



# 2018 FALL NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE DESK OF TOM YOUATT, CITY MANAGER

With Labor Day and the hot summer behind us, I am certain all of us are looking forward to cooler weather this Fall!

As most of you can see, the City has been busy with many projects. The East Capac Road project was finished recently. The M-53 Gateway project will be completed by the end of September and will accomplish the 2 goals in our M-53 Corridor Plan which is to calm or slow down traffic on M-53 and also provide a great impression to all people coming in to our City. Another project the City is working on is the extension of sanitary sewer service on S. Almont Avenue to provide service to the new Assisted Living facility that is now under construction. This \$3,000,000 investment in a 40 unit facility will bring jobs and tax base to our City.

The City is also working with a couple of local manufacturers on projects. Gallop Brush is constructing a 30,000 square foot addition to their facility on Maurice Boulevard with a \$1,700,000 investment. The City Commission recently approved a 12 year tax abatement to Gallop Brush which is something they considered when planning this great addition to their business and our community. The City also recently sold the 2 remaining lots in our Phase II Industrial Park to Springfield Industries for \$ 100,000. Springfield is planning on construction of a new 20,000 square foot building. All of these projects indicate a growing economy in Imlay City which is great news.

The City has contracted more street reconstruction for this Fall. The City will be paving Hunt, Dirgo, and Pine streets along with finishing Cheney and rebuilding Wilcox Court. These paving projects illustrate the continued City commitment to rebuilding our streets.

The City will be submitting a pre-application to USDA Rural Development for the complete reconstruction of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The City expects to receive significant grant assistance for this estimated \$4.5 million dollar project in which all of the infrastructure will be replaced.

Finally, the City is moving ahead with our new Fire Hall construction project. Design of the building will be completed by December and we will go out for bid in early 2019 with construction to begin in March next year. The City greatly appreciates our citizens support for this much needed project and we will make sure to be fiscally responsible with our tax payer dollars.

Please enjoy the Fall season in Imlay City as we have much to offer!

### Water Bill Dates

<u>Billing Dates</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Shut off Dates</u>
9/15/18	10/1/18	11/9/18
12/15/18	1/7/18	2/4/18

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

For times we are closed, there is a drop box located in front of the

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

**Zoning Administrator:**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
3p.m. - 4:30p.m.

**Construction Code**  
Wednesday 8a.m-12p.m.

**Assessor:**  
Friday 8a.m.-12p.m.

### Holiday Trash Removal Schedule 2018-2019

Thanksgiving week is on schedule  
Christmas is delayed by 1 day  
Week of January 1st delayed by 1 day

### CITY HALL, HOLIDAY CLOSURES

November 22 & 23

December 24 & 25

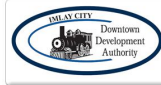
December 31

January 1





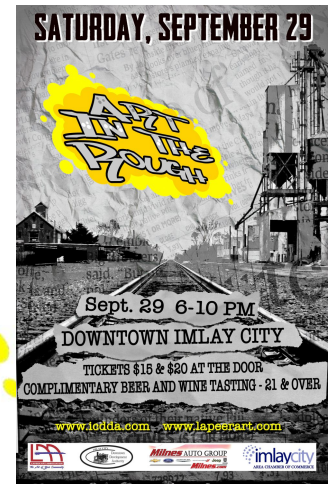
## FROM THE DESK OF DANA WALKER, DDA DIRECTOR



The Downtown Development Authority and the Lapeer Art Association are proud to once again be hosting Art in the Rough. This year's event will be held in downtown Imlay City, on Third Street, on Saturday, September 29, from 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are available at a pre-sale cost of \$15 and \$50 for the VIP experience. The cost of the ticket includes admission into the event and complimentary beer and wine tasting. At least 18 artists are scheduled to show and sell their works in buildings located along Third Street in Pop Up galleries. The event is for 21 years of age and older. Tickets are available at the City office, the LAA Gift Shop located in Gallery 194 (downtown Lapeer), and at [www.lapeerart.org](http://www.lapeerart.org).

The Farmers' Market is open Thursdays from 1 p.m.- 6 p.m. until October 18 at the corner of Third Street and Main Street.

As always, we hope you support the over 100 businesses located within the Downtown Development Authority District. We greatly appreciate your support of local businesses!



## FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT PIKE, POLICE CHIEF



### Take A Deep Breath

I would say all in all we have had a very good summer. We had a new festival (the Busker Fest). The Eastern Michigan State Fair, the first annual Public Safety Expo and the Woods and Waters Event in the next couple of weeks. This year brought changes (and we know how everyone loves change - NOT). Change can be uncomfortable, unfamiliar and even unwanted but without change, we would never move forward, so I applaud those who have the fortitude to charge forward anyway.

But what I have come to notice (probably more so as I get older) is shorter tempers, the inability or unwillingness to listen to one another and respect others opinions (even when we disagree passionately). It seems in this Facebook, Twitter Internet world we have come to believe that not only may we put our opinion out for everyone to see but we must fight vehemently to support our opinions.

I've seen some of the vilest, obscene, bullying taking place online. This then spills over to our real world in face to face encounters and raises from arguments to physical intimidation and assault.

