

# 2018 Spring Newsletter



## OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**8:00AM - 4:30PM**

For times we are closed,  
there is a drop box located in  
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## QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

<u>City Hall</u>	724-2135
	Fax 724-1861

<u>Police</u>	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	724-2345
After 4:30pm	667-0292

<u>Construction Code</u>	
Imlay City Office	724-8081
Lapeer Office	667-0420

<u>Chamber of Commerce</u>	724-1361
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<u>Event Coordinator</u>	810-542-3256
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<u>Pool</u>	724-7665
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<u>Post Office</u>	724-7545
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<u>Fairgrounds</u>	724-4145
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<u>Senior Center</u>	
Imlay City office	724-6030
Lapeer Office	245-5866

Ruth Hughes Library	724-8043
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## FROM THE DESK OF TOM YOUATT, CITY MANAGER

After a cold and snowy winter we are looking forward to spring and the sun and warmer temperatures it will bring! It also will bring to the City the beginning of several projects that will make our City better!

One of the most visible projects we have scheduled for this summer is the M-53 Gateway project. This project includes the development of a 400 foot long boulevard in the center turn lane just north of the bridge on I-69. The boulevard will be lined with bricks and will have perennial plantings of flowers and grasses in the middle. A large metal sign with a brick base will welcome visitors to Imlay City. Decorative street lighting will be placed on both sides of M-53 from Newark Road south to the new boulevard. We hope this boulevard will slow traffic down and give visitors a great first impression of Imlay City.

We have another road resurfacing project scheduled for this summer as well. We will be milling and resurfacing East Capac Road (Old M-21) from M-53 east to the City limits. This will take care of the road in between the two recent paving projects on this road that were completed last Fall.

Finally, the City is in the planning stages for construction of a much needed new Fire Hall. The current old facility no longer meets our needs so the City is looking to build a new, modern Fire Hall. The City is looking to purchase the DNR property on Borland Road near M-53 which is an ideal location for the Fire Hall. The City is in the process of completing the purchase of the property and will be hiring H2A, an architectural firm, to design and manage construction of the project. If all goes well, the City anticipates breaking ground on construction sometime in August.

The City looks forward to another great Spring season and all the great weather it brings!



## **FROM THE DESK OF DANA WALKER, DDA DIRECTOR**



The Downtown Development Authority is busy gearing up for its summer events. The Farmers' Market will open Thursday, May 17. The Market will be open 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Third Street every Thursday through October 18. The annual DDA parade will be held on Saturday, June 16 during the Chamber of Commerce's Busker Festival. The parade will leave the Fairgrounds at 5:00 p.m. We welcome community members, organizations, and businesses to join in on the fun. Applications to become a vendor at the Farmers' Market and to participate in the parade are available at the City office or online at [www.icdda.com](http://www.icdda.com).

Once again the DDA is sponsoring the Summer Concert Series. The evening performances begin Tuesday, June 19, in Lamb Steele Park. A complete schedule will soon be available.

As always, the DDA encourages you to support our local businesses who are here no matter the season. Keep thinking warm thoughts- Spring is around the corner!

## **FROM THE DESK OF SHANNON HAMEL, CHAMBER EVENT COORDINATOR**

The Annual Festival Auction is only a few days away! Join us Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Castle Creek Golf Course for our largest fundraiser of the year. Live and silent auction items will be available along with chances to win door prizes and raffle items. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with a cash bar and light snacks available for purchase. It's a night you won't want to miss!

As the Michigan Busker Festival nears, the Chamber of Commerce is working hard to give Imlay City business owners and residents a Festival of which they will be proud. The Michigan Busker Festival will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in downtown Imlay City. There will be four stages featuring eight professional Buskers totaling 60 performances, roaming buskers, and a nighttime performance featuring a fire show by "Ohio Burn Unit". Bring the family and enjoy the variety of contests to be held and the kid's area that will feature a video game trailer, bouncers, make and take activities, buskers teaching their craft, and much, much, more. A variety of food trucks, including past vendors and new offerings, will be located throughout the Festival. The Michigan Busker Festival will be packed full of entertainment, fun, food, and new experiences.

