

# HUDSONVILLE HOMETOWN NEWS



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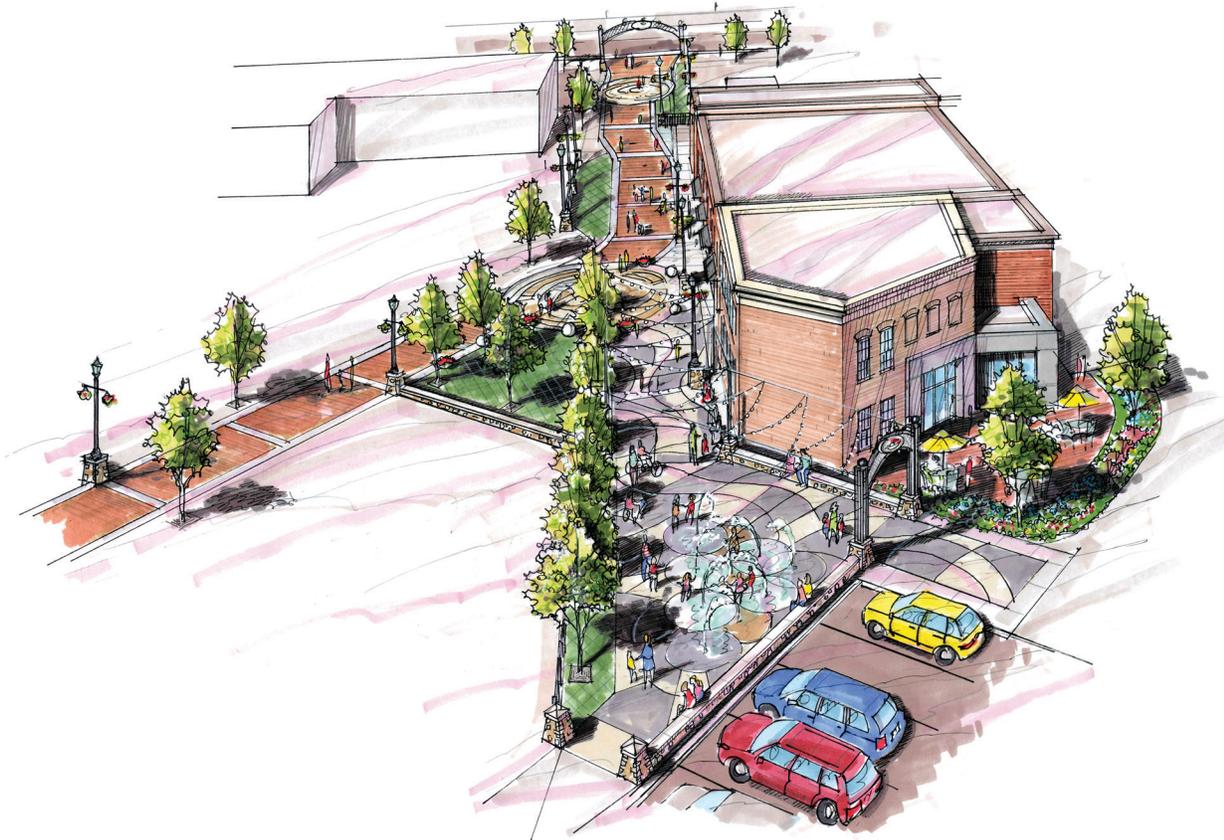
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## WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A WOONERF?

A woonerf (pronounced “voo-nerf”) is a living street in which devices for reducing or slowing the flow of traffic have been installed. While this street concept is relatively new in North America, woonerfs have been around for decades in Europe, most specifically the Netherlands where the personal automobile is not always the preferred mode of transportation.

A walkable woonerf is coming to Hudsonville this summer with the Harvey Street conversion and extension project, a component of the Imagine Hudsonville 2030 plan. The first phase of this project is nearing completion between Plaza and School Avenues, with a connection to the recently completed Terra Square complex. Woonerfs are designed in such a way that the movement of pedestrians is prioritized over that of vehicles. They are specifically intended to encourage drivers to proceed with caution, which creates a more pleasant environment for walking, biking, shopping, and congregating.

Creating a safer street is accomplished through a variety of design factors. First, the street must be narrow and have some bends and obstacles in it so that drivers do not feel comfortable driving faster than 5 to 10 mph. The Harvey Street woonerf will be only 20' wide and will feature bends, decorative light pedestals, planters and other such design elements intended to slow traffic. Second, the roadway should incorporate unique building materials so



that it differs from other typical asphalt streets. Harvey Street will be constructed using patterned concrete and decorative permeable pavers, which as a bonus will also improve storm water drainage. Also, woonerfs do not typically feature raised curbing so that the traditional division between vehicle and pedestrian areas is blurred. Finally, there should be public amenities along a woonerf which make the space inviting to people. The Harvey Street woonerf will include a small pocket park for outdoor activities, public art components, areas for food trucks, plenty of seating areas, decorative lighting, and even a water feature that doubles as a splash pad for the kids!

