

Happy Holidays!



From

Your Friends of
Grass Lake Township

December 2018 Newsletter

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Presidents Letter December, 2018

Hello Everyone and Welcome to the December, Friends Newsletter!

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving with your Families and Friends and that everyone is gearing up for the Holiday Season! I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

I know how busy everyone will be so, I will make this short; but wanted to remind everyone about some very important dates coming up.

1. Friends of Grass Lake Township versus Grass Lake Township Planning Commission **Judges Conference, Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1:30 PM at the Jackson County Courthouse 312 South Jackson Street, Jackson, Michigan.**

Please take time to attend this Conference being held by the new case Judge. **We need to pack the Courthouse!!**

2. Grass Lake Township **Board Meeting, Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at the Township Hall 373 Lakeside St. Grass Lake MI. 49240

3. Grass Lake Township **Planning Commission Meeting Thursday December 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM** at the Township Hall 373 Lakeside St. Grass Lake, Michigan

4. Friends of Grass Lake Township **Membership Meeting Monday December 3, 2018. 6:00 PM** Pizza and 6:30 for the Meeting. We will be discussing our court date set for the following day December 4.

I said I would keep this short so in closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for the tremendous outpouring of support and for the thousands of hours of time put in to further our cause to keep Grass Lake "Small Town America"

Happy Holidays!
Rick Murphy

Mark Foeller - 2018

Here is wishing all our new Friends, and their families a very **Happy Holiday Season**. As the year comes to an end, I wish for you a very **Happy New Year!** It had been a pleasure serving all of the Friends of Grass Lake Township.

Bob Kraft – 2018

I want to thank all the Friends of Grass Lake for the work they have done in our Community. Thank you for:

- **Having great Social and Holiday events**
- **Seasonal events for the families**
- **Adopting a family for the Christmas Holidays**
- **Music!**
- **Donations to various local events and causes.**
- **Supporting the local businesses at their events.**
- **And Donating the Beautiful Fountain to the Whistlestop park.**

May you all enjoy the Holiday Season.



Fun Things to do In Grass Lake!

Christmas Festival of Lights

The 2018 Festival of Lights is Set for December 1, 2018 Cookie Tour Details and Parade

The first weekend in December we hold our annual Festival of Lights. We have breakfast with Santa; we have carriage rides to the Coe House Museum. The Coe House is open and decked out for the season. The United Methodist Church has their annual craft and bake sale, Santa makes a visit to the Depot. Later in the evening we have *Festival of Lights* parade and lighting of the Christmas tree downtown.

Joy, Peace, Love...



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



Sat., DEC. 1 10-5






Pick-up your copy of Dale Fisher's latest book!

Give THE GIFT that is Appreciated Every Day!

Dale Fisher Galleries
1916 Norvell Rd • Grass Lake, MI
517-522-3705 • DaleFisherPhoto.com

Festival of Lights Cookie Tour Stop

The Dale Fisher Galleries are nestled inside of the Eyrer of the Eagle Farm Reception Center and features an extensive collection of photographic art from Jackson County and Ann Arbor including the University of Michigan sports.



Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.

Poem is written by Joanna Fuchs

Happy Holidays to All!

Happy Holidays from your Officers



Joanne Ackerman

Divine Intervention and love brought me to Grass Lake. There were too many unexpected, unplanned events that had to happen to place me at that U of M Hockey game when Dale Fisher took my photograph and then stole my heart.

My parents gifted me with the entrepreneurial spirit. For more than three decades (makes me sound younger than 30+ years!) I have been a graphic designer, Marketing Specialist, and for the past 10 years, a photographer.

I feel truly blessed to be with the man I love, a good relationship with my children, who are great parents and role models to my SIX adorable grandchildren (and yes, they are the cutest kids in the world). And I get to call home and to enjoy the beauty of country on the Eyr of the Eagle Farm, where I like to call a "Lil' slice of Heaven."

I was shocked and amazed when I learned of the proposed gravel pit on Norvell Road. I am surprised at the process involved to stop industrial operations in a residential neighborhood, just a stone's throw away. For many reasons, a gravel pit on Norvell Road is NOT a good idea. I have a hard time comprehending the mentality of those that think it is.