For more information regarding the Festival or other Chamber events, please contact Shannon Hamel, Event Coordinator, at (810) 542-3256 or visit [www.michiganbuskerfest.com](http://www.michiganbuskerfest.com).



## **FROM THE DESK OF TERESA GORMLEY, CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



I would like to introduce myself...I am Teresa Gormley and I am your new Executive Director of the Imlay City Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's goal is to promote Imlay City and its surrounding communities. We do so by spending thousands of dollars on promotions every year to attract new customers and protect current ones. In order to bring entrepreneurs and new businesses to Imlay City and our region, we are also actively involved in the economic development of the area. Bringing more businesses to the area helps everyone with job creation, needs for goods and services and home ownership.

There has never been a time we needed each other more -- businesses supporting businesses! The Chamber's networking events allow individuals to share ideas, knowledge and resources while providing an opportunity for businesses to connect and spotlight their attributes.

People in business, by nature, have strong opinions regarding community interests. The Chamber of Commerce, by its nature, involves itself in community betterment projects that are beyond the individual's scope. On this basis, your Chamber merits your support – not because you agree with every position taken or project undertaken, but because a pooling of monies, energies and opinions are most apt to result in positive, productive efforts toward maintenance and improvement in our quality of living.

If you are a current or past member, invoices for dues are on their way. If you have never been a member, I ask that you consider this very important fellowship and investment in our community. My goal is to visit as many area businesses as I can this year so you can get to know me personally and I can help you network, share and grow your business.

I am excited and ready to go to work and would welcome any advice you may want to share with me. I am looking forward to an exciting year working in this capacity because by working together, we can build a more vibrant, interactive and strong local Chamber.



## **FROM THE DESK OF ED PRIEHS, DPW SUPERINTENDENT**



With the arrival of spring comes spring clean-up. The DPW would like to remind residents of a few items that will assist with the clean-up. When raking a yard, please do not rake leaves or yard waste onto the street. Yard waste should be placed in marked yard waste containers or biodegradable bags. The garbage hauler will be picking up yard waste containers and bags on Tuesdays beginning in April to the end of November. The garbage hauler will also pick up bundled branches 1" or less in diameter. Bundles and yard waste containers cannot exceed 40lbs.

Also, beginning in April through the end of November the DPW will be chipping branches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The chipping will begin on the north side of the railroad tracks working to the south. If possible, the entire City will be chipped on Mondays. If the chipping is not completed on Mondays it will continue on Tuesdays. Please do not place brush directly onto the street so it does not cause an obstruction or hazard for drivers. Branches cannot exceed 4" in diameter and brush with roots attached cannot be chipped. The City is not responsible for large amounts of brush from tree trimming, tree removal, or clearing of property. Property owners should contact a tree service for excessive brush removal.



## **FROM THE DESK OF RICK HORTON, FIRE CHIEF**



As with every spring, grass fires are more common, more than any other time of the year. Dead grasses are still standing and the new growth hasn't yet taken over the fields. The ground underneath may be soaked but the grasses and brush on top is dead and dry. As you get out and start cleaning your yards and gardens please be extra careful. As always you must obtain a burning permit before any open burning, permits can be easily obtained through the Imlay City web site ( [www.imlaycity.org](http://www.imlaycity.org) ).

Enjoy the warm weather that's coming, get outside and most of all BE SAFE!!!!!!!!!!!!



## **FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT PIKE, POLICE CHIEF**



As I sit here typing this I'm contemplating the events of this year, School Shootings, 21 Police Officers killed in the line of duty so far (as of February 23, 2018) and 4 Police K-9's killed. It is hard to hear these stories and wonder where our world is going, and should we be living in constant fear. As a 30-year police officer, I'm never surprised by violence but the increasing level and the growing number of victims causes me grave concerns.

What I would like to do is reassure the citizens of Imlay city, that the Imlay City School District and Law Enforcement (countywide) have been very pro-active in this area. While I will not give specific school plans for fear of tipping our hand to a possible attacker. Our schools are very secure and the staff is constantly evaluating and re-evaluating what steps may or should be taken.

