



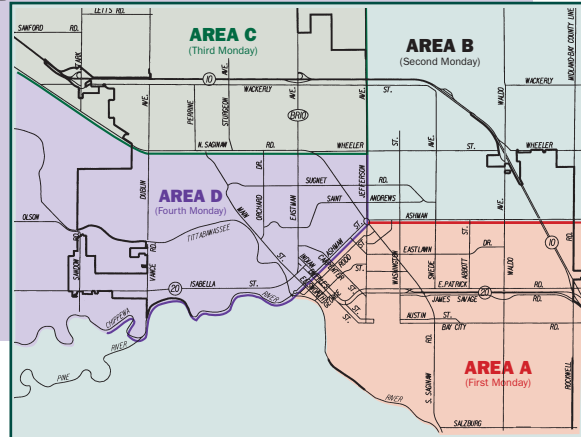
# At Your Service...

## Fall Leaf Collection begins November 4

City residents may begin raking leaves into the street for spot leaf collection that will begin the week of October 28.

The leaf collection program will formally begin November 4 in area B followed by areas C, D and A (see map).

When the majority of leaves have been collected City-wide, a final collection round will be announced. Following completion of the final round of leaf collection a street sweeper will thoroughly clean each area. The streets will not be swept until the leaf removal program has been completed.



## Late Leaf Drop "Leaves" Room for Concern...

A mild fall and lack of wet, windy weather has caused leaves to hang in the trees a little longer than usual this fall.

In addition to the late leaf drop, City fall leaf collection crews are also preparing for the leaves to drop all at the same time. This will create larger-than-usual leaf piles and could slow down the first round of collection. Crews will make the most of the daylight hours by working 10-hour shifts during the leaf collection program.

Snow is another concern with a late leaf-drop. When streets turn to snow and ice, fall leaf collection crews are reassigned to plowing and salting streets to ensure public safety. A significant snowfall can also find uncollected leaves pushed back into yards by City snowplows.

Bagging leaves in kraft paper compost bags or placing leaves in yard waste bins can help alleviate a lot of frustrations that the late leaf drop brings. The City has suspended the \$.25 per bag sticker for the remainder of the yard waste collection season. For questions or additional information, please contact the Department of Public Services, **989-837-6900**.

### How to Prepare Leaves

As collection nears your area, rake leaves into the gutter. Leave at least one foot of gutter space between the leaf pile and the curb (see major street guide on back). Avoid placing leaf piles over catch basins so that streets can drain properly during wet weather.

Keep brush and refuse **OUT** of leaf piles.

Leaves can also be placed into yard waste bins or kraft paper compost bags.

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the street when leaf collection is in your area.

### Check the following sources to monitor collection progress

- Call the Leaf Collection Hotline at **837-3405** for a daily update
- Check the MGTV message board on Channel 5 for a daily update
- Call the Department of Public Services at **837-6900**
- Check the City of Midland website at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)  
Look in the pop up window.

"Free three" has been extended through the fall leaf collection period. **No stickers are required on bags.**



# RESIDENTS LIVING ON THESE MAJOR STREETS

should rake leaves onto the OUTLAWN (the area between the sidewalk and street)

Ashman St. (from Circle to Main St.)  
Bay City Rd.  
Buttles St.  
Eastman Ave.  
George & Cronkright Sts. (between Indian & Ellsworth)  
Indian St.  
Isabella St.

Lyon Rd.  
Main St.  
Patrick Rd. (Indian to west of Waldo Ave.)  
Rodd St.  
Saginaw Rd.  
All other residents should rake leaves into the street



## Neighborhood Watch

### *We've Got Your Back!*

**C**riminals avoid areas where neighbors watch out for one another... this has been Police Chief Jim St. Louis' experience during nearly 30 years in law enforcement.

"If neighbors make it known that they will not be silent when they see suspicious activity going on in their neighborhood, criminals think twice about victimizing that area," Chief St. Louis said.

One way to formalize your neighborhood's commitment to keeping criminals out of our community is to become a Neighborhood Watch area.

All it takes is a block captain and neighbors who are willing to watch out for their neighborhood. You and your neighbors will receive formalized training on how to watch for and report suspicious activities.

Neighborhood Watch areas have the added benefit of being informed of various crime trends in our community.

To start a Neighborhood Watch program in your area, please contact Community Relations Officer Chad Schieber at 839-4648.



## Winter at the Woods or Riverside Place

**D**reading another winter of trying to keep up with home maintenance? Finding it harder to find someone to shovel your drive and sidewalks? Washington Woods or Riverside Place may be your answer!

Both Washington Woods and Riverside Place provide seniors with safe, comfortable and affordable housing all in a personalized environment. Services include meals and basic health monitoring along with activities and amenities that facilitate an independent lifestyle. Seventeen assisted apartments are also available to provide assistance with daily living activities.

Waiting lists are shorter than ever with applicants frequently being offered an apartment within a month or two of applying.

Please contact Senior Housing at **989-837-3494** for more information or to set up a tour and put your winter worries behind you!

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