



City Waves

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Email Alert Notifications

When emergency alerts and important information needs to be quickly relayed to the public, the City of South Haven takes a number of actions to ensure the public is properly informed. These actions include the following:

- Phone calls to key individuals whose business was directly impacted, including restaurants, the hospital, retirement homes, and the school system
- Posting on the city website
- Posting on the city Facebook page
- Email to regional media including WCSY, WWMT News 3, Wood TV 8, the South Haven Tribune, and the Herald Palladium
- Email to downtown businesses
- Postings at City Hall
- Emails to city employees
- Emails and phone calls to Van Buren County 911 Dispatch
- Emails and phone calls to Van Buren County Health Department
- Emails and phone calls to the South Haven Information Center (637-5151)

City staff has been examining its procedures, and has found an additional communication method that will expand notification efforts. The simple process allows a user to sign up on the city's website to receive "Alert" emails. The emails are sent immediately after information is posted to the city website. The emails contain a link to a webpage, which is easier to read on cell phones than a PDF. It is important to note that citizens must sign up to receive the emails. Citizens may sign up on the Home Page of the city's website at www.south-haven.com by using the link at the bottom of the page titled "Sign up here for email notifications."

The email notification to receive agendas, minutes, city documents, etc. will continue to be offered. A user may sign up for these notifications also at the same address above.

City Council Ward 1 Vacancy

On January 1, 2018, the South Haven City Council will have a vacant seat in Ward 1. The seat will be filled by appointment. For an application, Ward 1 residents are encouraged to visit the city's website at www.south-haven.com, stop by the front desk at City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, or contact the City Clerk at (269) 637-0750. Deadline for submission is January 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. All applicants are asked to attend the January 15, 2018 meeting of the City Council.

THIS MONTH



December:

Meetings

4	City Council	7:00 pm
6	DDA	12:00 pm
7	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
11	LDFA/Brownfield	4:00 pm
12	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
18	City Council	7:00 pm
18	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
19	Harbor Commission	5:30 pm
20	Master Plan Workshop	6:30 pm

**Please confirm dates, times
& location before attending.

CITY HALL CLOSED:

22 - CHRISTMAS EVE (OBSERVED)
25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Winter is Coming!

The Department of Public Works is responsible for clearing snow and salting of 40 miles of City streets. Our staff and equipment operators work together to improve every aspect of our snow removal program. Keeping our City's streets and sidewalks clean and safe during the winter is a big job. It can't happen without the cooperation of all our residents, businesses and agencies. The following is information that will help us do our job.

PLOWING & SALTING OF STREETS: When snow depth exceeds 2 inches on State trunklines and major streets, crews will start plowing on all City streets. The City is split into two sections. Two truck teams move in each section with designated major streets (streets surrounding area schools and police and fire complex) and trunklines given first priority. Also, crews will salt 20 miles of designated City streets (State trunklines and major streets) and continue until snow accumulates up to 2 inches deep.

SIDEWALKS: Residents have several responsibilities when it snows. The occupant (or owner of an unoccupied parcel) must remove snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has fallen. The City is responsible for plowing sidewalks in the downtown business district and various residential areas. The plow will remove the heavy snow but merchants are responsible to keep the sidewalks clean. When you clear your sidewalks and drives, you should know that snow and ice cannot be piled or pushed into the street or the shoulder of the road, and snow and ice cannot be piled in the public Right-of-Way so as to impair vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or obstruct the view of a driver.

PARKED CARS: Parked cars hamper our snow plowing efforts. A City ordinance prohibits parking on City streets between 2:30 am and 6:00 am daily. The City will increase enforcement of this ordinance this winter.

MAILBOX DAMAGE: If there is damage done to your mailbox or if you need any further information regarding the snow removal program please call the Department of Public Works at (269) 637-0737.

NEXT MONTH



January:

Meetings

2	City Council	7:00 pm
3	DDA	12:00 pm
4	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
8	LDFA/Brownfield	4:00 pm
9	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
15	City Council	7:00 pm
16	Harbor Commission	5:30 pm
22	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
29	BPU/SHAWSA	4:00 pm

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CITY HALL CLOSED:

1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

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