



City Waves

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Invasive Species Reminder from Conservation District

The Van Buren Conservation District is reminding residents to be on the lookout for a pair of damaging invasive species.

Japanese Knotweed is a fast growing plant capable of breaking roads and concrete home foundations. Things to look for in identifying Japanese Knotweed include:

- Grows up to 10ft. Tall
- Strong and vast root system
- Bamboo-like canes, green with red in spring/summer
- Heart shaped leaves
- Fluffy white flowers in fall
- Reddish-brown canes/fluffy tops in winter



The Conservation District reminds everyone to NEVER cut, dig, or mow any plant that appears to be Japanese Knotweed, as any small plant part can root and spread. Proper treatment of the species takes place during the fall.

Kudzu is an invasive species that outcompetes other vegetation for resources. Things to look for and common characteristics of Kudzu include:

- Quickly takes over tree lines
- Kills native plants
- Damages transmission lines and home siding
- Dense, leafy vine with three leaflets
- Bright purple flowers
- Bean like seed pods



If you believe you've seen either Japanese Knotweed or Kudzu, please report it immediately to the Van Buren Conservation District at (269) 657-4030 ext. 5, or by accessing their website at www.VanBurenCD.org.

THIS MONTH



June:

Meetings

3	City Council	7:00 pm
5	DDA	12:00 pm
6	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
10	LDFA / Brownfield	4:00 pm
11	Parks Commission	7:00 pm
17	City Council	7:00 pm
18	Harbor Commission	5:30pm
24	BPU / SHAWSA	4:00 pm
24	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm

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

Flag Day—June 14th

Father's Day—June 16th

**Summer Solstice—June 21th
(Longest Day of the Year)**

Local Fireworks Restrictions

State of Michigan law allows for the use of consumer fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, and the day after a national holiday with the following restrictions:

- ◆ Fireworks are not to be exploded on streets or in the city parks, parking lots, beaches, or marinas;
- ◆ Fireworks are not to be exploded by those under the age of 18; and
- ◆ Fireworks are not to be used by those under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- ◆ Due to recent changes in state law, the City Council is in the process of amending the city's fireworks ordinance. If adopted, the new ordinance would allow consumer fireworks this summer as follows: Fireworks will be allowed between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 4, July 5, August 31, and September 1.

Low impact fireworks and novelties such as sparklers, party poppers, smoke balls and smoke cones are not regulated and may be used year round. Violations of the above are civil infractions and may carry a fine of up to \$500.00. Violators can also be held responsible for property damage resulting from fireworks.

NEXT MONTH



July:

Meetings

1	City Council	7:00 pm
8	LDFA / Brownfield	4:00 pm
9	Parks Commission	7:00 pm
11	Planning Commission	7:00 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 will be CLOSED for
Independence Day—July 4th**

Conservation District Recycling Program

Household Hazardous Waste & Passenger Tire Collections * **FREE**

HHW— paint, light bulbs, batteries, acids, bases, cleaners, mercury

• June 15, 2019 | 9 AM – 1 PM | VBC Human Services Bldg., 801 Hazen St., Paw Paw (**HHW & Tires**)

• August 3, 2019 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Arlington Transfer Station, Corner of 52nd St./26th Ave., Bangor (**Tires Only**)

• September 21, 2019 | 9 AM – 1 PM | South Haven Public Works., 1199 8th Ave., South Haven (**HHW & Tires**)

Space is limited for tires. Residents only.

Must RSVP to 269-657-4030x5

Year-round Electronic Recycling

Mon.-Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM | Community Thrift Shop, 1000 E. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw

• Items with a cord or that take batteries!

• \$20/TV & \$10/computer monitors - Everything else is FREE!

Visit the City of South Haven website at www.south-haven.com