Garden City, Michigan

“THE GOLDEN BOOK”

A Helpful Guide to Garden City Laws and Services

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(734) 793-1800

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(734) 793-1870

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Dear Garden City Residents,

As a Garden City property owner, it is important that you become aware of Ordinances that are often associated with property ownership. On behalf of the City Council, we believe that all residents and business owners should be given the opportunity to know the laws of the City. The purpose of this Golden Book is to advise you of specific Ordinances related to your property, as well as information about City services that would be beneficial to you.

Below is a small list of common Ordinances with which Garden City residents should make sure they are in compliance. All City Ordinances can be viewed by visiting the City’s website at the following website address www.gardencitymi.org/code, under “Charter and Ordinances.” As a property owner in Garden City, you are encouraged to visit this site to familiarize yourself with these and other relevant Ordinances.

Please review your property and how it looks compared to the following Ordinances, and make corrections as needed. Please be a good neighbor.

If you have any questions or find your property out of compliance and would like to speak with someone about how to properly correct the situation, please contact the Police Department’s Code Enforcement Division at (734) 793-1807.

Thank you for your support of our great City!

Randy Walker
Mayor of Garden City
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Did You Know…

- Livonia, has a satellite campus next to Garden City Middle school, one public
  District, which includes four elementary schools, one middle
  source of education for Garden City is the Garden City School
  U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
  MICHIGAN STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT #5
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All of the following information is valid as of January 2019. Please refer to the Garden City Code of Ordinances for the most updated information.

Vehicle Rules and Restrictions

Snow Emergencies
When a snow emergency is in effect, no person shall park, or allow to remain parked, any motor vehicle on any city street. Ord. #71.05
- A snow emergency is automatically in effect whenever snow or ice has accumulated to the depth of three (3) inches or more on any street within the City.
- Also, a snow emergency may be declared whenever the City Manager or his designated representative finds it necessary.

No Parking on your lawn or Median
You cannot park a vehicle on the lawn of residential lots or on local medians. Ordinance #154.066(B) applies to front yards, and Ord. #70.04(D) applies to parkways.

Blocking Sidewalks
It is illegal to park on or in a manner that blocks a sidewalk. Michigan Compiled Law 257.674

Commercial Motor Vehicles
No commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) may be parked at a home or on the street in a residential zone. Ord. #70.05

Boat / Rec. Vehicle / Trailer Parking or Storage
These types of vehicles must be parked or stored behind the front wall of the home. i.e. Beside the house or behind it. Ord. #92.46
Abandoned Vehicles
Any vehicle that does not have a license plate, insurance, or is not operable is considered abandoned and must not be parked on city streets or private property, unless it is completely enclosed in a garage or enclosed by a private fence, so it is not visible from a surrounding property.  Ord. #92.03

Animal Rules and Restrictions

Number of Animals
No person residing in a residential area in the City of Garden City shall keep, harbor, or possess more than a total of three dogs and cats.  Ord. #90.16

Animal Licenses
All dogs and cats within the City must be licensed, and the license must be displayed on the animal’s collar at all times.  Ord. #90.15
Animal Licenses can be obtained in-person at City Hall. The fees are $10 per year for spayed / neutered animals and $20 per year for non-spayed / neutered animals. You must present your Certificate of Rabies Vaccination from your veterinarian and proof of neuter / spay.

No Barking Dogs
No person shall harbor or keep any dog, cat, or other animal which, by loud, frequent, unnecessary, or habitual barking, howling, or making any such noise shall cause serious annoyance to the neighborhood or to people passing upon the streets.  Ord. #90.19

Animals at Large
No owner of a dog, cat, or other animal shall allow the animal to run at large throughout the City.  **RUNNING AT LARGE** means wandering unrestrained on any street, alley, commons, or other public or open spaces or places, within the corporate limits of the City or upon any private property other than that of the owner of the dog or cat.  Ord. #90.19

Cleaning Up After Animals
Animal owners must clean up fecal matter deposited by the animal in a timely manner and maintain the area where the animal lives, or has access, in a sanitary manner.  Ord. #90.28
Property Maintenance Rules and Restrictions

Nuisances
It is illegal to allow a nuisance to exist or be created on your property. *Ord. #92.02*
A nuisance includes, but is not limited to:
- Allowing an abandoned vehicle to remain on your property
- Allowing stagnant water to remain on your property
- Allowing any garbage, debris, animal waste, or other substance which causes an offensive or nauseous odor, poses a danger to others or their health, or amounts to an annoyance to others
- Allowing an unsafe structure, building, or fence to exist

Grass and Weeds
Grass and weeds must be kept less than seven (7) inches above ground level. It is also unlawful to allow noxious weeds to exist on your property, which include: Canada thistle, dodders, mustards, wild carrot, bindweed, perennial sow thistle, hoary alyssum, ragweed and poison ivy, poison sumac, ox-eyed daisies, goldenrod, common milkweed, or any other varieties, species, or plants designated by the Department of Health as poisonous or injurious. *Ord. #92.15*

If any lot, area, or parcel of land within the City is found to be in violation of the grass and weeds ordinance (#92.15), the City will notify the owner by posting. If the property is not brought into compliance within five (5) business days, the City will have the grass and weeds cut as needed. The property owner will then be required to pay the fee.

