



## Fort Gratiot PetSafe Canine Commons at McIntyre Park

Bow-WOW! We opened the Commons on October 23, 2016 and are continuing to see the excitement build for what we have and what is to come! We received the \$25,000 prize funds in January, 2017 and we also received funds toward fencing from St. Clair County Parks. We're excited to see our furry friends in 2017!

SPRING 2017

*Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/FortGratiotDogPark](https://facebook.com/FortGratiotDogPark)*

**Blue Water  
Cruise Weekend  
begins Friday,  
June 23  
Fireworks on  
June 24**

**Burning permits are issued annually. After you complete the form, you simply have to keep your copy available while you are burning. You do not have to call each time you burn. Contact (810) 385-5666 if you have any questions.**



**SCARECROW SATURDAY**  
Fort Gratiot's premiere family fall event held annually the last Saturday of September.  
Save the date—09/30/2017!  
For volunteer & sponsorship opportunities, contact Kristy Jones at [kjones@fortgratiottwp.org](mailto:kjones@fortgratiottwp.org) or (810) 385-4489 x1113

Did you know that the Fort Gratiot Municipal Center is now a Passport Acceptance Facility? For more details call us, visit us on the web or email us at [passports@fortgratiottwp.org](mailto:passports@fortgratiottwp.org) ~APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED~



**SAW GRANT RECIPIENT!**  
We received a \$744,906 grant to camera all of our sewer lines, identify problem areas and develop a master plan for maintenance and improvements. You will see Spicer & Michigan Pipe Inspection trucks in our area April through November. You may also notice manhole covers being painted green as part of the mobile mapping project. We will communicate when someone will be in your area. No construction is occurring during this phase of the project.

### WEEDS & NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE NO. 202 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Sec. 12-273. DUTY OF OWNER.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any parcel of land to allow or maintain on any portion of such lot or land the growth of any noxious weeds or weeds, or the accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush which may create a condition detrimental to public health. The owner shall cut and remove or destroy all noxious weeds and weeds as often as necessary to prevent such weeds from going to seed or exceeding ten inches in growth, and shall prevent the accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush.

**Sec. 12-274. NOTICE; ALTERNATIVE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.** (a) The township shall notify the owner of any parcel of land found to be in violation that they shall have ten calendar days to remedy all unlawful conditions as defined in section 12-272. Failure to remedy the violation within ten calendar days shall be a municipal civil infraction and, in addition, shall be cause for the township to enter the property and remove the prohibited growth without further notice, and the owner of the property charged pursuant to section 12-276.

(1)The township shall notify the owner of the parcel of land found to be in violation personally by regular mail, and;

(2)The township shall post notice in a conspicuous location on the property in question. Notice shall include the date and time said notice is posted upon the property and the date by which the violation must be remedied.

(b) In lieu of the notice by section 12-274 (a), the township may publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county during the month of March, or in the spring edition of the township newsletter, that weeds and noxious weeds not cut by June 1 and maintained through November 30 of that year will be cut by the township, and the owner of the property charged pursuant to section 12-276.

(c) When there has been no recorded transfer of ownership on a parcel of land, the initial notice may serve as the only notice for that year for any subsequent offense. The township may cut weeds as many times as is necessary and the owner of the property charged pursuant to section 12-276.

Fort Gratiot Municipal Center ~ 3720 Keewahdin Road, Fort Gratiot Michigan 48059  
Open Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM ~ (810) 385-4489

Fire Non-Emergency: (810) 385-5666 ~ Sheriff Non-Emergency: (810) 985-8115

Find us on the Web: [www.fortgratiottwp.org](http://www.fortgratiottwp.org)  
[facebook.com/fgtwp](https://facebook.com/fgtwp) ~ [facebook.com/FortGratiotDogPark](https://facebook.com/FortGratiotDogPark) ~ [twitter @FortGratiot1866](https://twitter.com/FortGratiot1866)

*Our website is updated frequently and Facebook and Twitter are great resources for current happenings. If there is something you'd like to see added, please contact Jorja Baldwin at (810) 385-4489 x1100 or [jbaldwin@fortgratiottwp.org](mailto:jbaldwin@fortgratiottwp.org), and make sure to listen for us Live with Paul Miller on WPHM 1380!*



# KEEP ME!

*Did that get your attention? Great!*  
**Keep this all year long for dates and tips!**

Items must be out by 7 AM on the day of pickup and containers put away the same day. Items should not be put out earlier than 7 PM the night before the pickup day. Every effort should be made to contain your items neatly and orderly. Recyclables can be put in your container all together with large cardboard bundled on the side.

