by using only what your lawn needs.

- 15-20 minutes of sprinkling daily is better than a few heavy watering's throughout the week, according to Michigan State University research.
- If daily watering is impractical, 30-40 minutes of watering every other day is sufficient.
- Make sure your sprinkler is watering your lawn — not your driveway or sidewalk!

### Tired of raking your leaves? Mow 'em!

Mow tree leaves in the autumn instead of raking and bagging — just raise your mower height to accommodate! After a couple of passes with the mower, leaf pieces will slowly sift down through turf. It's an excellent way to return nutrients to the soil.

## PROTECT YOUR WATER

See our website to learn the best ways to

Protect Your Water

<https://www.vicksburgmi.org/protectyourwater/>



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## Leaf and Brush Pick Up

- Leaves must be place in paper bags, NOT PLASTIC. They will be picked up as soon as they can get to them. Loose leaves will not be collected, no exceptions. Please be sure the bag is not too heavy to lift into our truck.
- Grass clipping will **NOT** be picked up loose or in bags
- Brush must be laid in piles with cut ends being in the same direction. Scattered piles will not be collected. DPW crews will make rounds through the Village to collect the brush that are properly prepared. Please put by the curb on the dates below.

### Dates to put out Brush for Pick Up

- 7/22 – 7/24
- 8/19 – 8/21
- 9/23 – 9/25



## Utility Billing Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: January, February, & March. Bills sent out April 1. Bills due April 30.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: April, May, & June. Bills sent out July 1. Bills due July 31.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: July, August, & September. Bills sent out October 1. Bills due October 31.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: October, November, & December. Bills sent out January 1. Bills due January 31.



## Utility Bill Payment Methods

1. Credit/debit card at [www.vicksburgmi.org](http://www.vicksburgmi.org)
2. Credit/debit card at 269-649-1919
3. Cash, check, or credit/debit card at our office during business hours at 126 North Kalamazoo Ave
4. Cash or checks can be dropped off in the drop box in our front door at 126 North Kalamazoo Ave.

**NOTE:** All credit/debit card transactions will be charged a bank fee of 3%



Please remember to keep grass clipping from going into the street. It clogs up storm drains and makes it dangerous for motorcyclists.

## Garage Sale Sign Permits

Village Ordinance 46-31 through 46-54 establishes the guidelines for residents wishing to hold a garage/yard sale. Individual and neighborhood permits may be obtained at Village Hall during regular office hours at no charge.

## Council Meeting Dates Mondays at 7 pm

- **July 15th** at the **Pavilion**
- August 19th at Brady Township Hall
- September 16 at Brady Township Hall

## Message from Village Manager, Jim Mallery

We are very proud of the fact that we were able to present a 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget that includes a reduction to the General Fund Millage rate. This will be a tax reduction for all tax paying residents and businesses within our Village limits. It is our expectation that we will continue to deliver outstanding service to our residents and visitor in the most transparent manner possible. We have expanded our office hours to be Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm and Friday from 9 am - 1 pm.

We hope to see many citizens at our **Village Council meeting** on **July 15th** which is being held at **The Pavilion** at the Historic Village. This event will begin at 5:00 pm with the short council meeting starting at 6:00 pm. The event will include many activities for kids and adults and is a celebration of the Village of Vicksburg lowering the millage rate for our citizens. The event will conclude at 8:00 pm.

In the coming weeks, if you see someone taking photos of houses and commercial buildings around the village, it's likely Cheri Szcodronski of Firefly Preservation Consulting. She is conducting a historic resource survey which will result in an inventory of Vicksburg's historic assets. This information will assist us in planning and will also help us determine whether we should pursue placement on the National Register of Historic Places – an honorary designation that does not impose additional regulation on individual property owners but provides community marketing, tourism, and economic development benefits including eligibility for financial incentives. Please welcome Cheri and share the stories you have about buildings in the Village with her. And join us at the August 19th Village Council meeting where the non-profit Michigan Historic Preservation Network will be presenting to help us all understand what a National Historic Designation is and how it could benefit Vicksburg.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact our office at 269-649-1919.