



# Village of Lake Isabella Spring 2021 Newsletter

## Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The Village has entered into an agreement with MCSA Group to develop the Village's first Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Historically our friends at the Lake Isabella Property Owners Association have been the sole provider for parks and recreation facilities in the community.

In recent years the Village has heard an increasing call to develop trails and non-motorized pathways in the community. With the Village being responsible for roughly 26 miles of streets in the community, the Village Council has approved moving forward with drafting a plan that can be used as the basis for future grant applications towards developing trails and non-motorized pathways in the community within the right-of-way owned by the Village.

Additional facilities suggested through past planning efforts include a dog park, sledding hill, and even a community center. Projects such as these could be included in a state-approved five-year plan. The Village is not pursuing projects that would alter the lake access dynamic currently existing in the community. The Village is not looking to duplicate the efforts of the LIPOA but potentially add service in areas where the Village has access to greater funding opportunities. These added amenities would be open to the public and operated by the Village.

To pursue grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, a Parks & Recreation Master Plan must be drafted and submitted to the MDNR. The Village desires to have a plan prepared to submit for the MDNR's 2022 deadline for plan certification.

Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways plans are commonly referred to as a "5-Year Recreation Plan." To be eligible to apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and Waterways grants, a community must have an approved 5-Year Plan on file with the DNR by February 1 of the year they intend to apply.

Community members are invited to share their feedback on the priorities and direction of the plan through an Online survey available on the Village's website, [www.lakeisabellami.org](http://www.lakeisabellami.org). An approved plan will allow the Village to seek state and federal grant funding that will help implement in realizing the goals of the Master Plan.

In addition to the Online survey, community members are invited to attend one of two community workshops being held on May 20th at the Village's Department of Public Works facility on Coldwater Road. On the 20th, there will be a morning and afternoon session, and community members are invited to attend the session that best meets their schedule. At these workshops, community members will be able to meet with the Village's consultant to become familiar with the planning process, share input on their desires for the plan, and identify the highest priorities that the Village should focus on in the five-year plan.

The community's input is critical in shaping the plan. With the clearly stated goal of not duplicating the efforts of the LIPOA, the Village needs your input to craft a plan that is focused and tailored to the unique needs of our community. Being able to show community support for specific projects and goals will help the Village when seeking grant opportunities.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Community Workshops**  
**May 20th 10 AM - Noon**  
**May 20th 5 PM - 7 PM**

**Visit our website to take our Survey!**

[www.lakeisabellami.org](http://www.lakeisabellami.org)

# Managing Your Streets

The Village of Lake Isabella uses an Asset Management system for inventorying and managing the streets in the community. Asset Management is an ongoing process of maintaining, upgrading, and operating physical assets cost-effectively, based on a continuous physical inventory and condition assessment.

To implement the Village’s Asset Management Plan, the Village uses the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system. The PASER system focuses on the drivable portion of the public right-of-way. The PASER system does not factor in other conditions of the right-of-way such as drainage, ditches, shoulder gravel, or line painting. Annually the Village performs a visual inspection of each section of pavement in the community and assigns each segment a score based on the observed conditions.

The PASER system is a widely recognized method of using visual observation of pavement conditions and then assigning a numerical rating to the observed conditions. Understanding and documenting the current distress of the pavement allows for forecasting the remaining life span of that section of the roadway. This system allows the Village to best plan for preventative maintenance to extend the life cycle of the roadway.

The Village’s streets are divided into two categories. These streets are designated by the Village Council, subject to the approval of the State Transportation Commission. Major Streets are chosen according to their importance in the community. Any street not classified as a Major Street is considered Local Streets.

Major Streets in the community include Clubhouse Drive, Bonanza Drive, Birdie Drive, El Camino Grande, Bundy Drive, and portions of Queens Way, Duquesa, and Baseline Road. The Village’s Major Street Network has roughly eight miles of streets. The Village’s Local Street Network has nearly eighteen miles of streets. In total, Lake Isabella maintains the second-largest street network of any village in the state.

Using the visible distress from the surface of the roadway, the Village assigns a numerical value to each section of the street. Overall ratings for a particular street are weighted to reflect the actual length of each portion of the street.

The Village’s approach to street maintenance has focused dollars on preventative measures to slow the decay of the pavement’s life. This has allowed the investments made to the Major Streets in 2003

and the Local Streets 2007 to outlive the original life estimates for these projects. The top priority in the Village’s Asset Management Plan is *“to provide the longest life of pavement in the Village of Lake Isabella.”* This has been accomplished by investing in capital preventative maintenance to extend the life of the road segment.

