

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00AM - 4:30PM

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in front of the building

2017 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

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| <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 |
| <u>Pool</u> | 724-7665 |
| <u>Post Office</u> | 724-7545 |
| <u>Fairgrounds</u> | 724-4145 |
| <u>Senior Center</u> | |
| Imlay City Office | 724-6030 |
| Lapeer Office | 245-5866 |
| <u>Ruth Hughes Library</u> | 724-8043 |

FROM THE DESK OF TOM YOUATT, CITY MANAGER

Now that a perfect Memorial Day weekend with excellent weather has come and gone, the official start of Summer is here!

The City continues to make progress on a variety of projects as we move forward into a busy Summer season. MDOT is about to begin a new road diet for the portion of M-53 from 1st Street north to Capac Road (Old M-21). The project will change this part of the M-53 corridor from the current 4 lane configuration to 3 lanes with a center turn lane. MDOT will be re-striping this section of M-53 soon for a 9 month trial basis. If successful, this will slow down traffic in this stretch and improve safety. The City will provide plenty of notice to our citizens prior to implementing this trial.

The City Commission is taking on a major planning effort for major projects under consideration over the next 5 years. Projects such as construction of a new Fire Hall, 4th Street Infrastructure replacement and continued improvements on M-53 will be studied. The City is working with Spicer Group, a City engineering firm, to assist in prioritizing these projects and looking at the most economical way to finance them.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recently began construction of a Butterfly Garden on West Third Street on a vacant lot owned by the City. Many plants attractive to Butterflies as well as a variety of wildflowers have been planted. A garden shed will be installed to house garden hoses and tools to maintain the garden.

The City has applied for a DEQ Scrap Tire grant to resurface Capac Road from North Almont Street east to M-53. If grant funding is received, the City hopes to mill and resurface this road this coming Fall.

Another project the City is looking to undertake is the lighting of the Polly Ann Trail in the City limits. If approved, the City would install about 20 decorative lights similar to those downtown and on North Almont Avenue. This would improve safety and encourage residents to use this great recreational trail.

Please check on the City's website and Facebook page for all of the upcoming summer events planned including our Farmers' Market (held on Thursdays and Saturdays), the annual Blueberry Festival, the annual Eastern Michigan State Fair and the Woods and Waters event. And don't forget to visit the City's Pool this summer to cool off during hot, sunny days. The City wishes everyone a safe and fun-filled Summer!



FROM THE DESK OF DANA WALKER, DDA DIRECTOR



The Imlay City Farmers' Market is now open for the season! The market operates Thursdays 1pm-6pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm at the corner of Third and Main Streets in downtown Imlay City.

The market hosts the Little Sprouts Program with special children's activities on the first Saturday of each month. As a part of the Little Sprouts Program, children 12 and under can also receive a club card to benefit from a free market item each month during the market season. Cooking demonstrations with The Mulefoot Gastropub are held on the second Saturday of each month and start at 11:15am at the market. On the third Saturday of each month, the market will have a new tune with special guest Robyn Marriott. Robyn will showcase her 'unique blend of country and rock' music from 10am to noon. The third Thursday of every month is designated as Craft and Artisans Day and the market will host an array of craft and artisan merchants blended among the weekly vendors.

For more information regarding the market or to become a market vendor please contact Sarah Graver, Market Manager at ddapromotions@imlaycity.org or (810) 724-2135.

Information is also available online at www.icdda.com or Facebook: Imlay City Farmers' Market.



The Imlay City Downtown Development Authority would like to announce the 2017 Summer Concert Series. The FREE concert series will be held Tuesday evenings in Lamb Steele Park at 7pm unless otherwise noted. The first concert is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th at 7pm starring Davis Green. The concerts are free and family friendly. Families are welcome to bring a picnic dinner/snacks, and blankets and chairs. In case of inclement weather, activities are held at Heritage Church (543 N. Cedar Street).

JUNE

- 6th- Davis Green
- 13th- Allie Louise
- 20th- Community Karaoke
(signup@6:30)
- 27th- Rockville

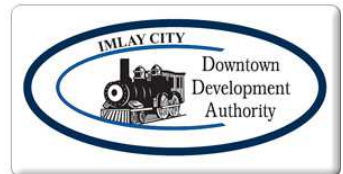
JULY

- 4th- No Concert, Happy Independence Day!
- 11th- Arts & Scraps, Ray Champion Magic Show, Library Craft at 6p.m.
- 18th- Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band
- 25th- No Concert- Fair Week!