Maintain a Clean and Orderly Property
Owners and occupants of any property must maintain the premises in a clean and orderly condition. *Ord. #54.06*

Garbage Cans
Garbage cans are to be set out for collection at the curb line, after 5:00 p.m., the day before its scheduled collection, and after they are emptied they shall be removed from the street by 12:00 noon, the day following the scheduled collection. *Ord. #54.04*

Did You Know…

Trash Can Location -
You should put your trash cans on the street edge; keep them 3 feet apart; and away from parked cars!
Snow Covered Sidewalks
Property owners are responsible for clearing the snow from the sidewalks in front of and on your property. You must clean the sidewalk within 24 hours after the snowfall. *Ord. #94.48.*

Noise Rules and Restrictions

Building Construction
The construction (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building may only occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the Building Inspector. *Ord. #92.31*

Music
It is unlawful to play music or sound from any instrument, machine, or device between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the building, structure, porch, patio, etc., in which it is located, if the music or sound unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, convenience, safety, health, welfare, or repose of persons in the area. *Ord. #92.31*

Vehicle Noise
Music or sound from a vehicle’s stereo system or the like that is audible from a distance of 30 feet is unlawful. *Ord. #92.35*

Curfew for Minors
The curfew for an unaccompanied minor under the age of 16 years old begins at 10:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 a.m. For 16 year-olds, the curfew begins at 12:00 midnight and ends at 6:00 a.m. *Ord. #135.03*
Blight Enforcement

One of the primary missions of the Garden City Police Department’s Code Enforcement Bureau is to address concerns of blight and quality of life within the community. Blight, such as dangerous and unsafe buildings, abandoned/inoperable vehicles, debris, and overgrown grass and weeds has a harmful impact on a community. Blight lowers property values, increases crime, hurts a city’s economy, and damages residents’ quality of life and connection to their community. Blight is defined as a condition that impairs, destroys, or deteriorates a property because of its decay, improper storage, or effect on property or quality of life. Garden City Code Enforcement seeks to work in cooperation with the residents of Garden City to provide attractive neighborhoods through practical code enforcement. If you know of a code violation that is lessening the quality of life of yourself or your neighbors (noxious odors, dangerous buildings, inoperable vehicles, etc…) please alert the Garden City Code Enforcement Bureau at (734) 793-1807.

Common Violations

- Building / Housing code violations
- Zoning violations
- Abandoned / Inoperable Vehicles
- Overgrown grass and weeds (above 7 inches)
- Trash or Trash Cans at the curb before / after permitted time
- Scattered litter or open trash on the property
- Indoor furniture in outdoor area (i.e. porch or patio)
- Yard waste improperly left at the curb for collection
- Snow / ice not cleared from the sidewalk
- Improper placement of signs
- Unlicensed, barking, or at large animals

Municipal Civil Infractions / Ordinance Bureau

In March of 2018, the City of Garden City amended its Code of Ordinances to designate certain violations of the code as municipal civil infractions. This creates a new enforcement procedure for many violations of the city code. The Ordinances designated Municipal Civil Infractions are primarily related to blight and quality of life. Beginning in 2018, the Garden City Police Department and its Code Enforcement
Bureau will use the municipal civil Infraction process in a fair and impartial manner to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Garden City. A Sample enforcement procedure for a typical first time ordinance violation is listed below.

### Sample Blight Ordinance Enforcement Procedure

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<td>1.</td>
<td>A blight violation is observed by an ordinance officer or police officer as a result of a complaint or patrol and issues a 5-day notice to abate/correct the violation. If the violation is abated in that time frame the process ends; if not, proceed to step 2.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>The officer issues a &quot;Notice of Violation&quot; to correct the issue and pay a fine to the Municipal Ordinance Bureau.</td>
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<td>The person issued the “Notice of Violation” complies with the violation, ignores the violation, or contests the violation.</td>
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<td>If the violation is paid to the Municipal Ordinance Bureau and the violation is corrected, this ends the process.</td>
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<td>If the violation goes un-remedied (not paid, not fixed), the Municipal Ordinance Bureau will issue the violator a Municipal Civil Infraction and file it with the 21st District court, much like a traffic ticket. This will trigger a court hearing.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Unless the person issued the violation pays the violation and remedies the ordinance issue prior to a hearing, a hearing is held where the District Court Judge will hear from both parties and make a judgment on the violators’ responsibility.</td>
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<td>As part of the judgment, the Judge can order the assessment of fines and costs and &quot;any judgment, writ, or order necessary to enforce the ordinance.&quot; This includes ordering abatement of the cause of the nuisance (for example impounding an abandoned vehicle.)</td>
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact by Phone
Emergency: 911
Non Emergency: (734) 793-1700
The Non Emergency number should be utilized to:
• Have a police vehicle dispatched to your home for a non-emergency incident or report a suspicious circumstance that does not constitute an emergency
• Speak to someone about the status of an ongoing investigation
• Contact the Police Records Bureau
• Contact the Police Administration
• Obtain information about a prisoner at GCPD
• Contact the Code Enforcement Bureau

Contact in Person
The lobby and main desk of the Police Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Records and Code Enforcement/Ordinance Bureau window is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and open two additional hours until 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Additional Contact Method
You can also contact the GCPD by visiting the Police Department’s web page at www.gardencitymi.org/police and clicking on the “Contact Us” link. This will allow you to electronically submit a communication to the Garden City Police Department.

Police Department Services

Tornado Sirens
To alert residents of an approaching danger, such as a tornado, the City is equipped with warning sirens placed throughout the city. The Police Department maintains these sirens, and tests them every Saturday, around noon, throughout the year. If they sound during a storm please get to a safe location inside and away from windows.
**Vacation Watch**
A Garden City homeowner may request a vacation watch when they are out of town by visiting the Police Department’s front desk and completing a form or completing the form located at the following web address [www.gardencitymi.org/police/vacation](http://www.gardencitymi.org/police/vacation).

