

# Spring Newsletter

## 2010 Lapeer County Siren Test Schedule

All Lapeer County cities, villages and townships, including the City of Imlay City, use the same uniform siren alarm for Tornado Warnings for its citizens. The fire sirens will sound at a steady pitch and volume for three (3) minutes. This means a TORNADO WARNING has been issued and you are to take cover immediately! This is different from the normal fire siren that goes up and down, indicating a fire run is being started. Due to storms and tornado weather rapidly coming and going in our area, there is **NO** "all clear" signal given anymore. Should inclement weather be present at the time of testing, the test will be cancelled. Should you have any questions, please contact your local fire department.

**The sirens are tested the 1st Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. April through October.**

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## DDA Schedule

- **Farmers Market**—Every Thursday from 10 am—3 pm (5/13-10/14)
- June 22— DDA will host a safety night in conjunction with the Police Dept.
- July 27—DDA teams up with CSB Bank to host an ice cream social
- August 24—Last "Night on the Downtown" (activities are yet to be determined)

### Quick Reference Numbers

City Hall	724-2135
Police	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	724-2345
After 5:00 p.m.	667-0292
Construction Code	
Imlay City Office	724-8081
Lapeer Office	667-0420
Chamber of Commerce	724-1361
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

### Movies In The Park

**"Movies In The Park" will be returning on Thursday evenings at dusk starting in June. Watch for more information in the local newspaper or on the website [icdda.com](http://icdda.com).**

### Garage Sale Mania

May 13-15

Maps are available at City Hall

Alvin Norlin Pool opens Saturday May 29. Visit our website for the full schedule. [www.imlaycity.org](http://www.imlaycity.org).

### 2010 Summer Concert Series

- June 22—Uncle Ray's
- June 29—Golden Harvest Trio
- July 6—Third Degree Burn
- July 13—YellowSub Marines
- July 20—Cliff Erikson
- July 27— Amazing Clark
- August 3—Wayward Band
- August 10—R & R Double Take
- August 17—Rich Eddy's Oldies
- August 24—Tribute to Elvis

The Summer Concert Series is every Tuesday evening from 7:00—8:30 pm at the Gazebo in the Lamb Steele Park.

# From the Desk of Janice Zuhlke, City Clerk

## Imlay City Welcomes Nixle



What is Nixle? Nixle is a web-based computer program that allows the City of Imlay City to send out emails and text messages to registered users. Users can choose what type of messages they want to receive when they sign up using the Internet.

The system provides a quick, efficient, and secure way to get neighborhood-level information out to community members who subscribe to the system. Through Nixle, the City will be able to send text message (SMS) and e-mail alerts to subscribers in a specific area.

There are four different types of messages that can be sent from the City.

**Alerts** - These messages are intended for urgent and time-sensitive information. (Closed streets, crime scenes to avoid, missing persons)

**Advisory** - These messages are intended for important need-to-know, time-sensitive information, but not a high alert.

**Community** - These messages are intended for general information or non-urgent community updates and is not necessarily time-sensitive. (Tornado Siren test, Brush pickup, tree trimming)

**Traffic** - These are intended for all traffic related messaging. (Road closures, minor accidents and water main issues)

To sign-up for this comprehensive service go to [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com) and follow the prompts to register.

Through Nixle, the City will deliver messages securely to citizens by e-mail and cell phone, supporting and expanding the City's community outreach efforts. Obviously, the system will be more effective when a large number of community minded citizens are signed up. Nixle is a secure communication service available to the City. There are no spam or advertising messages associated with Nixle Municipal Wire messages. The system is free (standard text message rates apply for subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers). However; if you do not have a text plan, you can sign up for e-mail messaging only, which is also free. Please spread the word and sign up today.

If you have any questions concerning this system contact City Hall at 810-724-2135.

### Help Wanted:

Election workers are needed for the August and November elections. Contact the City Clerk if interested.

