



# Here's What's Happening Community Updates

JULY 2022

### Village Offices:

121 W. St. Clair, Romeo, MI 48065  
586-752-3565  
Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30

[www.villageofromeo.org](http://www.villageofromeo.org)

### Municipal Meeting Location:

361 Morton Street  
Parks and Recreation Center  
South Meeting Room

Board of Trustees meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM  
*(except January & February which are held on the 3rd Tuesday due to government holiday observances)*

Meetings are live-streamed on facebook by the MittTV or you can watch them online @ Vimeo or [www.TheMittTV.com](http://www.TheMittTV.com)

- ✓ **TEAMWORK**
- ✓ **TRANSPARENCY**
- ✓ **POSITIVE CHANGE**
- ✓ **COLLABORATION**



**A message from the office of Village Clerk and Cemetery Sexton Kathryn Trapp,**

I wanted to send out a special Thank You to the Village of Romeo Cemetery Board and Cemetery maintenance staff for their hard work and dedication to the Romeo Cemetery.

This year's Memorial Day parade and ceremony was another great success with a large community presence in attendance. The Cemetery Board placed flags on all the veteran's graves, dating all the back to the Revolutionary

War!! If any resident has any questions about the cemetery or would like to volunteer at the cemetery, please contact Clerk Kathryn Trapp at (586)752-3565, ext. 2.



**A message from the office of Village President Christine Malzahn,**

What a great year it has been for the Village of Romeo. We have been able to implement so many amazing and much needed projects that residents have been asking about for many years. As your Village President my goal will always be to preserve our historic feel, enhance our valuable resources, infrastructure and beautification for our lifelong residents and all the new families who have moved into our village. Together we will continue to create long-lasting memories".

I am excited to update you on these **SAFETY, PRESERVATION & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS:**

Nothing is more important than our children and their safety which is why I worked with Bruce Twp and RCS to approve and appoint Romeo PD Officer Bauer as the new **RMS Resource Officer**. He has officially started those duties and was able to interact with the students during the last few weeks of this school year. He is already looking forward joining them next school year.

Construction of the **Pedestrian Crosswalk** project in downtown has officially begun. Romeo received an additional \$363,000 (\$503,000 total) in grant monies from SEMCOG to pay for the higher than expected construction costs. My office is so proud to be a part of this project which is so important for our vulnerable elderly and disabled citizens using wheelchairs or with visual disabilities and not to mention the many parents using strollers. Work is projected to be finished by Labor Day.

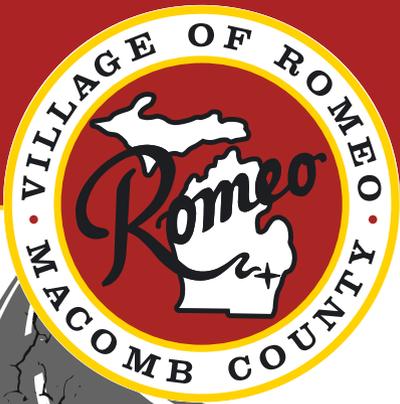
The bid package is being prepared for a **NEW Lighted Sidewalk** along 32 mile (across from the cemetery) providing a safe walking route to that

campus. This will help our children and walkers have a safer route to school. We hope to have this completed before the beginning of the Fall school year.

Our **Village Park** needs TLC. Many of you have mentioned how much you love our park but expressed a great need for it to be preserved and revamped. You got your wish and we think you will love the beautiful additions including a bottle refill station, amphitheater with sound system, and easier access for folks with mobility issues. With collaboration and hard work from Ruth Heidebreicht and the Friends of the Village Park Board we are thrilled to tell you the designs and plans for the park have been finalized and are being submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. Our goal is to start this project this upcoming Fall.

For many years Romeo residents have noticed our roads deteriorating and its only getting worse and something that can no longer be avoided. My office has been actively discussing **Street Improvements** with the residents and the Board of Trustees with the majority wanting something to be done. We understand this is a huge cost to our taxpayers, but we also understand the important of preserving our beautiful historic community, keeping our property values high for people who want to move here and for our any visitors to want to come shop and dine. Please see the reverse side of this mailer for important meeting information on our street improvements plan.

My goal is to always serve you and our beautiful community. When important issues come arise, please know I will always make time for you to discuss your concerns. Our office strives to achieve complete transparency and will always do our very best to assist you.



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# Road Proposal Update

Romeo residents & business owners let's discuss together how to fix our

## ! ROADS !

We revealed our plan at the March 30th Meeting...  
now it's time for the next step!

**Please join us**

**Monday July 18th @ 7:00PM**

as we continue to talk about street improvements!

We can't forget about all the great events that have been taking place in our Village. Romeo sure likes to have fun. Our office has had a blast collaborating with DDA Executive Director Elizabeth Miller and student intern Madison Rosch. With new events like Winter Fest and Arbor Fest we are now looking forward to our first ever Vintage Fest. And did you see all the gorgeous planters and landscape throughout the village streets, street flags up, and the alley way enhancements with seating, lights and planters.

With these efforts we are seeing our businesses succeed, friendships and partnerships form and Romeo becoming an even more desired place to work, live and visit. As the DDA logo says "Small Town Big Heart"

We look forward to so many more great events coming our way. So wonderful to see the collaboration and teamwork and watch our downtown businesses benefit from the efforts. Great job DDA!!!

Now here is a special message from our Romeo DDA.



Please join us at our  
**Bi-Annual Info Meeting**  
**July 11th @ 6:00pm**  
361 Morton Street -  
South Meeting Room



### Street Improvements Bond Proposal

Shall the Village of Romeo, County of Macomb, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds, payable in not to exceed fifteen (15) years, to pay the cost of acquiring and constructing street improvements in the Village, including curb, gutter, drainage and related improvements? If approved, the estimated millage to be levied in 2023 is \_\_\_\_ mills (\$ \_\_\_\_ per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is \_\_\_\_ mills (\$ \_\_\_\_ per \$1,000 of taxable value).

YES

NO

Given the level of improvements needed, the optimal strategy would be an initial large investment via a \$4 million bond, coupled with an additional street levy of 2.0 mills, and the use of about \$1 million of current fund balance to boost immediate investment in streets.

This strategy provides the initial infusion of cash needed to make noticeable improvements in a two-year period, and it establishes a long-term funding source that is forecasted to achieve the \$11 million target identified by the Village engineers. In summary, if following this strategy, the Village would:

- Seek voter approval of a 15-year debt millage to fund a \$4 million capital improvement bond. The estimated annual debt service on this bond, assuming 3.5% interest, would be about \$347,300
- Use about \$1 million of current fund balance to kick-start the initial phase of the long-term project, including engineering studies, capital planning and pre-funding some improvements before bond proceeds and tax revenues are received.