



What We've Accomplished

The Parchment Town Hall Group's 1st Year

(July 2017 - July 2018)

We've had a busy and productive and exciting year, as you can see from the following list of achievements. Our motto is "We find and we fix!" Our purpose is to bring Parchment residents and resources together to solve problems in a positive, cooperative, and timely way.

The Parchment Town Hall Group meets at the Parchment Community Library the third Thursday each month, at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Community Survey

The Town Hall Group started by conducting a city-wide survey in August 2016 to ask residents "What are your top three things to make Parchment a great place to live?" The survey garnered many, many great ideas! Some of those ideas (like a city garage sale, more community events, and improved policing) have been achieved. We return to the survey often to choose our next projects.

The survey results, along with the Town Hall Group meeting minutes and details of our current and past projects, can be found on our website at tinyurl.com/parhall.

Community engagement

- Party for the Park
- City-Wide Garage Sale
- Neighborhood Watch
- Thank neighbors for their help (through the city newsletter)
- Public Media Network coverage of Town Hall meeting
- Public Media Network coverage of Party for the Park
- Public Media Network film: Parchment's Kindleberger Park: 85 Years of History

Government

- Visits to neighboring city managers > binder of ideas to Parchment City Commissioners
- Meet the Candidates Forum
- Response time and relationship with Kalamazoo Township Public Safety improved

Speeders are receiving more tickets

Improved City website, Facebook page, and newsletter

Traffic signal analysis by KATS is scheduled for October 2018.

Bellisle building downtown assessed for hazardous materials at no charge by MDEQ

Members attended the Redevelopment Ready Communities event in April 2018.

Speed Calming committee formed to develop strategies for slowing traffic in town.

Beautification

Sunken garden refurbished (Master Gardeners, Garden Club, PHS soccer team, local volunteers and businesses)

Kindleberger Park Fall Clean-Up

Trash pickup along Commerce Lane, Riverview & Mosel

New benches in park and along Riverview

Sidewalk repaired downtown

Flower urns downtown

Flowers at entrance sign

Hosta rings around trees along river walk

Debris removed from trestle bridge by Public Works

Businesses

Oh Scrap

Parchment Poodle

Urban Alliance Technical Center

Drug & Lab (Hercules Building)

Amazing Grace Lifesaving Ministries (PNC Bank building)

Marathon Gas Station (reopening soon)

Found and fixed: Fire hydrant fixed, more trash cans downtown and along river walk, weeds on Parchmount removed, street lights repaired, traffic light at Park & Bellisle improved, bus shelters added, potholes patches, gazebo re-stained

Ideas from our meetings that we are still working on:

Create volunteer group to help residents with snow removal, yard work, etc.

Set up a Parchment Community Foundation

Better ordinances, esp. to help public safety to be more effective

Create an organization to find and bring in new businesses

Bring back the sidewalk plow

Brewpub

Improve visibility of crosswalk at Orient and Parchmount

Stop speeding on Riverview at Middle School crosswalk