AUGUST

- 1st- World of Music
- 8th- Lakestone Bank & Trust,
Ice Cream Social (starts at 6pm)
- The Amazing Clark Magic Show at 7pm
- 15th- 3rd Degree Burns
- 22nd- Rock of Ages Big Band

More information regarding the series can be found online at www.icdda.com or on the Downtown Imlay City Facebook page. The Imlay City Concert Series is supported by Greater Flint Arts Council, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the Michigan Humanities Council.



FROM THE DESK OF WENDY MUEHLEISEN, CHAMBER DIRECTOR



Summer is a very busy time for the Chamber! We are anxiously awaiting the 2017 Blueberry Festival, which takes place on Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22 in downtown Imlay City. Our Blueberry Festival Committee has been working hard all spring to bring the best local entertainers, kid's activities, vendors, fireworks and food to this year's festival.

The Rotary Beverage Tent is a great place to catch up with old friends while enjoying local entertainment. Come out and see local favorite, Allie Louise and her band perform again this year on Saturday evening, followed by Joyride. Joey Vee will be rocking the main stage Friday night with their infectious country sound. I bet you will want to get up and dance!

Our Little Miss Blueberry Pageant took place on Saturday, May 13th and we have two new Blueberry queens! Destiny Alvarado is our new Jr. Miss Blueberry and Avery Collins is our new Little Miss Blueberry. Congratulations girls! Join us at opening ceremonies at the Blueberry Festival as both girls perform. We are always looking for volunteers for festival. It truly is a community effort and we cannot run the festival without the help of volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the chamber office at (810) 724-1361. We hope to see you at Blueberry Festival!





FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT PIKE, POLICE CHIEF



Let's talk parking tickets. no single issue in law enforcement causes people's blood pressure to max out and go from calm to fire breathing angry in a second as much as coming out to your vehicle and seeing that dreaded evil device on your windshield "the parking ticket."

Let's start with the notion that the police enjoy issuing tickets (especially parking tickets). If you enjoy people calling you every name in the book, making disparaging remarks about your mother and generally wishing you the worst; then yeah we love that. Personally we would like to never issue another parking ticket our whole careers.

The reality is there are legitimate reasons for parking citations: safety issues (i.e. parked on the wrong side of the street - the front of your car does not have red reflectors making them hard to see, etc.); property damage issues (grass, curb, sprinkler damage, etc.); public nuisance issues (blocking someone's driveway, or across a sidewalk, etc.)

Some of the most common parking issues we write tickets for are, parking on the wrong side of the boulevard (the grass between the sidewalk and curb), parking on the wrong side of the street, blocking driveways, handicapped parking and the winter street parking. Then I'm constantly asked "where should I park then?" I can't answer that, it's something you must plan for and sometimes requires some walking.

Also be aware, parking a car in your yard is a zoning /blight violation and you will be cited for that as well.



FROM THE DESK OF RICK HORTON, FIRE CHIEF



I believe summer has arrived. A lot is happening in the Imlay City Fire Department. Congratulations to our newest members, Clinton Thurlow and Eric Schwalbe for completing and passing all the requirements for FF1 and FF2 certification.

Along with the arrival of summer comes outside activities. There is a new City Ordinance that pertains to burning in the city limits, (Chapter 94 - Fire Prevention 94.01 Open Burning). Recreational fires are allowed with a permit, no larger than 3 ft. by 3 ft. contained within a metal fire ring or other self- contained metal units and does not create a public nuisance. No grass, leaves or garbage shall be burned.

The Imlay City Fire Department & Imlay City Police Department are asking business owners and/or business managers to fill out a key holder form (available at City Hall, Fire Department, and Police Department). These forms give the departments access to contact telephone numbers of employees with keys for that business in case of an emergency. There is a cover letter with the forms explaining the entire program. Thank you for your participation. Have a good and enjoyable summer, and be safe.

