

Push to Regain Access to Caledonia Sewage Ponds
From Caleb Putnam:

Vanessa Birman just alerted me to a meeting, which will take place on **Monday, September 9th at 7 PM** in Caledonia at which birders will be able to speak to the village council to request permission to bird the Caledonia Sewage Ponds, which have been off limits now for many weeks. If you can attend please do, as I don't think the management understands what a large group of people we are, and what we stand to offer to them (community engagement, extra sets of eyes for vandals, quality wildlife habitat for arctic nesting shorebirds, birders from across Michigan, etc). Here are the specifics - please pencil this on your calendar!

Caledonia Village Council Meeting
Monday, Sept 9 at 7PM
Caledonia Village Hall
250 S. Maple Street
Caledonia, MI 49316

From Todd Grinage, Caledonia Village President: "Council members will be present, and anyone else that wants to attend, as it a monthly meeting. Brief public comments are limited to the beginning of the meeting and again at the end of the meeting. My suggestion is to have some write letters expressing the issue and drop off or mail to the office soon, as well as attending the meeting."

If you choose to send a letter, the proper mailing address is:

Attention: President, Council, and Village Manager
Village of Caledonia
250 S. Maple St.
Caledonia, MI 49316

Letters should be most effective if received by the council prior to Sept 9. Thanks to all who can help, including the many of you who have already committed to either attending or writing your own letter. Letters should be personal in nature and convey the importance of this site to you personally, and to the birding community at large.

Please get in touch with me at caleb.putnam@gmail.com if you plan to participate, either with a letter or coming in person. With a little luck I think we should be able to get access back. Fingers crossed and hope to see many of you there. Thanks Vanessa, for the heads up!