When I accepted the position of Friends Trustee more than a year ago, I had no idea of the time involved in forming our organization and no clue of the inner-workings of township government and the legal process. I have learned a lot. I believe that we must pro-active in all aspects of our life, including: health, finances, community and government.

Now, along with continued support of our community, our priorities are growing our membership and educating our community of the potentially deadly consequences of a gravel pit on Norvell Road.

Although, the Friends were formed to stop the gravel pit, we have evolved to be a valuable asset to the community of Grass Lake. For me, the most positive result of this process is that the friends Dale & I have made. Our neighbors, our friends are "good people" who care, and are passionate about helping those in need, keeping our community safe and keeping "[Grass Lake a Great Place to Call Home.](#)"

To All of You, Happy Holidays!



Bess Miller

Friends,
Beginning in early 2017 a small group of 30 concerned neighbors have successfully built an alliance of 150+ Grass Lake Township residents that embrace community action to keep Grass Lake growing into the safe, enjoyable and thriving community that all Grass Lake residents desire.

For many years as an individual I have contributed to the Grass Lake community through service to many of the local organizations. I have been most passionate about the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Farmers Market, the Grass Lake Education Foundation, the Depot, the Food Pantry and the Angel Tree. I have also tried to educate the public on the various conservation programs and have been an advocate for agricultural preservation. As the Friends of Grass Lake Township community organization has developed, I have been very gratified to see our supporters embrace my favorite Grass Lake organizations and many other local organizations through fundraising and volunteering their time. I am very grateful that as a whole Grass Lake works so hard to keep the community growing and providing an atmosphere that encourages people to maintain homes and businesses in Grass Lake.

Looking forward to 2019, I am very excited for Friends of Grass Lake Township to continue to expand this mission of support for our community. Thank you to everyone for your help. I hope over the next year you all will continue to support **Friends of Grass Lake Township** and spread the word that we are a great group working hard to make Grass Lake a place to call home. It has been a great pleasure to get to know so many families I had never met before and reconnect with old acquaintances.

Best wishes for a happy 2019 filled with good fortune.

Wishing You A Happy Holiday

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Important Information for Michiganders.

Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness

(Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only)

