

VILLAGE OF LYONS SPRING NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

VILLAGE OF LYONS

212 WATER ST
LYONS, MI 48851
989-855-2125

NOTARY SERVICES
AVAILABLE HERE

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

lyonsvillage.org

TO FIND IMPORTANT DATES, EVENTS,
MEETING MINUTES, ORDINANCES, AND PAY
YOUR WATER BILL.

OFFICE HOURS

MON, WED, FRI
9:00-3:00

HYDRANT
FLUSHING
APRIL 7TH

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LYONS-MUIR
ISLAND FESTIVAL
2025

AUGUST 7-9

PLEASE CHECK
INSIDE FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND
HOW TO GET
INVOLVED!



The Lyons Township District Library located at 240 E Bridge St has lots of free spring fun planned for your family! Make sure to stop in and take advantage of all of the fun programs being offered!!

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

You will see some new faces working within our community and we wanted to introduce them to our residents. They are all excellent additions to our team. Please join in welcoming them!

Emily Priest is the new office assistant for the Village of Lyons. She lives in Ionia and has been a resident of Ionia County for her entire life. She is a mother of five. Emily looks forward to providing excellent service to the Village, the Council and the residents of Lyons.

OFFICE UPDATES

***Residents are encouraged to update contact information (phone numbers and email) with the Village Office so you may be reached in case of questions or concerns. This can be done by stopping in during business hours or by calling 989-855-2125.

***Residents are reminded that the office can no longer take credit/debit card payments over the phone. If you wish to make a credit/debit card payment please call (989) 855-8229 to use the secure BS&A payment system or come to the office to make your payment. There is a credit/debit card fee of 2.95% + \$.50 per transaction. Payments by cash or check may be made during normal business hours or placed in the drop box outside the office door. All utility billing payment information can also be found on the village website for your convenience.

WATER SHUT OFF FEES

Beginning April 1, 2025, the Village of Lyons will be increasing water shut off fees. The new water shut off fees will be:

**\$25 for shut off notice served,
\$25 for shut off/ \$25 for turn on,**

and must be paid prior to water service being restored after a shut off due to nonpayment. There is also a single \$25 fee for voluntary water shut off/on.

Residents are reminded that water bills are due on the 5th of every month, late fees are added on the 6th of every month, shut off notices due to nonpayment are mailed 10 days later with shut off occurring on the last day of the month.

DPW UPDATE

Our DPW employees are working on changing water meters in the upcoming months and need some cooperation from residents to complete this. They will need access to your current meter in order to replace it with an updated version. You may receive a letter in the mail to set up a time to access your meter for replacement if they cannot do so without entering your home. The replacement takes less than 30 minutes. Please call the Village Office at 989-855-2125 to set an appointment for them to come take care of that. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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ORDINANCE NEWS



MOWING VIOLATIONS We are reminding residents to make sure you maintain your lawn. Lawns must be kept to less than six inches on all parts of your property including the right of way. Failure to do so will result in ONE ordinance violation warning letter being sent out before the Village will hire someone to mow your lawn for you. The fee for this starts at a minimum of \$150.

BRUSH AND LAWN WASTE (NO TRASH OR BUILDING MATERIALS) CAN BE TAKEN TO THE FREE BRUSH DUMP ON WAGAR ROAD. The DPW will pick up bagged leaves and brush (less than 8 feet in length) left on the curb as their schedule allows. Please put all brush **parallel** to the road with ends facing **same direction** to allow for pickup.

DOMESTICATED ANIMALS ORDINANCE

Homeowners with dogs are reminded that all dogs must be on a leash in the village, including in the park. Please clean up after your pets. There are fees for violations of these ordinances and notices will be sent out as necessary.



OPEN BURNING is prohibited in the Village of Lyons. Please check the village website for more ordinance information or stop down to the office to read the ordinance. If you have any questions regarding the ordinance, please call the Village Office.



VILLAGE OF LYONS SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday April 12, 2025 7am-11am
Fish Ladder Parking Lot John St.

The Village of Lyons will be using Granger packer trucks for SPRING CLEAN UP DAY. This is a **FREE** opportunity for Lyons Village Residents to bring their items for disposal. DPW employees will be available **AT** the fish ladder parking lot to help unload your items for disposal.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: TIRES, BATTERIES, PAINT, PESTICIDES AND COMBUSTIBLES, APPLIANCES WITH FREON, CONCRETE, and YARD WASTE.

Please see more detailed list on the village website www.lyonsvillage.org for more information.

Hello neighbors,

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, clean, and harmonious environment for all, we would like to kindly remind everyone of important ordinances that must be followed within our community.