As part of our long-term planning for our streets, the last two Major Street resurfacing projects utilized a more modern asphalt mix than the original pavement replaced. Known in the paving industry as the Low Volume Superpave mix, this blend of aggregate and binder has shown to last longer than the previously used Marshall mix. A major difference between the two types of asphalt is the aggregate used in construction. The Superpave mix uses a more coarse aggregate which helps prevent over compaction. Superpave mixes also use a performance-graded binder to hold the aggregate together.

Rating	Condition	Condition or Distress
10	Excellent	New Construction
9		Recent Overlay
8	Good	Reflective cracking, occasional transverse cracking
7		Light traffic wear, few patching, longitudinal cracking along joint, reflective cracking
6		Occasional patching, first signs of block cracking
5	Fair	Secondary cracking, cracking near pavement edge, block cracking up to 50%, some patching or wedging
4		Cracking in wheel path, block cracking over 50%, slight rutting or distortions
3	Poor	Alligator cracking <25%, severe block cracking, rutting
2		Alligator cracking >25%, severe distortions, potholes
1	Failed	Loss of surface integrity

# Kings Disposal Update

At the end of 2020, the Village Council approved a two-year extension with Kings Disposal to continue the exclusive franchise agreement in the community. Under the extension agreed to by the Village Council, in 2022 the monthly service price will increase by 50 cents per month. The tag price will remain at \$1.50 per tag, and regular monthly service will continue to include 1 bulky item per month. A complete list of large items that can be disposed during the monthly bulky item day is available on our website.



# Gypsy Moths and Lake Isabella

Over the last few years, an increase of gypsy moth egg masses has been detected in areas of Lake Isabella. These areas include wooded areas around Circle Drive, Crossover Drive, Bundy Drive, Lincoln Drive, and Queens Way. While these areas have seen the greatest concentration of egg masses, egg masses can be found throughout the community, and beyond in the western half of Isabella County.

In addition to trees, egg masses can be located on homes, garages, sheds, overhangs, electrical boxes, wishing wells, kids play scapes, foundations, and wood piles. The homes usually have wooden exteriors and shady sides of the buildings.

The egg masses are anywhere from the size of a dime to as large as a silver dollar and larger. The egg masses have anywhere from 500 to 10,000 eggs depending on the size.

The egg masses are a beige color and feel velvety. Around the egg masses, pupae is usually detected and that is the shell from which the gypsy moth caterpillar becomes a moth in the fall. Typically moths hatch in late July, early August. The female gypsy moth is white with flecks of black and has a goldish spot on her head and does not fly. The male has a brown hue. After mating occurs, the moths die.

**Isabella County does not presently have a Gypsy Moth suppression program.** There is a specific way to remove the egg masses to prevent the population from increasing the following year. The easiest way to remove the egg mass/masses is using a putty knife, playing card, or business card. Carefully go behind the egg masses and "PEEL" it off into a dish of "SOAPY" water or paper bag. If left in soapy water please let the egg mass soak for 48 hours prior to disposal.

Any eggs that fall to the ground will hatch next year. Winter does not kill the eggs, so care should be taken when removing. The dish soap container will kill the eggs and burning the egg masses is also a great alternative. Remove all the pupae at the same time.



## Fireworks Return July 3rd

After taking a pause in 2020, the Village is happy to share that fireworks are planned to return for this year's Independence Day weekend. The return of the annual fireworks display is just one of the many steps we hope are part of your summer and a return to normal. The start of the pandemic struck just at the time of the year when the Village locks in the contract for that year's show. Due to the disruption in global shipping early in the pandemic, the Village and our longtime vendor could not be certain that fireworks would be available for our show in 2020, forcing the cancellation of last year's show.

**To make up for missing last year, this year's show is planned to be our largest ever. Fundraising is now underway, and if you are able, your support would be sincerely appreciated. The generosity of our community is what makes this show happen. If you would like to help support this year's show, donations are being accepted at the Village Hall. Donations may be made by mail or in person at 1010 Clubhouse Drive, Lake Isabella, MI 48893. We look forward to a great night on the lake, and hope that you enjoy the show!**



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The Village Council meets on the  
3rd Tuesday of the month  
at 7 PM

The Planning Commission meets on  
the 2nd Tuesday of the month  
at 7 PM

The Village's brush dump is currently open at no charge, please take brush to the back pile, leaves and yard waste may be left in paper bags at the bins near the driveway, **please no grass clippings.**