**Online Citizens Police Reporting**
The web site [www.gardencitymi.org/police/submitreport](http://www.gardencitymi.org/police/submitreport) allows citizens to submit a report to the GCPD about an incident that has occurred in the City of Garden City. The following types of incidents can be reported on-line:
- Harassing phone calls / No known suspects
- Identity Theft / No known suspects
- Larceny / Theft / No known suspects
- Lost Property
- Damaged Property / Vandalism
- Private property traffic crash / Parked unattended, returned to find had been struck
- Accidental / Non intentional property damage
- Threats
- Suspicious Situation
- Barking / Nuisance dog
- Blight

**Police Reports**
If you reported a larceny, malicious destruction of property, or domestic violence complaint, only the person listed on the report as the victim can pick up a copy of the report. You must show a valid picture ID. To see if a report is available or to answer other records questions, please call (734) 793-1750. For other reports, you may purchase a copy during the business hours of the Records Bureau. Accident reports can be purchased at the following web address: [www.gardencitymi.org/police/accidentreports](http://www.gardencitymi.org/police/accidentreports).

**Obtain a Local Background Check for Yourself**
A local police clearance letter, in which only Garden City Records are checked, can be obtained at the Garden City Police Department’s Records Bureau during normal business hours. A picture ID, that includes an address, must be shown, as well as the completion of a short form. You must be a Garden City resident. There is a fee for this service.
Fingerprinting
Technology has dramatically changed the way fingerprints are now taken. Most fingerprints must be taken and transmitted electronically, but the Garden City Police Department does not offer this service. If inked impressions are acceptable, you can have those taken at the Police Department Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. If the person or employer requesting your fingerprints indicates they must be electronically captured and transmitted, then you will need to contact a private vendor offering that service. There is a fee for this service.

Purchasing a Handgun
You must be at least 18 years of age, a US Citizen, and live in Garden City. If you are not a US Citizen, you must present your Resident Alien Card and have proof that you have lived in Michigan for at least 90 days. You cannot have any felony convictions or charges that reflect assault, drug charges of any type, and/or domestic violence. If you are purchasing a handgun from a private person, you must do the following: When you come to the Police Department you will be given a short test and a criminal background check will be performed. Providing you pass the test and background check, a purchase permit will be issued. You will have 30 days to purchase the weapon and return your executed paperwork to the Police Department. If you are purchasing from a licensed federal firearms dealer, they will instruct you on the procedure and provide you with the documentation needed to file with the Police Department Records Bureau.

Obtain a Carrying a Concealed Weapon Permit
The Garden City Police Department does not issue CCW permits. A Garden City Resident may apply for a CCW permit by contacting the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office, and going through their process.

I have old prescription medications that I want to get rid of. Is there someplace I can do that safely?
A prescription disposal box is located in the lobby of the Garden City Police Department and is available 24/7. You can drop off unused or expired prescription, over-the-counter, and pet medications anonymously and free. Please no containers, needles or liquid medications.
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Address Signage**
Addresses should be displayed with dark numbers on a light colored background. Numbers are preferred over words. “6000 is preferred over Six thousand”

**Medical Information**
A medical form is available for residents from the Fire Department. The form can be completed in advance and provided to the rescue crew if they are called for a medical emergency. We suggest keeping it on the refrigerator or somewhere it can easily be found.

**Open Burning**
Open burning is not permitted in Garden City. Burning of yard debris, construction debris and fire pits are prohibited. *Ord. #91.35*

**Residential Knox Box**
This is a secure device homeowners may purchase from [https://www.knoxhomebox.com](https://www.knoxhomebox.com). This is a more secure device for homeowners that will allow the Fire Department access in the event of a medical emergency or fire.

**Check Your Smoke Detector Monthly**
- Test your smoke detectors monthly
- Battery operated smoke detectors need to be changed twice a year (spring & fall)
- For smoke detectors over 10 years old, replace with a new 10 year sealed lithium battery model
- The Fire Department will install smoke detectors for senior citizens and those with disabilities at no cost if we have any in stock, or install them for any resident who supplies them.

**Fire Safety Home Survey**
The Fire Department will perform a complimentary Fire Safety Home Survey at the residents’ request, by appointment, and offer suggestions to keep their home fire safe. To request an appointment, please call (734) 793-1782.
Safe Delivery – Baby Drop-off
The Fire Department is and has been a Safe Delivery site. Anyone having difficulty managing can surrender their baby here as an alternative to abandoning the baby. No questions asked (other than needed medical information), and the Department will contact the proper agencies.

Swimming Pools
The Fire Department does not fill swimming pools.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permits
Building permits are required for new roofs, windows, siding, gutters, pools, fences, decks, driveways, and sidewalks, etc. All permit applications and the necessary codes and or requirements can be found on the City website, or at the Building Department. If a contractor is doing the work, we recommend the contractor pull the permit. If the homeowner pulls the permit, it’s the homeowner’s responsibility to know the codes.

What Does Not Need A Permit?
Sheds less than 200 sq ft; doing repairs to anything building related; and updating a kitchen or bath, does not need a permit. But, if you are relocating plumbing or electrical work, you MUST obtain a permit. When in doubt, we are just a phone call away!

Certificate of Occupancy
Any time a home changes hands, a Certificate of Occupancy is required. Rental properties are required to have a rental certification that has to be recertified every 3 years.