Folks, we need to sit back and reflect. The world is not as bad as the internet would imply, especially here in Imlay City. Take time to listen to one another and enjoy the debate. Wouldn't this world be boring and bland place if we all thought and felt exactly the same? [Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness.](#)

[R. J. Palacio](#)



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



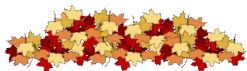
Recently, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) enacted changes to the administrative rules promulgated under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act. These rule changes specifically address lead and copper provisions of the administrative rules. In response to these changes, the DPW along with other City Staff will be proactive in gathering information to ensure compliance. There are many changes to the Lead and Copper Rule but the initial focus will be on two requirements that must be submitted to the MDEQ by January 1, 2020. A preliminary Distribution System Materials Inventory (DSMI) must be submitted to ensure distribution system components and service lines are properly identified and effectively inventoried. Also, the lead and copper tap sampling pool must be reviewed and updated as necessary. Both requirements rely heavily on water customer cooperation and assistance. Enclosed in this newsletter or at some later date water customers may receive a Distribution System Materials Inventory - Plumbing Survey. Every customer may not receive a survey because the City has records of materials used during recent infrastructure projects. If a water customer receives a survey but cannot for any reason identify the service line entering the home then please contact the City and the DPW will be available to inspect the line at the customers convenience. Once the survey is completed and the information is compiled it still may be necessary for the DPW to excavate the City's portion of the service line in the right-of-way to identify service line materials further.



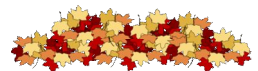
## **FROM THE DESK OF PAT RANKIN, WASTE WATER SUPERVISOR**



It's been a busy summer here at the Waste Water Treatment plant; our crew has been refurbishing the oxidation ditch that was put in to service in 2002. The process started by transferring the microorganisms and wastewater to the old ditch that we use as a retention basin, as this was happening we repaired three valves on two splitter boxes and drained, cleaned, and repaired three of our clarifiers. After a couple days the plant was running normal so we started on the oxidation ditch. After draining the ditch, we found a lot of grit (sand, dirt, seeds, etc.). There was too much to remove by hand, so we hired a company to remove and haul it away. A total of 25,000 gallons of the grit had accumulated in our ditch that was taking up precious space. Other work performed was replacing 12 valve stems that had eroded to the point that they would break if they were used. The two drives were rebuilt then reinstalled, which is no easy task. After a good cleaning and some fresh paint we put it back in service. After 16 years of service and a little TLC it should be good to go for another decade or two.



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



Where in the heck did summer go? It seems like we just had the Busker Festival and the Eastern Michigan Fair and now the kids are back in school and fall is here. Just a few pointers to prepare our residents for fall clean up and the colder air coming our way. As the leaves begin to fall and we start our fall clean up, remember there is NO burning of leaves in the city limits. Imlay City DPW will be scheduling curb side leaf pick-up. As always, as the colder air settles on us take a few minutes to inspect your furnace, replace filters and remove any combustibles that may have been placed too close to the heating unit. Wood stoves and their chimneys should be thoroughly cleaned and inspected also. Just a few minutes of prevention can make your house a much safer place for everybody. Enjoy the fall season, the fall colors and fall time activities and be safe!!!



## **CITY COMMISSION**

**Mayor:** Walt Bargen

**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.**



## **No Parking on the Streets:**

November 15 to April 15

2:30am to 6:00am

## **QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS**

**City Hall** 724-2135  
Fax 724-1861

**Police**  
Emergency 911  
Non-Emergency 724-2345  
After 4:30pm 667-0292

**Construction Code**  
Imlay City Office 724-8081  
Lapeer Office 667-0420

**Pool** 724-7665

**Post Office** 724-7545

**Fairgrounds** 724-4145

**Senior Center**  
Imlay City Office 724-6030  
Lapeer Office 245-5866

**Ruth Hughes Library** 724-8043



## **FROM THE DESK OF LYNN EUTSLER, CLERK**



Please be sure to get out and vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

This is the State Election, but locally you will be asked to elect 4 new Imlay City Commissioners.

**The last day to register to vote for the November Election is October 9, 2018**

You can Register to VOTE at the Imlay City Clerk's Office, the Lapeer County Clerk's Office, any Secretary of State's Office, or by mail.

You may be eligible to VOTE by mail with an Absentee Ballot if you meet any of the following Eligibility Requirements are as follows:

- Is 60 years of age or more
- Is unable to vote without assistance
- Expects to be absent from his or her city or township of residence for the entire time the polls are open
- Is in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Has been appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of his or her precinct of residence
- Is unable to attend the polls due to his or her religious beliefs

If you qualify and wish to Vote by Absentee Ballot, Please contact the Imlay City Clerk's office and an application will be sent to you. Once the Ballots are available (approximately 45 days prior to the Election), you will be mailed a Ballot which can be returned in person or by mail.

## **FROM THE DESK OF LYNN EUTSLER, TREASURER**

A reminder that the Summer Tax Bill is due September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Winter Tax Bill will be mailed the last week of November 2018 and will be due: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

If you have not received your TAX BILL by the END of the FIRST WEEK DECEMBER, Please call the Treasurer's Office and we will make sure we get one to you.

If you have a new mailing address, or maybe you are new to the City, please contact the City Treasurer and make sure they have the current information and paperwork.  
Happy Fall!