**FAQ:** What holidays will effect recycling, trash and yard waste pickup? We will run one day late when a holiday falls on your trash day or before. Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on a weekend, nothing changes. As our service days are Tuesday and Wednesday, we will always be delayed for Memorial Day and Labor Day, and we will never be delayed due to Thanksgiving Day. New Years Day, Independence Day and Christmas Day will always depend on what day of the week the holiday falls year to year.

**Beginning July, 2017, there will be a \$6 per ton of waste increase at the St. Clair County Landfill. We will not have to raise our rates for 2017 to accommodate this increase, but we strongly encourage households to take advantage of our recycling program. We are locked into a set rate for recycling until 2019. The more you recycle—less material into the landfill = cost savings! Go green!**

Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

Yard Waste Pickup Begins  
 Tuesday, April 11 & Wednesday, April 12.  
 Yard Waste Ends Tuesday, November 28  
 & Wednesday, November 29.

*All Services Will be Delayed by One Day:*  
 Memorial Day—Week of May 29  
 Independence Day—Week of July 3  
 Labor Day—Week of September 4  
 Christmas—Week of December 25  
 New Year—Week of January 1, 2018

ACCEPTABLE CONTAINERS

Residents are responsible for obtaining their own bags and/or containers for all programs. Following are the accepted containers, sizes and amounts, most of which can be purchased at most stores or through Marcotte.

*Recycling:* Marcotte container, clear plastic bags or in a bin with no lid. This can be a storage type tote or the bin specifically marked with the word "recycle" or the recycle logo. There is no maximum.

*Yard Waste:* Paper bags or 33 gallon cans with no lids marked with an "X" with a All branches must be tied and bundled with string or twine, 3" maximum diameter. Maximum 10 bags or cans per pickup.

*Trash:* Trash bags or 30 gallon trash containers, maximum 10 bags or cans per pickup.

What are the rules for Bulk and Metal item pickup? One bulk item is permitted per household per week; i.e. mattresses, box springs, couches, chairs, tables, etc., and will be picked up during regularly scheduled trash pickups. Metal items are picked up on Tuesdays only, and must be called into Marcotte no later than 3PM Monday. Freon items must be tagged for pickup. Contact Marcotte at (810) 985-9818 for more details or to schedule a pickup.

What items are considered unacceptable in the trash? Items considered unacceptable for pickup include: tires, building materials, shingles, brick, concrete, stone, ceiling tile, Freon, animal carcasses or waste and human waste.

*Keeping you informed...*Fort Gratiot has teamed up with the St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to bring to you a new way to get up-to-the-minute information about our area called WINS—Warning Information Notification System. In addition to receiving emergency notifications, Fort Gratiot will be using the system for general information regarding parks, events, road closures and other FG news. You can be notified by receiving a phone call to a landline or cell phone, text message, email or any combination. You will need access to a computer to get setup. If you are interested in the program and need assistance with the setup, you can make an appointment by calling Supervisor Jorja Baldwin at (810) 385-4489 x1100, or visit [fortgratiottwp.org/wins/](http://fortgratiottwp.org/wins/) for more info, to sign up or login.

*We accept credit card payments online or in person!* Payments may be made in person, by mail, or by being placed in the after-hours drop box by check or cash. Credit card payments can be made in person or online, but cannot be accepted over the phone. All payments placed in the drop box on the due date are considered on time. Payments sent via mail are considered on time if postmarked on or before the due date. To pay online, visit our website and look under "Quick Links" on the left. There are several screens to verify your information before you are charged, including the screen showing the credit card fee. For all credit card transactions the fee is 3% of the transaction, with a minimum fee of \$2.00. The fees go directly to the credit card company. You will receive a confirmation email from [support@pointandpay.com](mailto:support@pointandpay.com) with a confirmation number and the transaction details. Contact Treasurer Judi Reynolds if you have any questions or concerns.

*All monthly meetings begin at 7:00 PM at the Fort Gratiot Municipal Center Gardendale Meeting Room unless otherwise posted. Minutes and agendas are posted on our website and in the office. Meetings may be cancelled for lack of items/quorum.*  
**Board of Trustees—1st & 3rd Wednesdays**  
**Planning Commission—2nd Tuesday**  
**Parks Commission—3rd Monday**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals—3rd Tuesday**