Any other info can be found on www.gardencitymi.org/building or by calling the Building Department (734) 793-1650.

Did You Know…

Fence Installation -
All fences installed by a homeowner must be installed with the “ugly” side inward. The pretty side of the fence must be visible by the neighborhood.
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE

Birth Certificates
Birth certificates can only be obtained by the person on the record or one of the parents listed on the birth certificate. The person obtaining the birth certificate must present a picture ID. City Hall only has birth records for individuals born in Garden City. The cost is $15 for 1 copy and $5 for any additional copies purchased at the same time. If you were born prior to 1979 and your parents were not married, or you were adopted, the City may not have your birth record. You must contact the State of Michigan at (517) 335-8666.

Birth certificates can be requested from Garden City by mail. You must include the name on record, the date of birth, mother’s full maiden name, father's full name, your relationship to the individual on record, and an address where you want the record mailed. If you are the individual on record, and you have had a name change, list the reason (i.e., marriage, etc.) Your signed request must be notarized with a stamp and a seal. Please include a check or money order for $15 for 1 copy and $5 for each additional copy made payable to the City of Garden City. Birth certificates can also be obtained online with the State of Michigan Vital Records at www.michigan.gov/mdhhs.

Death Records
Death records are public information and can be obtained by anyone. Certified records cost $15 for the first copy, and $5 for each additional copy if purchased at the same time. Records can be obtained in person or with a mail-in request. A mail-in request form is available online or you can submit your request in letter format. Please be sure to include the full name of the deceased, the date of death, a return address, and your check or money order made payable to the City of Garden City.

Register to Vote
To register in Michigan you must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years old by the next election, a resident of Michigan, and not confined in a jail after being convicted and sentenced. The State of Michigan requires that you can only register to vote at the address on your driver’s license. You must register at least 30 days before an upcoming election in order to vote in it. You can register to vote by mail, at the City Clerk’s Office, or at any Secretary of State's office.
Elections
The Clerk’s Office has information about elections including voting locations, sample ballots, local proposals, and more. The Clerk’s Office also has information about becoming an election inspector. The application can be found on the city’s website or in person at the clerk’s office.

Garage / Yard Sale Permits
Permits for garage / yard sales are $6 and can be obtained online or at the City Clerk’s Office. Sales cannot be longer than three days and only two permits will be issued per year. In the event of rain, you will be granted one additional day within 10 days of the original sale.

Notary Service
The Clerk’s Office has a notary public service available. For residents the first signature is free and each additional is $5. For non-residents, it is $10 each.

Tax Information You Should Know
1. Information about past property tax or property dimensions can be found online at www.gardencitymi.org/property

2. Summer tax bills are issued July 1 and are due by August 31 without penalty. Beginning September 1, a 3% penalty plus .5% interest per month will be added.

   Winter tax bills are issued December 1, and are due by February 14 without penalty. Beginning February 15, a 3% penalty will be added. Beginning March 1, all delinquent taxes must be paid at the Wayne County Treasurer with additional penalties and interest.

3. Valuation Definitions – The assessed value and appraised value of a property are very different. The assessed value, set by the Assessor and multiplied by two, will give you an approximate market value of the property (appraised value). The Assessor is constitutionally required to set the assessed value at 50% of the usual selling price or true cash value of the property. In short, you are taxed on the property’s assessed value, but your property is worth the appraised value, which is twice the amount of your assessed value.
4. When you buy or otherwise obtain a property, Michigan Law requires that a Property Transfer Affidavit is filed within 45 days of the transfer of ownership, even if you don’t record a deed. If the property is to be your primary residence, you can file for an exemption from the school operating tax. If you do not file this affidavit within 45 days, you will be charged a penalty of $5 per day, or a maximum of $200.

5. If you would like to appeal your property assessment, you must call the Tax Department to make an appointment for a hearing. The Board of Review meets in March of each year. The assessment change notice, which is mailed in February each year, will indicate what dates and times the Board will be hearing appeals.

6. The City has a drop box located on the north side of City Hall that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Payments of checks or money orders may be placed in the drop box. All payments received will be picked up from the drop box the following business day. All applicable penalties will apply for late payment.

**Water Bill Information**

1. You receive a bill approximately every two months.

2. Your bill is estimated if the City is unable to obtain an actual meter read from the radio read device or you have a broken meter. Please call the Water Billing Department as soon as possible to schedule a meter repair appointment.

3. Pools or sprinklers will not be given an additional meter. Sewer charges are based on 100% of the water consumption. This is how the City of Garden City is charged for sewage treatment by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) system.
PARKS AND RECREATION

Where is the office for the Parks & Recreation Department and what are the office hours and phone number?
The main office is located upstairs at the Garden City Ice Arena in Garden City Park. The office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The telephone number is (734) 793-1882.

How long is the walking path at Garden City Park?
1.2 miles

Do I have to pay to rent pavilions at City Park?
Yes. Park rules require groups of 10 or more to fill out the proper paperwork in the Parks & Recreation office. Groups are also required to pay the rental fee, which varies based on weekday or weekend usage, and proof of Garden City residency. For more info go to: www.gardencitymi.org/parks.

How far out can I book a pavilion at City Park?
Reservations are taken on the first business day of the calendar year for that particular year. For example, for 2019 the first day the Parks & Recreation office accepted reservations was Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019. Reservations are not taken any sooner than the same calendar year.

How do I sign my child up for T-ball?
The Garden City Youth Athletic Association (G.C.Y.A.A.) is in charge of the City youth t-ball, baseball, and girls softball programs that take place at Moeller and City Park. Information is available by going to their website at www.gcyaa.com. Sign-ups are typically held starting in February each year with the season taking place from April-July.