Just a few personal safety tips in regards to acts of active violence, school, home, work or your everyday life.

Make a plan, figure out ahead of time, don't wait for something to happen, it's too late then. If possible get formal training.

Be aware of your surrounding (get your head out of your phone and your ear buds out). Constantly be looking for escape routes or hiding place.

If you find yourself in an active violence situation, you only have three choices.

**Run** - If it is safe, flee as far away from the incident as possible (call 911)

**Hide** - If you can't escape look for a place to hide. Preferably someplace you can lock or barricade the entrance. Turn your cell phone to silent (Call 911.)

**Fight** - If the attacker confronts you, you have no choice but to fight. Be creative use anything around you that can be used as a weapon (i.e. fire extinguisher, chairs, tools etc.)

My intent is not to make you more fearful but prepared. Lastly, the benefit of a small community is our familiarity with one another. If you notice someone or something suspicious or different. **SAY SOMETHING**. It is better to report and find no problem, than not too and allow an incident to occur.





**CITY OF IMLAY CITY**

150 N. Main Street  
 Imlay City, MI 48444  
 Phone: 810-724-2135  
 Fax: 810-724-1861

**Assessor**

Friday 8a.m.-12p.m.

**Zoning Administrator**

Tuesday & Thursday  
 3p.m. - 4:30p.m.

**Construction Code**

Wednesday 8a.m-12p.m.

**CITY COMMISSION**

**Mayor:** Walt Bargaen  
**Mayor Pro Tem:** Joi Kempf  
**Commissioner:** Amy Planck  
**Commissioner:** Mike Romine  
**Commissioner:** Robert Tanis  
**Commissioner:** Al Ramirez  
**Commissioner:** Frank Demske  
**City Manager:** Tom Youatt  
**City Clerk/Treasurer:** Lynn Eutsler  
**Police Chief:** Scott Pike  
**Fire Chief:** Rick Horton  
**DPW Superintendent:** Ed Priehs  
**WWTP Superintendent:** Patrick Rankin  
**DDA Director:** Dana Walker  
**City Commission meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.**

**Holiday Trash Removal Schedule 2018-2019**

Week of May 28th delayed by 1 day  
 Week of July 4th on Schedule  
 Week of Sept. 3rd delayed by 1 day  
 Thanksgiving week is on schedule  
 Christmas is delayed by 1 day  
 Week of January 1st delayed by 1 day



**FROM THE DESK OF PATRICK RANKIN,**  
**WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT**



What happens when a wastewater plant receives more water than it is designed for? It occurs when during large rain falls and also when deep snow melts quickly. Sometimes plants just can't handle all the water as reported on the news. It is bad for the environment when such spills happen and operators do all they can to prevent this. Our Imlay City plant has an older ditch that we use as a retention basin. The tank is 486,000 gals so when the big flows come we divert part of the incoming water to that tank and that puts less pressure on our oxidation ditch to safely clean the water. After things get back to normal we slowly drain the saved water back to the head of the plant to be cleaned at a flow rate the plant can handle. Our plant averages 430,000 gals a day so when 1,000,000 gals decide to show up we have our work cut out for us.

**FROM THE DESK OF JEANETTE FARLEY,**  
**POOL DIRECTOR**

The Alvin Norlin Pool of Imlay City will begin the 2018 season on Saturday, May 26, with FREE admission to the 1 to 5 pm Open Swim. The pool will be open weekends only until June 15, after which it will be open every day until Labor Day.

Do you know anyone 15 years old or older who would like to work at our pool as a lifeguard? Lifeguard Training will be conducted at the Alvin Norlin Pool in the first week of June. A qualifying test must be taken between the 26th and the 29th of May. For more information contact Pool



**Attention Residents and Business Owners:**

If you have a water or sewer emergency after normal business hours, please call the after-hours emergency number 810-667-0292.

Also we are updating our files and need your current telephone numbers. Please call or stop in and give our office staff your contact information so we can contact you in case of an emergency.