

Dear Village Residents,



We will begin flushing the water system **October 11<sup>th</sup> and ending by the 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is an important function in maintaining our water system as well as the water quality. During this time your water may become discolored and have a different taste.

#### **-CHLORINATION NOTICE -**

We have received permission from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) again this year to feed **chlorine** into the water supply during the fall water system flushing.

**Starting October 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin feeding chlorine into the water supply. We will then begin flushing the water system. This will pull the chlorinated water through the system increasing the cleaning action while adding disinfectant at the same time. We will do our best to keep chlorine levels low. We are trying not to exceed .8 parts per million of free chlorine.

Most municipalities that chlorinate their water try to keep the chlorine level at .2 parts per million. As Tekonsha does not regularly chlorinate the water supply, it is difficult to achieve even chlorine levels throughout town, but it is an important step in keeping the system clean.

#### **How long will we have chlorine in the water?**

**Chlorine feed will end on October 15<sup>th</sup>** or earlier depending on when flushing is completed. Chlorination will continue for two days after flushing has been completed to insure the system has ample chlorine residuals to finish any disinfecting necessary. It will then leave the system fairly quickly under normal water usage for the Village.

#### **Precautions**

Fish, small animals and sometimes plants don't care for chlorinated water. Babies may not care for the taste when they are not used to it. If you have any concerns it would be prudent

to bottle some water before **October 11<sup>th</sup>**. People with special health needs should take precautions if they're sensitive to changes in their water.

If you have any questions please call the Village office at 517-767-4204, Gary White @ 517-317-3252 or e-mail to [tekvillage@yahoo.com](mailto:tekvillage@yahoo.com)



#### **Leaf Pickup**

Will begin late **October and wrap-up December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Our policy is to start on one side of town and work our way through to the other - then repeat.

- **PILE** sticks and brush **separate** from the leaves as they clog and damage the leaf vac.
- **DO NOT rake leaves into the streets**. The area between the road and sidewalk is fine.
- If the leaves don't appear to be in any sort of pile or row, we will **NOT** stop.

#### **Road Update**

Main Street was crack sealed then chip and fog sealed this summer along with some side streets. Why chip seal? To keep water from penetrating the road structure on paved surfaces. To fill and seal cracks and raveled surfaces of old pavement and to add a wear layer thus extending their life. Michigan winters with all the freeze/thaw cycles, too much salt and traffic, our streets and roads have a tough time lasting.

A fog seal is a light application of a diluted slow-setting asphalt emulsion to the surface of an aged (oxidized) pavement surface. This helps rejuvenate the old asphalt and also helps lock down the stone and dust. Asphalt overlay is just that. Usually a 2" thick coat of asphalt applied over an existing road.

***We will be using a combination of sealing and asphalt overlays in the future to extend the life of our streets.***

#### **Winter Reminder:**

Now is a great time to replace that furnace filter and insure that your water meter and any water lines that are susceptible to the cold are properly insulated. If you use heat tape, it should be checked or replaced. Letting water run through the faucet is an expensive long-term fix to freezing water lines.

Watch where you park! We need to clear the streets after snow events. Cars parked too close to streets could be damaged by flying debris from the plow truck. **Your garbage cans are at risk too.** Cold temperatures cause plastic to break more easily. Leaving cans in the roadway will surely cause them damage. Bring them back to the house after trash pickup.

**Check your mail boxes to insure it is secure.** The Village will repair or replace a mail box or post only if we physically hit it with the plow truck. If it breaks from snow coming off the plows, the Village is not liable.

Help keep everyone safe by clearing snow from around fire hydrants.

**Michigan requires that all mopeds** in the state be registered unless they will be driven exclusively on private property. You must have a valid driver's or be at least 15 years old to apply for a moped license. Operators under the age of 19 must wear a helmet. Mopeds cannot exceed 30 MPH if it exceeds 30 MPH it will likely be classified as a motorcycle. Check Michigan moped laws to avoid any issues.

Citizen's Guide and Performance Dashboard may be viewed at: [www.villageoftekonsha.com](http://www.villageoftekonsha.com) or during regular business hours.

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