

The Friends of District 3 March 2018
Monthly Newsletter
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Last Month's recipe went over so well, I decided to try another one this month.

Hamburger Soup.

Ingredients:

1 lb lean ground beef
1 onion, diced
Two cloves garlic, minced
2 medium potatoes peeled and diced
3 ½ cups beef broth
1 can (28 oz) diced tomatoes with juice
1 can condensed tomato soup
2 tsps Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp Italian seasoning
1 Bay leaf
Salt & pepper to taste
3 cups mixed vegetables of your choice either frozen or fresh.

Directions:

- 1. Brown Onion, ground beef and garlic until no pink remains. Drain any fat.**
- 2. Add potatoes, broth, tomatoes, tomato soup, Worcestershire sauce, seasoning and bay leaves. Simmer covered 10 minutes.**
- 3. Stir in vegetables. Simmer 15-20 minutes or until potatoes are tender.**

This will feed 8 and is 236 calories.

Bon Apatite'

It seems each month I post this ordinance, however that's because it is continually an issue. The NO parking signs that have been removed by residents' are soon to be replaced.

Article IV section 114-56

(a) (4) prohibits anyone parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, measured from either side of the hydrant.

(1) on a sidewalk

Both of these are ongoing safety matters.

The same ordinance prohibits

(2) In front of a public or private driveway

Ordinance Article IV 117-40

(1) Prohibits people from parking on the front lawn the first 25 feet, from lot line to lot line, yet that is ignored as well, therefore pictures will be taken, and submitted to code enforcement to address.

With the exception of (e) during a snow emergency, Declared by the City, parking is permitted on the front lawn - only during the City Declared snow emergency.

The Friends of District 3 do meet regularly on the 2nd Thursday of the Month, at Jalapenos Restaurant Located at 806 Baldwin. Our meetings start at 6:30. Non-alcoholic drinks are at no cost to you, if you care to order anything else on your dime, you are welcome to do so. This month's guests are 1). JHG the Developer of the new Housing projects at 111 Oneida and the upcoming development at 94 Dwight. 2). Joseph Munem the Government Affairs spokesperson for GFL Environmental Services to give us an update on what is happening, and why it has taken so long for GFL to open the transfer station which started 5 years ago.

Residents of District 3 please remember trash day is on Wednesday. City Ordinance states the trash bins shall not be, placed on the curb, before 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night, and will be returned to the back of your house on Wednesday evening. I rode the district on Thursday, February 23 and noticed this is not what is happening.

Storage of items outside, including debris, junk and wood fall under categories of the International Property Maintenance Code that the city uses. 302.1 addresses sanitation of all exterior property and premises. Not only does it look cluttered and dangerous, it does provides shelter for rodents.

Bulk Items are picked up every other Wednesday not every Wednesday, those days are: March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2, 16 & 30, June 11 & 27, July 11& 25, August 8 & 27, Sept 5 & 19, October 3,17 & 31, November 14 & 28 and December 12 & 27 (due to the Christmas Holiday).

Please let's all do our part and help our City to grow and continue to be a place where we want to live, work and play.

I have had a resident on the East side of Baldwin, North of Montcalm, complaint to the external council email, that I am not doing my part in code enforcement, which is not councils' Job. As I have encouraged all to do, call complaints into building and safety at 248-758-2800 X 0, which is better, as you know what your complaint is. After some thought, I decided instead of waiting until the usual warm weather, I'll contact our code enforcement officer to issue violations. If he's to overwhelmed, with what they have going on, I'll post pictures to the social media hopefully encouraging some to clean their yards, so I don't do it again, before he gets to it & be done with it.

The PONTIAC OPTMIST CLUB IS HAVING A CHILI COOK OFF
SATURDAY March 3, 2018
11:00 – 2:00 at Pontiac's VFW Post 1370
@ 800 CESAR CHAVEZ
10:00 PER PERSON.
(Proceeds Benefit the Youth Programs of the Optimist Club)

THE OPTMIST CLUB HAS ALSO CHANGED THEIR MEETING LOCATION
TO BUCKNERS DESSERT CAFÉ
@ 19 N. Saginaw
Pontiac, Mi
Meetings are @ 8:00 a.m. the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.