How do I sign my child up for Soccer?
The Garden City Soccer Club (G.C.S.C) is in charge of the City youth soccer programs that take place at several locations throughout the City. Information is available by going to their website at www.gardencitysoccer.com.
When is open skating offered at the Garden City Ice Arena?
“Open Skating” is typically offered only between the months of September and May. There is generally a session on Sundays in the early afternoon, but residents are encouraged to visit the arena website at www.gcicearena.com for the most current session days and times.

How do I sign my child up for the rink "Learn-to-Skate" program?
The Learn-to-Skate (Basic Skills) program is administered through the Garden City Figure Skating Club. Residents should contact them for "Learn-to-Skate" info by visiting their website at www.gardencityfsc.com. Sessions are generally offered between the months of September-March.

How do I sign my child up for the rink "Learn-to-Play Hockey" program?
The Learn-to-Play Hockey (Novice) program is administered through the Garden City Hockey Association. Residents should contact them for "Learn-to-Play Hockey" info by visiting their website at www.gcyouthhockey.com. Sessions are generally offered between the months of September-March.

I don't have a team but would like to play in the Adult Softball Leagues, what do I do?
We recommend that players looking to get on a team show up on the night they prefer to play and ask teams at the fields if they are looking for extra players. Players may also leave their contact info with the main office in case current teams call us looking for extra players.

I don't have a team but would like to play in the Adult Hockey Leagues, what do I do?
Contact the main office and leave your name and telephone number. We always have teams looking to play in our Sunday league and will pass along your info to teams looking for extra players.

When is the ice taken out each year at the arena and why is this done?
The ice is typically melted for the season in mid-May. This is done for two reasons. The first is for financial reasons as it costs more to run the arena in the summer months. The second is due to a decreased demand for hockey and figure skating activities during spring and summer months.
Is there a dog park in Garden City?
No. However, citizens are welcome to bring their dogs to City Park as long as they are kept on a leash. There is an enclosed dog park in Hines, located just west off of the Merriman Road entrance, north of Warren Road, leading to Hines Park.

Is there an outdoor fitness court in the City?
Yes. A new outdoor fitness court was built in Garden City Park in 2018. The location allows residents to enjoy the walking trail around the park, as well as exercise the rest of their body at the fitness court.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Do you have a printer and how much are copies?
Yes. Photocopies and printing are $0.15/page for black & white and $0.50/page for color.

Do you have a fax machine?
Yes. (734) 793-1831. Sending is $1.00/page. Receiving is $0.50/page.

Do you have eBooks?
Yes. We have eBooks and downloadable audio books through Download Destination (Overdrive) and eBooks, downloadable video, audio books, music, and comics through Hoopla.
Can I use my Garden City Library Card at other libraries?
Yes. There are over 50 libraries in SE Michigan at which you can use your card.

How much does a library card cost?
Your first card is free. If you need a replacement card, it costs $1.00.

How old do you have to be to get a library card?
Any resident, regardless of age, may get a library card. However, minors do need parental permission.

How can I renew my books?
You can renew your books, movies, music etc. through our online catalog (https://catalog.tln.lib.mi.us/), by calling the Library during normal business hours (734) 793-1830, or in person at the Library. Renewals are not guaranteed. Some restrictions apply.

Library Fines, Fees, and Loan Schedule
http://gardencitylib.org/PDF/PoliciesPDF/FinesFeesLoanSchedule2016.pdf

COMMUNITY RESOURCES / MAPLEWOOD CENTER

I’m a senior citizen; what services are available for me?
Garden City’s Senior Center is located inside Maplewood Community Center. It offers a variety of exercise classes, social clubs, nutritional support, and educational seminars. To get on the mailing list for the bi-monthly newsletter, contact (734) 793-1870. For a current schedule of classes and fees, visit www.gardencitymi.org/seniors.

The Senior Alliance is Garden City’s area Agency on Aging and provides a number of services to our senior citizens. The Information and Assistance Call Center is a free service offering resource options for older adults, their families and caregivers. The call center staff can discuss the Senior Alliance programs and services, and connect you to the many programs and services available in the area. You can reach the Call Center at (800) 815-1112. You can also visit The Senior Alliance website at www.thesenioralliance.org.
I am a homebound senior citizen; can I get meals delivered to my home?
Wayne County’s Senior Nutrition Program provides Meals on Wheels to Garden City residents age 60 and older, who are unable to leave their homes without assistance. Meals are delivered Monday through Thursday, and include a frozen meal to be used on Fridays. Donations are suggested. To sign-up, please call Wayne County’s Senior Nutrition Office at (800) 851-1454.

Wayne County also offers lunch for senior citizens at the Maplewood Community Center Monday through Thursday at Noon. To make a reservation for a hot meal at Maplewood Center, please call Maplewood Center’s Wayne County Nutrition site at (734) 793-1874. You must call 24 hours in advance. A donation of $3 per meal is suggested.

Is there a fitness facility available to residents?
Yes! The Maplewood Community Center has two fitness rooms. The Senior Fitness Room, for people age 50 and over, has treadmills, bikes, and weights. Seniors can drop-in or purchase 3, 6, or 12-month memberships. Memberships and daily drop-in passes can be purchased at the Maplewood Community Center’s Information Desk anytime the Center is open. A drop-in pass cost $1.00 per day.