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## WOONERF CONTINUED



From a safety perspective, the idea of a shared street that encourages intermingling between people and vehicles may not seem very practical. However there are numerous examples where streets have been converted to the woonerf design which resulted in sharp decreases in vehicle/pedestrian accidents. And as noted earlier, this design concept has been implemented successfully in Europe for years.

We are happy to share that Hudsonville’s new woonerf is already sparking interest by developers looking to locate on this unique public space. Later this summer a new multi-story commercial building will be constructed along Harvey Street that will offer retail shops, office space, a Mexican restaurant, outdoor seating, and possibly even some residential units. The new building will compliment Terra Square and further the vision of the city’s master plan

When fully completed in 2018, the Harvey Street woonerf will in many ways serve as Hudsonville’s new “Main Street”, connecting Family Fare to Terra Square. It will not only be a center of commerce for our downtown businesses, but also an enjoyable place to come simply together as a community.

## TERRA SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

On Wednesdays and Saturdays from June to September, Terra Square is offering its seasonal Farmers Market with a wide variety of vendors and products.

Gather with friends and families from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. Smell the sweet aroma of warm kettle corn, bite into a juicy strawberry, and enjoy cup of coffee with friends. Mingle in the courtyard or enjoy our public tours for your future event reservation. Find the schedule for kid’s activities, live music, and family programming at [www.terrasquare.com](http://www.terrasquare.com).



## MEET THE NEW MARKET ASSISTANTS!

Welcoming our newest team members to Terra Square, Emily Walters and Ben Netz. Meet them at the market either Wednesday or Saturday mornings.



**BEN NETZ**

Ben’s hobbies include permaculture and backyard gardening, spending time with family and friends, tinkering, building, inventing, and creating businesses. He’s a visionary entrepreneur and loves to give back to his community. Ben’s been a great asset to the team.



**EMILY WALTERS**

Emily is currently a junior at GVSU. She enjoys hiking, boating, beaching, visiting different markets and small towns in Michigan, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. You will quickly love her passion for health and her desire to enhance community relations through events. Thank you for your assistance Emily!

## HEALTHY HOUSEHOLD HABITS FOR CLEAN WATER

### VEHICLE AND GARAGE

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations.

### LAWN AND GARDEN

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't over-water your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

### HOME REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

## RECORD UPDATE

The Department of Public Works is updating resident files. We are requesting you provide current contact information in case of an emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

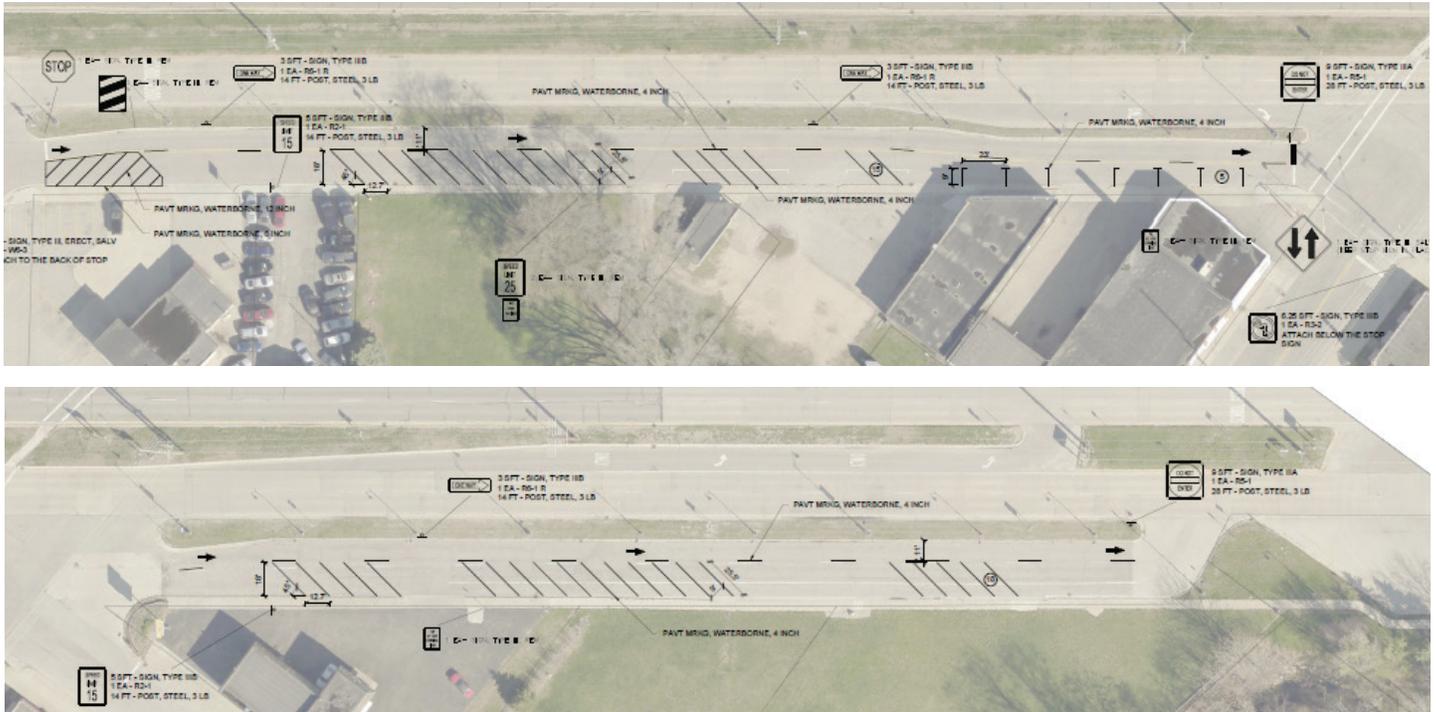
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this to 3275 Central Blvd, or email the information to [JFrielink@hudsonville.org](mailto:JFrielink@hudsonville.org)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in our file update.

