

The Village of Mayville



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Garbage Notice

The village will be changing residential rubbish collection providers starting July 1, 2008. Your new company servicing your area will be Republic Waste Service. The reason for the change is to keep rates as low as possible for our residents. By changing service providers each household/apartment is now saving \$3.75 per month starting July 1 and your new starting rate is \$9.25 per month (rates are subject to change as fuel prices increase).

The new trash pickup day

is **TUESDAY**

Starting July 1, 2008.

The Water We Drink:

The Village of Mayville has copies of their Consumers Confidence Report. You may pick a copy up at the Village Clerk's Office, 297 E. Ohmer Road or the DPW Office, 5950 Fox Street. **The Arsenic Plant went online May 1, 2008 and has been producing water that meets the State and Federal Drinking Water Standards.** This is the last drinking water notice to be published for the month of April 2008.

Village of Mayville Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Recent testing results show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billions (ppb). The levels of running annual average of arsenic of each sample point in the Village of Mayville were 16-ppb in Well #1, 18-ppb in Well #2, and 13-ppb in Well #3.

What should I do? You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What happened? What is being done? In 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lowered the arsenic standard from 50 ppb to 10 ppb and gave water suppliers 5 years to comply. As of the deadline of January 23, 2006, the level of arsenic in Village of Mayville water is above the new standard and therefore a violation of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 Act 399, as amended. We are working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on a mutually acceptable schedule to evaluate options to lower the arsenic level, to secure financing, and to implement the best option. The best option may include drilling a new well and/or installing an arsenic removal treatment plant. We anticipate resolving the problem by May 15, 2008. For more information, please contact Mr. Roger Sweet at 989-843-6621. *Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.* This notice is being sent to you by the Village of Mayville.

Skatepark Update:

The village applied for a Tony Hawk Foundation Grant and has received a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 to go towards the construction of the skatepark. The village also applied for a donation from the Arlene Western Trust and received a contribution in the amount of \$30,000. Contributions towards the development of the park are welcome and can be mailed to the Village Clerk's Office, P. O. Box 249, 297 East Ohmer Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744. Please mark your contribution as a skatepark donation. \$30,000 still needs to be raised to complete the project.

Fire Truck Update:

The village awarded the fire truck bid to Deep South Fire Trucks, Inc located in Seminary, Missouri on June 17, 2008. The truck should arrive between December 2008 and February 2009. The total award amount is \$190,743 which includes delivery. The truck is being paid for by: \$130,000 – Arlene Western Trust Donation, \$19,000 USDA Grant, \$ Balance – USDA Low Interest Loan.

Safe Routes 2 School Program:

The village has been in contact with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Safe Routes 2 School Committee to create a "safe route" to school from Main Street down Pine Street to Mayville Elementary School. The new route will be a 5' wide sidewalk (new ADA requirements) with crosswalk signs and painted road markings. The village is planning for final approval of the project to come in July 2008 at the next Safe Routes 2 School Committee Meeting.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Project:

The DDA recently removed the old ford garage building as it was declared structurally unsafe and found to be a dangerous building by the code inspector. A bid was awarded in June 2008 to put down 8 inches of lime stone to create a municipal parking lot. Also, concrete work will be done to make the sidewalk comply with ADA requirements and a new driveway approach will be installed. The lot is planned to be paved next summer (2009) after the limestone compacts over the winter.

Arsenic Plant:

The arsenic removal plant went online May 1, 2008 and has been producing water that meets State and Federal Drinking Water Standards. The project was planned to be completed in February 2008; however, the contractor failed to meet the contractual deadline. The village council then assessed liquidated damages on the contractor in the amount of \$14,250 due to the hardship on the residents and the failure of the contractor to meet the contractual deadline.