The Parks and Recreation Department has a Circuit Fitness Room at the Maplewood Community Center. The Circuit Fitness Room contains equipment designed to give you a full circuit workout and is available to people age 16 and up. You can drop-in or purchase 3, 6, or 12-month memberships. Memberships and daily drop-in passes can be purchased at the Maplewood Community Center’s Information Desk anytime the Center is open.

What exercise classes are offered at Maplewood Community Center?
There are a number of different exercise classes for youth and adults offered throughout the year. For a current listing of classes and activities, please visit: www.gardencitymi.org/maplewood.

How do I register my child for dance classes?
The Parks and Recreation Department’s Dance Express program offers dance classes for people age 3 to adult. Ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, and Pointe are available, based on age and experience.
Registration takes place at Maplewood Community Center in August for the upcoming school year season. In June of each year, the dancers perform in the annual dance recital, held at the Garden City High School O’Leary Auditorium. Contact the Dance Express Coordinator at (734) 793-1853 for more information.

**Can I rent a room at Maplewood Community Center for a special event?**
Currently, rooms at Maplewood Community Center are not available for private rentals. The Straight Farmhouse, located on the corner of Merriman and Elmwood, is available for event rentals. Contact the Friends of the Straight Farmhouse at (734) 838-0650.

**I need a little extra help to feed my family. Is there help for me?**
Our H.O.M.E. Pantry is located in Maplewood Community Center and is run by a group of caring and dedicated volunteers. Garden City residents in need can receive 10 pounds of food, per household family member, once each month (50 pounds maximum). The Pantry is open Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. - Noon. Residents can contact the Pantry at (734) 793-1857 to make a private appointment.

Maplewood Community Center is also a pick up site for The Emergency Food Assistance Program. This is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Garden City residents, including older adults, by providing emergency food and nutrition at no cost. Pick up days are the third Wednesday of every month, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Maplewood Community Center. To sign up for this free program, please call (734) 793-1857.

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**Did You Know…**

**There is a Thrift Store at Maplewood Community Center** - The Thrift Store is run by senior volunteers and is like a year round garage sale! Used household items, toys, games and clothing are available for very low cost. Contact the Senior Activities Office at (734) 793-1870 for current operating hours.
My children/teens are acting out at home and/or school, and life at home is stressful. Is there help available? My child is making bad choices and heading down the wrong path.
The Family Resource Center, located inside Maplewood Community Center, offers free services to families with children age 7 to 17. Contact the Family Resource Center at (734) 793-1860 to schedule your private appointment with a professional staff member to review your needs and match your family with services.

I would like to donate cash/items to help other residents in need? Where can I do that?
Our H.O.M.E. Pantry accepts donations! If you would like to donate food, toiletries, or cash, you can bring your donations to the Maplewood Community Center any time the Center is open. You can also call (734) 793-1857 to arrange an in-person donation.

The Senior Volunteer Committee’s Thrift Store also accepts donations of household goods, toys, games and clothing. The Thrift Store is located in Maplewood Community Center and the proceeds support programs and special events at the Senior Center. Items can be dropped off at Maplewood Community Center anytime the Center is open. You can also call (734) 793-1870 to arrange an in-person donation. Sorry, no medical equipment or child safety seats are accepted.

I need health insurance but I don’t know where to start.
The Community Support Office at the Maplewood Community Center has staff trained on the different health insurance options available to residents. Online Medicaid enrollment assistance is available by appointment; call (734) 793-1857 to make an appointment or ask any questions about which health insurance route is best for you and your family. Websites you may find helpful: www.healthcare.gov and www.newmibridges.michigan.gov.

I am looking for someone to help me file my income taxes. Is there free tax preparation available in Garden City?
Free tax preparation is available to all residents at the Maplewood Community Center during tax season each year (February-April 15th). The program is run by AARP volunteers and is very popular. Tax appointments fill up fast! The Community Resources Department begins scheduling appointments right after Christmas each year and all
available appointments are usually filled by mid-January. Call (734) 793-1857 to schedule an appointment.

**I would like to volunteer! How do I start?**

Residents can contact the City Department directly in which they are interested in volunteering. However, the City of Garden City offers a free Volunteer Registry for people interested in volunteering for community events, various departments and other civic groups and organizations in town. A Volunteer Registry Form is available at [www.gardencitymi.org/volunteer](http://www.gardencitymi.org/volunteer) or at the Maplewood Community Center Information desk. Once the Volunteer Registry Form is filled out and submitted, a background check will be conducted. Once cleared, your information will be sent to all the community organizations you marked as being interested in volunteering for. Those organizations will reach out to you to begin your volunteer service. With questions, please call (734) 793-1857.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS / DPS**

*Hours: Mon-Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

**Solid Waste Collection/Recycling**

Garden City provides trash containers to each residence. Recycle cans are by request. These requests can be made by calling the City trash contractor-GFL at (866) 772-8900. Trash and recycling are picked up weekly. Containers must be placed on the street’s edge by 7:00 a.m. on trash day, or as early as 5:00 p.m. the evening before. No scheduling calls are needed for bulk pickups such as furniture or appliances etc. Residents can place these items at the curb for regular trash pickups, and a truck will be by to pick them up. The trash company is not required to pick up any type of building materials. Although not preferred, in special circumstances, residents are allowed to put additional trash bags alongside the rolling trash cans.
Did You Know…

**Refrigerator/Freezer Doors** -
Remove refrigerator/freezer doors from all units put to the curb for trash, so it poses no threats to children or animals.