## RECONFIGURATION OF SERVICE ROAD

With the recent opening of Terra Square and forthcoming private developments nearby, the city has identified a need for additional public parking in our downtown. As such, the city will soon be converting the two easternmost blocks of Service Rd. to a one-way (east) configuration, with new on-street angled and parallel parking (see graphic below). The one-way conversion, which will occur later this summer, is limited to the two sections of Service Rd. east of Plaza Ave. At the request of the business owners, the section of Service Rd. west of Plaza Ave. will remain open to two way traffic, since parking in front of most of these businesses already exists.



The one-way reconfiguration and pavement markings is just the first phase of improvements slated for this road. The city has plans to further enhance and beautify all of Service Rd. by installing decorative lighting and landscaping, dedicated sidewalks, and curbing to better define the area. The focus is to enhance aesthetics and to improve pedestrian safety. Perhaps the most significant improvement will be the construction of a new modified round-a-bout at the intersection of Service Rd. and School Ave. Anyone who has driven through this expansive intersection knows it is both confusing to drivers and dangerous for pedestrians.

It may take some time for everyone to become familiar with the new one-way configuration so please be cautious when driving on Service Rd this summer.

## SAFETY NIGHT



Learn what it's like to be a fire fighter or Sheriff's deputy on Tuesday, August 29 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Hughes Park hosts the City of Hudsonville's annual Safety Night. This event is free and open to the public. Bring the family to watch as the Aero Med helicopter lands!

Grab a complimentary hotdog and ice cream cup as you watch demonstrations, see the vehicles, ride the mounted patrol horses, donate at the blood drive, and participate in safety simulations. For more information visit [www.hudsonville.org](http://www.hudsonville.org).



## SUMMER TAXES

The 2017 Summer Tax bills have been mailed. The taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2017. Property owners should review the bill for accuracy and notify the City of Hudsonville in the event corrections need to be made. The bills contain millage rates, taxes due, and is full of a lot of other related information. For example, Public Act 843 of 2012 requires adding the statement “all or part of your prior year taxes were returned delinquent.....” if that situation is applicable. Also, the notice regarding the availability of “Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes” serves as a reminder that qualifying property owners who want to defer their taxes must file an application to do so. In addition, the school non-home tax line containing “exempt” indicates the residential property is the owner’s primary residence and qualifies for exemption from 18 mills of school operating taxes. If there is a value on this line the property does not have a Primary Residence Exemption in place.

The summer bill may also include the winter taxes if the taxable value of the property is \$64,410 or less. All of the winter taxes collected by the City belong to Ottawa County and include E-911, Parks & Recreation, Road Repairs and Community Mental Health for a total of 1.5525 mills. Under Public Act 185 of 2012, those taxes can be shifted to the summer bill if they total less than \$100.

Just as you are spending more time outdoors this summer, so is the Assessing Department! Tony Rewers, Assessing Assistant, and our summer intern, Zach Van Dyke, will be out conducting a field study on select properties throughout the City. These properties will be measured, sketched, and photographed. Tony will also contact you personally to evaluate the interior components of your property. This study is done in order to maintain equitable assessments throughout the city and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Because our goal is that each assessment reflects the current market value of each property, it is essential that we obtain accurate information. If your home is to be revaluated, you will be receiving a letter from our department before the visit. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Rewers at 669-0200 x 1443 or Jan Sal Syswerda, at extension 1413.

