

**ARE YOU INSTALLING OR REPLACING AN EXISTING FENCE?**

The City of Three Rivers requires residents to obtain zoning approval prior to installing or replacing a fence..

**Step One:** Obtain a Zoning Permit from City Hall or the city’s website at [www.threeriversmi.org/building-permit](http://www.threeriversmi.org/building-permit)

**Step Two:** Complete the permit application with the following:

1. Include a bird’s-eye view drawing (or sketch) showing property lines, location of all buildings on your property, and the desired location of your proposed fence. Also include measurements from the fence to the nearest buildings and property lines.
2. Include your fence type (section III) and proposed height under project dimensions (section IV)

**Step Three:** Submit the completed form with your payment and drawing at the City Hall Finance Department (or drop box) or e-mail it to [athensmi@safebuilt.com](mailto:athensmi@safebuilt.com)

PLEASE NOTE: privacy fences between your residence and sidewalk (or road right of way) are generally prohibited.



- MAYOR**.....Tom Lowry; 269.278.7255
- 1ST DISTRICT**.....Pat Dane; 269.506.9104
- 2ND DISTRICT**.....Steven Haigh; 269.535.1318
- 3RD DISTRICT**.....Chris Abel; 269.244.0729
- 4TH DISTRICT**.....Carolyn McNary; 269.267.0282
- AT LARGE**.....Torrey Brown; 602.332.2241
- AT LARGE**.....Lucas Allen; 269.762.3024

**CITY DIRECTORY**

- Airport.....269.273.1845
- Assessor..... .269.273.2337 x107
- Cemetery.....269.273.2821
- City Clerk.....269.273.1075 x108
- City Manager...269.273.1075 x103
- Fire/Ambulance.....269.278.3755
- HR.....269.273.1075 x109
- Library.....269.273.8666
- Inspection Services (Safebuilt) .....269.729.9244
- Police.....269.278.1235
- Public Services.....269.273.1845
- Taxes .....269.273.1075 x111
- Waste Water Treatment Plant..... .269.273.5885
- Water Billing.. 269.273.1075 x110

**OTHER**

- Central Dispatch.....269.467.4195
- TR Area Chamber.....269.278.8193
- County Clerk.....269.467.5602
- Post Office.....800.275.8777

**THREE RIVERS CITY HALL**  
**333 W. Michigan Ave.**  
**Three Rivers, MI 49093**  
**269.273.1075**  
**[www.threeriversmi.org](http://www.threeriversmi.org)**



**333 W. MICHIGAN AVE.**

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**CITY OF THREE RIVERS**

**Important**

**Election Dates**

**February 27, 2024**

Presidential Primary Election

**August 6, 2024**

Primary Election

**November 5, 2024**

Presidential Election

The polls will open at Riverside Church at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m.

If you are not Registered to Vote, visit City Hall.

Call the City Clerk if you want to verify your Voter Status!

To request an absentee ballot online visit:

<https://mvc.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index>



Hello Everyone,

Please, take a moment to review this newsletter for important information about your City! I would like to give a big shout out to all the people who have joined City advisory boards this past year. We have greatly increased citizen participation in local government, and it makes a difference!! We appreciate so many people volunteering their time to serve.

We continue to work on improving the housing quality in Three Rivers. We want all our neighborhoods to be clean, safe and vibrant. We are repairing or demolishing older homes that have fallen into disrepair. We have sold lots where homes were demolished to Allen Edwin and they have built new homes on those lots. This will help get rid of blight and improve our community. There are other housing plans under consideration and hopefully will come to fruition this year.

We also continue with upgrading our infrastructure with investments in streets and sidewalks, sewer system, water system and our parks.

Take Care Everyone,

*Joe Bippus,*  
 City Manager

## 2024 ROAD CONSTRUCTION

### LOCAL STREETS RECONSTRUCTION

#### W. Broadway

S. Constantine to west City Limits

#### Union St.

3rd St. to S. Main St.

#### Hill St.

S. Douglas to Spring St.

#### Pleasant St.

4th St. to S. Main St.

#### N. Andrews

W. Michigan to Park Driveway

## SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Three Rivers Department of Public Services will start our biannual hydrant flushing on Monday, April 8th (temperature permitting). We expect flushing to continue through Friday, May 17th. Flushing will occur Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Due to many variables, we are not able to determine the exact date we will be in each district, but we will be starting in first district followed by fourth, second and third.

Please be aware that some rusty water may be experienced during this time. If there are any prolonged problems, call the DPS office at 269-273-1845.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Free, virtual series takes place two to three times a month and includes the opportunity to ask questions to the author. A complete list of events is available on: <https://libraryc.org/threeriverslibrary>

TRPL Showcases a virtual author talk series each month featuring bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. The featured writers and thought leaders will cover a wide range of fiction and nonfiction genres.

Summer Reading will begin June 17th and go through August 10th. Visit the Library for more information!



## TRPD AND ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS



How does the Three Rivers Police Department handle ordinance violations such as junk vehicles and blight? This duty primarily falls to the Code Enforcement Officer but can be handled by Patrol Officers. The complaints come through Central Dispatch when they are called in by citizens or are seen by Officers as they patrol the neighborhoods.

After seeing an ordinance violation, Code Enforcement will attempt to make contact at the residence to make them aware of the violation. They will then receive a written notice spelling out the violation and that they have 10 days to fix the violation.

After 10 days, the Officer will check for compliance. If the violation was cleaned up, then the complaint is closed out. If the violation has not been corrected, then a clean up will be scheduled and the property owner charged for the clean up and possibly cited.

### WIPES CLOG PIPES



THOSE WIPES YOU  
THOUGHT WERE  
FLUSHABLE?



THEY'RE NOT!

FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE ONE OF THE LEADING  
CAUSES OF CLOGGED PIPES.

Please do not flush baby wipes, diapers, feminine products or flushable wipes down your toilets! These items are not really flushable. They do not break down like toilet paper is intended to do. They are beginning to be the cause of major problems and backups throughout the City. Please help yourself, your neighbors and community by not disposing of these items in this way. Please use your local refuse service to dispose of these items.

### Follow these tips for a Safe Spring!



#### Grill Safety

Place grill at least 10 feet away from structures, check for gas leaks before use, keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

#### Outdoor Burning

The open burning of household waste materials on single family residential properties is permitted between the hours of 9:00a—5:00p. on Mondays and Wednesdays and Saturdays. Specific Ordinance can be found at: <https://www.threeriversmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/HouseholdBurningOrdinance.pdf>

#### Smoke Alarms

Test alarms regularly and replace batteries annually.

#### Spring Cleaning Safety

Be cautious with electrical appliances, keep combustibles away from heat sources and store any chemicals in proper containers.

## FREE DUMP PASS



Residential Property Owners of the City of Three Rivers may obtain one free dump pass per parcel, per City Fiscal Year (July-June) to the Westside Landfill at 14094 M-60 West, Three Rivers, MI.

The dump pass may be obtained at Three Rivers City Hall during normal business hours.