**Was your trash can missed today and not sure who to call?**
The Garden City Trash and Recycling vendor is GFL, and they have a webpage to respond to your requests quicker. The GFL Customer Service Portal (QAlert) will route all service requests to the GFL Supervisor and the GFL Customer Care Line to allow for full tracking of your service request. Please save the following webpage so you can contact GFL online with your street address:

http://qalerts.gflusa.com/311/request/add

As for the GFL USA mobile app, you can download the app for both Android and Apple iOS in the Apple App Store or Google Play.


Another method of communication to GFL is by calling their customer care line at (844) 464-3587.

**Remember:**
- Remove refrigerator/freezer doors from all units to be sure that the trash poses no threats to children or animals.
- For Battery Recycling (not auto or motorcycle) - there is a bin located at City Hall in the Police Parking lot.
- For Household Hazardous Waste (chemicals) disposal, please refer to City website (DPS Page) for dates and location.
- For Landfill locations for dumping construction debris, please refer to City website (DPS Page) for updated information.
- Additional/replacement cans may be obtained at no cost by contacting the Department of Public Service.

**Yard Waste/Compost**
Yard waste/compost is picked up weekly between April 1st and December 15th. This is for leaves and small branches. Residents can use the brown compost bags or plastic containers no larger than 30 gallons / 60 pounds. Larger piles of branches must be cut into 4 ft
lengths and gathered into bundles with a maximum weight of 40 pounds. They must be tied with twine or duct tape, etc. Larger bundles can be estimated for the City to come chip It up. If this service is desired when the pile is at the curb, call DPS at (734) 793-1800 to request an estimate. There is minimum charge of $40 for this service. Once the estimate is made, and is paid for, DPS will chip the pile.

**Hazardous Waste Collection**
Hazardous waste collection is handled by the Wayne County Department of Public Service. Information for this service and others are available online, in-person, or over the phone at Wayne County.

**Traffic lights, Streetlights, and Potholes**
If in doubt about which agency has jurisdiction, call DPS at (734) 793-1800.

- Traffic Light problems, call Wayne County at (734) 955-2163
- Streetlight outages, call DTE at www.dteenergy.com or (800) 477-4747
- Potholes on City of Garden City streets, call (734) 793-1800
- Potholes on Ford Road and County Roads (Inkster, Middelbelt, Merriman, Venoy, Cherry Hill, and Warren), call (888) 762-3273

**Tree Removal/Replacement**
The City will remove a tree in the area between the sidewalk and the curb for a couple reasons. 1. If it’s dead/dying; 2. If it’s raising the sidewalk; and 3. If it is causing sewer issues for the resident. Once it has been deemed necessary to remove the tree, it will be marked and placed on a tree removal list. After it has been removed, the tree stump will be ground up.

**Sidewalk Program**
The homeowner is responsible for the sidewalk in front of or alongside their home. However, if repairs or replacements need to be done, the City has an annual sidewalk program in which the City contractor will do the work and the homeowner is charged. This program moves around the City each year, but you may contact DPS separately if you are interested in this program now.
Brown Water -
Should you experience rusty water as a result of a water main break, run the COLD water in the lowest level of your home (first floor or basement) until it runs clear.

Ditches and Driveway Culverts (Pipe under the driveway)
The resident is responsible for the maintenance of the ditches and driveway culverts on their property. If there is a plug in the culvert (the pipe under your driveway), DPS will unplug it (but with proper maintenance, this can be avoided). If a culvert needs replacement, the property owner is responsible for the price of the culvert material only. Culvert will be installed by DPS. Ditches are not to be filled in without proper storm sewers being installed. A permit is required to do this work.

Snow Removal
DPS is responsible for snow removal on City streets. If a snow event brings at least 3” of snow in one storm, DPS will plow and salt the streets and City parking lots. DPS also clears the snow on the sidewalks on City properties. Ex: the City Hall complex, the Maplewood Center and the walking path and parking lots at City Park.

If/when a snow emergency is declared, cars MUST be removed from City streets so proper removal of snow can be achieved. These snow emergencies, declared by the Police Department, are announced via the City Websites, local TV and radio stations, and the Nixle alert system. If you’d like to be included on the Nixle system, you can visit Nixle.com and sign up, or text our zip code (48135) to 888777. Locations near schools and near the hospital are given top priority. The County of Wayne is responsible for snow removal on main roads of Ford, Inkster, Middelbelt, Merriman, Venoy, Cherry Hill, and Warren.

Water Main Breaks
When a water main break is discovered, a DPS crew is dispatched and repairs are made as quickly and safely as possible. Crews are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for these issues. Some of these situations will require the road, driveway approach, or sidewalk be removed. In these cases, these areas are placed on a site repair list for dirt/seed or road panels, and when weather permits, the sites are
repaired. Should you experience rusty water as a result of a water main break, run the COLD water in the lowest level of your home (first floor or basement) until it runs clear. If not, please call DPS at (734) 793-1800.

**Street Signs/Stops & Yield signs**
DPS is responsible to remove and replace all street signs that are faded or missing. Report these to the DPS at (734) 793-1800.

**Plugged Sewers or Water in Basement**
When an occasion arises that a homeowner has a sewer back up, please call DPS at (734) 793-1800 or after hours call the non-emergency Police Dept. number at (734) 793-1700 BEFORE you call a plumber. It may be a City issue that can be handled without the expense of calling in a plumber. Once DPS has confirmed the main City sewer is functioning, then consulting a plumber is suggested.