Ordinance **Article III Sec 8-47 Junk and Trash Accumulation and Blighted Property**

Article II Sec 8-19 Public Nuisances

These ordinances can be viewed on our website at www.lyonsvillage.org if you would like to read them in their entirety.

Your cooperation and adherence to these ordinances is crucial to fostering a respectful and enjoyable living environment for all residents. For any questions or concerns regarding this and other ordinances, please contact a member of the village council.

This year junk collection day is **April 12, 2025** from **7am-11am** at the fish ladder parking lot on John St. There will be packer trucks there to accept your items. For a list of accepted items please refer below. This junk collection day will be a **FREE** opportunity for residents to clean up their property to be compliant with the above mentioned ordinances. Please take this **FREE** opportunity to do some spring cleaning and better your property. Beginning **April 16**, Ordinance Committee will start sending out letters to properties not in compliance with village ordinances. These letters will start a timeline for cleanup before further measures are taken. In order to avoid these further measures, please check to see if you have any clean up needed.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and these important ordinances to help our town improve. We appreciate your efforts to help make our town better.

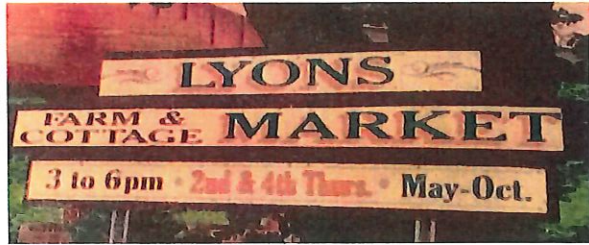
Village of Lyons Ordinance Committee

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LYONS-MUIR FARM & COTTAGE MARKET

Farm Market every 2nd and 4th Thursday, May through October. Downtown Lyons at the Pavilion from 3-6 pm. Craft items, baked goods, plants, vegetables, honey and much more to choose from. Come see the vendors! Thank you for your support!



LYONS-MUIR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month (March-December) at the Historical Museum in downtown Lyons. The Museum is "open" to the public from 1-4 pm on the 2nd Sunday of each summer month (June/July/August), and otherwise "open" by appointment. (989/230-7730 or 989/855-2472). As fundraisers, the Historical Society also participates in the downtown Lyons Cottage & Farm Market on the 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoon (3-6pm) of each month from May through October, plus has a booth at the Riverbank Treasures antiques and collectibles shop in Ionia. You may also follow the Lyons-Muir Historical Museum Facebook page for more information and updates.

Lyons-Muir Island Festival Sponsor Packages

August
7 - 9

DIAMOND - \$500+

Name on Sponsor Board
Honorable Mention
Name on Island Festival Shirts
Vendor Fee will be waived
Business Banner Hung at Festival
Business will be included in Island Festival advertisements

PLATINUM - \$150 - \$499

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Business Banner hung at Festival

GOLD \$100-\$149

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SILVER \$50-\$99

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Honorable Mention

Contact Sherrie Mason at (616) 902-8026 or lyonsmuirevents@gmail.com

Lyons-Muir Island Fest Aug 7,8,9 2025

Weekend full of fun and festivities!! Starting with our partner Portland Cruisers and our traditional Thursday night of classic and custom cars. Friday will feature an 80s party on the island with That 80's Rock Show and a street dance on Saturday with Alter Ego. More information to come out as things are finalized. We'll be sharing details on our parade, fishing derby, corn hole tournament, horse shoes, prince/princess, street dance, LIVE music, food, games, raffles, contests and more soon!

If you have questions about being a VENDOR please contact us at lyonsmuirevents@gmail.com

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2025 Road Construction Updates

The Village of Lyons Village Council has approved road construction projects for 2025. These road construction projects are based on recommendations from the Village of Lyons Street Advisory committee which was made up of local residents that volunteered their time to identify and rate street repair needs within the village. Road projects scheduled for 2025 include items on East Isham St, Elizabeth St, Bridge St, and Libhart St. Projects are being scheduled and more information will be provided when it is available. Letters will be mailed to residents affected by upcoming road construction as soon as dates are available. The Village of Lyons appreciates the efforts of and collaboration with the Streets Advisory committee to get these projects narrowed down in order to better our village.



Currently the shared lagoon system for sewer between Lyons and Muir is in need of some extensive repairs and upgrades. Lyons and Muir are currently working on a renovations plan estimated to cost about \$1.2 million. This is just a brief notice for future happenings between the two villages. This project will eventually result in the need for a Sewer rate increase sometime later this year or next year in order to pay for the Village of Lyons portion of the project.

Further information on the Lagoon System Renovations will be posted on the Village's website www.lyonsvillage.org or available from the Village Office in late April when project details become finalized.