## SPECIAL YOGA CLASS



On Monday, August 21st there will be a solar eclipse in the afternoon. The Gary Byker Memorial Library of Hudsonville has lots of events planned around this unusual astronomical event, but that day it will start out early at 10:15 am with a special Solar Eclipse Yoga Class at Terra Square with Yoga Instructor Denise Mollenauer.

The special drop-in cost is \$5 and there is no need to register – just wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat! Denise will be focusing on the yoga poses called Sun and Moon Salutations to honor the special occasion! So, come join us for a complete body workout and to start your eclipse day off right!



## FEATURED AT THE LIBRARY

**Digital Classes:** Learn how to use your eReader to download eBooks, digital magazines and eAudio books! Registration required. Classes include Digital Magazines on July 13 at 7 p.m. as well as eReaders on July 17 at 11:30 a.m. and July 20 at 2 p.m.

**Friends of the Library Present:** a free monthly program series from 12-1 p.m., will feature:

- September 14 – Fall container gardening ideas
- October 12 – Assistance Dogs

**Used Book Sale:** July 27-29. Find your next great read at our sale featuring over hundreds of gently used books, dvds, and more!

**Solar Eclipse Drop In Party for kids and teens.** Monday, August 21 from 1-3 p.m. Come learn about solar science, make sun crafts, and have solar snacks. Learn about safely viewing the eclipse at around 2:22 p.m.

**Family Movie Saturdays** Every week starting Saturday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Maker Mondays** continue for tweens and teens, ages 9 and up with “Sushi Candy Making” on September 11 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Fall Story Times:** For 18 months to 6 years starting September 18. Sign up starting September 4.

**Snacks in the Stacks:** a book club for kids in 3rd-5th grades begins September 7 at 4:30 p.m. Come and talk about a book you have read and enjoyed.



## FITNESS PROGRAMS

**Free Zumba** - Mondays August 21 and 28 from 7-8 p.m. Note: Donations will be accepted and all proceeds will go to the library.

**Fall Zumba Classes** - Mondays 7-8 p.m. at the library. Eight week session from September 11 - October 30. The class is \$40 for the session or \$5 drop in.

**Fall Tai Chi** - Call Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital to register at (616) 748-2834. Classes held at the library. Begins September 12.



## CRAFT PROGRAMS

**Cement Firebowl Class** - August 31, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Join us at the library to make a cement container good for using as a planter or firebowl. \$10. Registration required.

**Basket Weaving Classes**

- July: Tote Bag with Straps. \$24
- August: Organizer Basket. \$20
- September: Cabin Boy. \$20.



## VOTE FOR TERRA SQUARE!

Hudsonville's Terra Square is in the running for Michigan Municipal League's 2017 Community Excellence Award! Please take a moment to vote at [www.cea.mml.org](http://www.cea.mml.org).

You can vote up to once per day through July 30! Let's take home the trophy!



## RECREATIONAL FIRES

Just a reminder that only recreational fires are allowed in the city. This means you must have some type of fire pit made of stone, cement, block, or an old truck wheel in the ground. This fire must be attended at all times, no burning of trash, leaves, or garbage, and extinguished properly when finished. No other burning is permitted.

## BROADBAND SURVEY

Ottawa County and its Broadband Committee are interested in how you use and connect with the internet. Help support their efforts in understanding and supporting broadband access across the County by participating in the Ottawa County Broadband Survey.

The surveys are available at <http://connectmycommunity.org/ottawa-county>. Don't have internet access? Print surveys are available. Contact the Ottawa County Planning and Performance Improvement Department with any questions or concerns at (616) 738-4852 or via email at [plan@miottawa.org](mailto:plan@miottawa.org).



## ARTISAN MARKETS

Terra Square is hosting Artisan Markets from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday July 15 and August 19, as well as 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on November 11, shop antique furniture, wall décor, homemade bath products, creative baked goods, paintings, and more.

If you are interested in becoming an Artisan Vendor contact Lindsey Carlon at [lcarlon@hudsonville.org](mailto:lcarlon@hudsonville.org).



## URBAN HAYDAY

Save the date for the 6th annual fall festival, Urban Hay Day, on Saturday, October 21 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in downtown Hudsonville. Bring the family for numerous orchard activity favorites, thanks to event sponsor Todd Wenzel! Watch your pumpkin racer fly down the track, or leave the pumpkin mess at the pumpkin carving station.

Food trucks will line the streets, live music will boom through downtown, and the aroma of donuts and coffee will fill the air. Find out more at [www.urbanhayday.com](http://www.urbanhayday.com).



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