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**Get On the Garden City Emergency Contact List**

Text Our Zip Code (48135) to: 888777

Be notified about Garden City emergencies, road closures, snow emergencies, City affiliated community events, etc…
### How to Open a Garden City Business In 7 Steps

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<td>A site visit will be performed to identify any site maintenance or other code violations. Once zoning is approved, the applicant will be notified and a list of violations will be provided. These violations will need to be addressed before you receive a Certificate of Occupancy.</td>
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<td>Verify with Building Department if any permits will be required for proposed changes to the interior or exterior of the building, the parking lot, or construction of any new structure or building.</td>
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**GARDEN CITY BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

The Garden City Business Alliance is a resource for the citizens, business owners, and community of Garden City. The organization’s objective is to create an extended support network for fellow business owners, offer an improved shopping experience for the customers, and work with the city to make Garden City a better place to live.
CODE COMPLIANCE ISSUES FOR GARDEN CITY BUSINESSES

LIGHTING AND SIGNS

- Lighting must be shielded to direct light onto its business and away from other properties. *Ord. #154.030(A)*
- All light bulbs must be maintained and kept in complete working order. *Ord. #154.030(F)(2)*
- String and rope lighting may not be placed around a building’s architectural features, tube lighting may be allowed but only by permit. *Ord. #154.030(F)(3)*
- Lighting may not cause glare and cannot be hazardous to traffic safety. *Ord. #154.030*
- Tube and rope lighting is not allowed in or around widows, unless it is part of a sign that conforms to current sign regulations. *Ord. #154.030(G)*
- Temporary string lights (e.g. holiday lights) are not permitted more than 90 days in a calendar year. *Ord. #154.030(H)*
- Signs may not be placed on public right-of-ways (easements), poles, trees, or fences. *Ord. #154.604*
- Window signs may not take up more than 25% of the surface area of front facing windows. *Ord. #154.605(K)*

VEHICLES

- You may not use your parking lot to sell, repair, or store vehicles. *Ord. #154.066(F)*
- Inoperable, wrecked, or partially dismantled vehicles may not be stored or parked outside for more than 48 hours. Further, any inoperable, wrecked, or partially dismantled vehicles that are stored outside, for less than 48 hours, must be kept in a rear yard within a masonry screening wall. *Ord. #154.137(H)*

BUSINESS LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

- You must have a business license before engaging in any act that constitutes doing business. *Ord. #110.012*
- You must obtain a certificate of occupancy prior to occupying or re-occupying any land, building, or structure in Garden City. *Ord. #154.466*
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- Grass must be kept below a height of seven (7) inches, and any accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush on the property must be removed. *Ord. #92.15*
- Dumpsters:
  - Must be screened from view from adjoining properties and streets
  - Must be located in a side or rear yard, ten feet from any building
  - May not encroach on a required parking area
  - Must be placed on a concrete pad
  - Have their location and screening method approved by the Planning Commission
    *Ord. #154.032*
- You must maintain your parking lot(s) and building(s).
  - Parking lots:
    - Must have properly marked parking spaces, including physically handicapped parking
    - Must be free of trip hazards, weeds, and loose debris
  - Buildings:
    - Must be free from chipping paint and loose siding
    - Must have a well maintained roof (no loose shingles)
      *Ord. #151.001*
- You must clear snow from your property’s walkways.
  *Ord. #94.048*
- Sidewalks must be kept free from trip hazards, including those caused by debris or heaved concrete cracks and joints.
  *Ord. #94.039*
GARDEN CITY VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Review
The Board of Review consists of six appointed members, serving three year terms. The Board meets as needed.

Civil Service Commission
The Civil Service Commission consists of one appointed member and two elected members, serving six year terms. The Commission meets as needed.

Commission on Aging
The Commission on Aging consists of nine appointed members, serving three year terms. The Commission on Aging meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

DDA Board of Trustees
The DDA Board of Trustees consists of the Mayor as the CEO, and ten appointed members, serving four year terms. The DDA Board of Trustees meets the third Tuesday of each month.

Historical Commission
The Historical Commission consists of seven appointed members, serving three year terms. The Commission meets as needed.

Library Board
The Garden City Public Library is governed by a six-member, elected Library Board. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Planning Commission
The Planning Commission consists of nine appointed members, serving three year terms. The Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month.

Recreation Commission
The Recreation Commission consists of nine appointed members, serving three year terms. The Recreation Commission meets the last Tuesday of each month.
Zoning Board of Appeals
The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of seven appointed members, serving three year terms. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed.

To learn more about each Board and Commission, as well as view the current volunteer member list, please visit the Garden City “Elected Officials and Boards & Commissions” webpage at www.gardencitymi.org/boards

STRAIGHT FARMHOUSE AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

6221 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI
(734) 838-0650

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The History of Garden City

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GARDEN CITY EVENTS

Auto’s for Autism
Bacon Run
Chili Cook-off
Community Shred Day
Cop on a Block
Easter Eggs-Travaganza
Feeding Needy Families
Flea Circus
Hockey For Heroes
Kiwanis Kids Day in the Park
Kiwanis Great Pig Race
Lucky Squirrel
Memorial Day Services
Music in the Park
Open House (Police & Fire)
Santaland Parade
Santa Mailbox
Santa Ride
Summer Camp
Summer Reading Programs
Tree Lighting
Trunk or Treat
Veteran’s Day Services

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It’s never too early to start planning your spring cleaning!

Pressure wash your house, roof, driveway, and sidewalk to remove algae.

Edging your sidewalk makes your property look sharp.

Looking for curb appeal? Clean-out and replace your landscaping around your house.

Be the envy of your neighborhood — Make 2019 the year your house and yard look spectacular!!