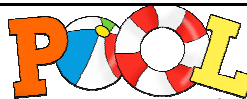


FROM THE DESK OF ED PRIEHS, DPW SUPERINTENDENT



Like most cities and villages, the City of Imlay City owns and operates a sanitary sewer collection system that takes waste from a home or business through a private sewer lead to a series of city sewer mains to a treatment plant where the waste is treated and released back into the environment. This process and its efficiency can be greatly affected by what residents and businesses put down the drain. Even though tree roots are a common problem most hear about in regards to sewer issues, there are two other major on-going issues that residents and businesses should be aware of and how it can affect the community. Expectations are that the toilet will flush 24 hours a day 365 days a year and this can be accomplished, but sewers are designed to dispose of only very specific things including: water, toilet paper, and human waste. The biggest issue effecting sewers locally is grease. A by-product of cooking, grease comes from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both in the property's sewer lead and the City's main). Over time, it can build up and block the entire pipe and the results can be raw sewage overflowing in your home, your neighbor's home or business, and many other issues including an increase in operation and maintenance costs for the sewer department. The second biggest issue effecting sewers locally is flushable wipes. Many items marketed as flushable generally are not accurate and flushable wipes do not degrade like toilet paper. If a "wet wipe" must be used rather than toilet paper, dispose of them in the garbage. Grease, flushable wipes, and cooking oil are waste that the City's sewer system cannot handle and should not be discarded down the drain. The City needs the help of all its residents and businesses to keep the sewer system running properly. Expensive sewer backups, plumbing emergencies, and increases in sewer maintenance and repairs can be avoided, while helping protect water quality in the community.

FROM THE DESK OF JEANETTE FARLEY, POOL DIRECTOR



The Alvin Norlin Swimming Pool is ready for summer! This year we have made some minor changes. We now have Saturday Morning Open Swim time from 10 am to 12 noon, and week day morning swims (also 10A.M. - 12P.M.) for the first half of July. Our afternoon Open Swim is from 1 pm to 5 pm every day, and evening Open Swim is from 7 pm to 9 pm every day. Water Aerobics is now from 6 pm to 7 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We have had to make some price increases. Afternoon open swims are now \$3.50 per person, evening and morning swims are \$2.50 per person, and water aerobics is \$2.00 per person (but senior citizens and children under 3 still enter for just \$1 per person). Our season Family Pass is now \$120.00, and the season Individual Pass is \$55.00. (Super Savers and swim lesson prices remain the same).

Swim Lessons are available for all ages. The morning lessons begin June 26 and evening lessons begin June 20. Detailed information can be picked up at the pool or at City Hall, or find it online at www.imalycity.org, as well as on our Facebook page.



CITY OF IMLAY CITY

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Assessor:

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

Zoning Administrator:

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

Construction Code:

Wednesday 8a.m.-

CITY COMMISSION

- Mayor: *Walt Barga*
- Mayor Pro Tem: *Marty Rankin*
- Commissioner: *Al Ramirez*
- Commissioner: *Amy Planck*
- Commissioner: *Joi Kempf*
- Commissioner: *Mike Romine*
- Commissioner: *Robert Tanis*
- City Manager: *Tom Youatt*
- City Clerk/Treasurer: *Nicole Frost*
- DDA Director: *Dana Walker*
- DPW Superintendent: *Ed Priehs*
- Fire Chief: *Rick Horton*
- Police Chief: *Scott Pike*
- WWTP Superintendent: *Pat Rankin*

City Commission Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7p.m.

FROM THE DESK OF NICOLE FROST,



CLERK/TREASURER



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

There are currently no elections scheduled for 2017, but the requirement to hold a special election is always a possibility. Don't let an election sneak up on you! You must be registered at least 30 days prior to cast your vote in any election.

This is the perfect time to ensure that your voter registration is up-to-date. Contact City Clerk Nicole Frost at (810) 724-2135 to make sure your voter registration is active, especially if you have moved.

Michigan Law dictates that voter registrations may be cancelled if the clerk receives reliable information that a voter has moved and no response is received from the voter over the course of two, successive statewide November general elections.

Holiday Trash Removal Schedule 2017-2018

- July 4th will be delayed to July 5th
- September 5th will be delayed to September 6th
- December 26th will be delayed to December 27th
- January 2nd will be delayed to January 3rd