### **National Trail Day**

The Downtown Development Authority, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Friends of the Polly Ann Trail are hosting a celebration of National Trail Day on Saturday, June 5. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. at the Farmers' Market in Downtown Imlay City. The event will promote awareness of the Polly Ann Trail and Downtown Imlay City. Proceeds will be used toward the development of a Trail Head in Imlay City. Cost is \$15 and includes a tee shirt.

## **From the Clerk's office**

### **2010 Election Dates**

August 3, 2010 is the Primary Election and November 2, 2010 is the General Election. The City of Imlay City continues to update the voters file, and would like to remind those who would like to receive and absentee ballot to contact City Hall at 810-724-2135. To get an absentee ballot one of the following must apply:

I am 60 years of age or older

I expect to be absent from the community

I am physically unable to attend the polls with out assistance of another

I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion

I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.

I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

In order to become a permanent recipient of an absentee ballot the city requires documentation to be put on the permanent list. Please contact the City Clerk at extension 308 for more information.

## **From the Police Chief's desk**

### **Summer Ordinances**

After a long, hard winter, spring has finally arrived and will soon turn into summer. This means more time spent outdoors keeping the lawn mowed and taking care of other property maintenance jobs. Maintaining and improving the exterior of your property not only enhances the value of your home, but also that of your neighborhood. Properties that are overgrown with noxious plants and weeds or have inoperable motor vehicles parked on them are in violation of City ordinances. Grass and weeds are not allowed to be more than eight inches in height. The Code Enforcement Officer will send one notice to property owners as a warning, after which a contractor will be hired to mow and the property owner will be assessed for costs plus an administrative fee of \$125. An inoperable motor vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is incapable of being driven under its own power or a vehicle not currently properly licensed and titled.

Property owners in violation of these ordinances will be cited and required to correct the situation.

### **Anti Blight Campaign**

The City will be conducting an Anti Blight Campaign beginning in the next few weeks. Enforcement officers will be promoting clean up efforts citywide, but focusing on smaller areas at a time. The residential trash hauler, Richfield Management, will take most items in the regular weekly pick up. Residents may contact City Hall for more information on the Campaign or trash regulations.

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### **Belle River Restoration**

The Imlay City Parks and Recreation Commission has undertaken a restoration project for the Belle River in Lions Park. Last week the sixth grade science classes from Imlay City Middle School participated in an event along with Seven Ponds Nature Center. Each class visited Lions Park to participate in monitoring the organisms living in the Belle River. The data collected will be used as a benchmark to monitor the future health of the river. Please join the Parks and Recreation Commission for their informational presentation on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at City Hall.



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New assessor hours are:  
Wednesday 8:30-12:30

New Zoning Administrator hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-5:00

We're on the Web!  
[www.imlaycity.org](http://www.imlaycity.org)

### City Commission

J. Rodney Warner—Mayor  
Martin Rankin—Mayor Pro-Team  
Commissioner Richard Brinker  
Commissioner Greg Dennis  
Commissioner Margaret Guerrero  
Commissioner Brian Hill  
Commissioner Tim Kaiser  
City Manager—Amy Planck  
City Treasurer/Clerk—Janice Zuhlke  
Police Chief—John Stano  
Fire Chief—Kip Reaves  
DPW Superintendent—Brian Klaassen  
WWTP Superintendent—Rick Stier  
DDA Director—Monica Irelan

City Commission meetings are held the  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

City newsletters will be mailed out in January,  
May and September.

## Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up

The garbage haulers will be picking up yard waste and small brush on Tuesdays starting 4/7/10 until the end of November. Please place yard waste in marked yard waste containers or biodegradable bags and bundle branches 1" or less in diameter. Bundles and yard waste containers cannot exceed 40 lbs.

Yard waste should not be raked to the curb.

## Branch & Brush Chipping

The DPW department is currently picking up branch and brush chipping the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month now until the end of November. Crews will work on the north side of the railroad tracks on Mondays and the south side of the tracks on Tuesdays.

Branches cannot exceed 4" in diameter and brush with roots must be free of dirt and stones. 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.