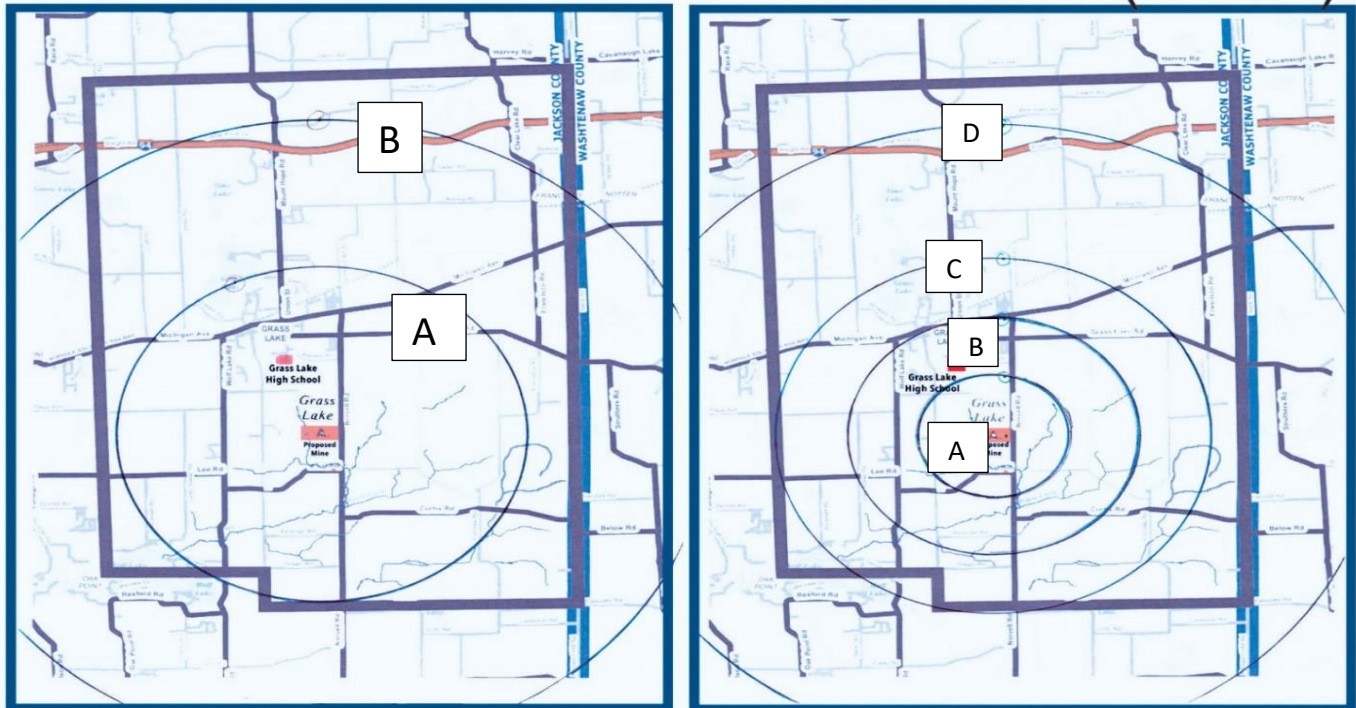
**2" or less
STAY
OFF!!**

					
4 Inches Ice Fishing	5 Inches Snowmobile	8-12 Inches Car or Small Pickup	12-15 Inches Medium Truck	50-60 Inches AT-AT	>100 Inches Godzilla

Department of Natural Resources 

This graph is about Silica Dust and the distances it can travel depending on wind speed and directions. This Is a "Respiratory and Allergic Immune Response Impact of Gravel Pit/Quarry Operations on Adjacent Land and properties, from the EPA.

Wind Speed Travel Distances (DUST)



Wind speed travel distances For 5 um (microns) Respirable Silica Dust – EPA
(This is dust that cannot be expelled from the lungs and penetrates deep into lung tissue, causing diseases of the lungs)

Wind Speed (mph)	Feet	Miles	Location
A. 3.1	2904	2.2	just short of Warrior Tr (schools)
B. 6.2	5808	4.5	Bohne Rd.
C. 12.4	12,144	9	North of I-94 – Norvell, Michigan Center,
25	24,288	18	<u>Jackson, Dexter</u>
37	36,432	6.9`	Parma, Ann Arbor

Wind speed travel distances for 10 um (microns) Respirable Silica Dust – EPA - This dust can **sometimes** be trapped by mucus in the nose, throat and upper respiratory.

Wind Speed (mph)	Feet	Miles	Location
A. 3.1	2640	.56	almost to GL schools
B. 6.2	5332	1.1	city of Grass Lake
C. 12.4	12,144	2.3	N. of Grass Lake to water tower
D. 7.4	23,786	4.6	Grass Lake Twp.' Norvell Twp., Leoni Twp.

Wind speeds – NOAA - Average Grass Lake wind speeds from 2010 – thru present **8.6 MPH**

Friends of Grass Lake Township

JOIN TODAY!

Friends of Grass Lake Township is a local, non-profit Michigan Corporation, comprised of a group of concerned citizens and taxpayers of Grass Lake Charter Township.

Our Mission is:

To preserve the quality of life that makes Grass Lake safe, beautiful and "A Great Place to Call Home."

for more information, visit www.FriendsOfGrassLakeTownship.com
or contact us at Friends@FriendsOfGrassLakeTownship.com

Membership Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(street)

(city, state, zip)

PHONE: _____
(home)

(cell)

E-MAIL: _____

Please Note: We will not share your information

Next Annual Membership due 9/1/2019

Membership type (please select):

Member - \$15 / person

Paid Member Privileges:

Voting Rights

Board Positions

Chair Projects

Associate Member - \$15 / person -
(Non-Grass Lake Township resident/property owner)
Attend meetings, receive updates, volunteer

Neighbor - FREE -
(E-Mail Notifications)

Please make check payable to Friends of Grass Lake Township and mail to:

PO Box 762, Grass Lake, MI 49240

OR bill me (circle one):

Credit Card Number: _____



Expiration Date: _____ CV#: _____

Signature: _____

Office Use Only:

Payment Method: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Membership# _____



