

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

FOR TIMES WE ARE CLOSED,
THERE IS A DROP BOX LOCATED
IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

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

2017
Winter Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF TOM YOUATT, CITY MANAGER

As winter and the Holidays approach, the City continues to move forward with a number of projects.

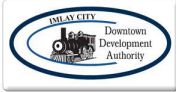
The City recently (November) completed the Polly Ann Trail lighting project. In conjunction with this, the Gateway Assembly of God Youth Group painted murals on the inside of the rail bridges. The combination of these two projects have created an outstanding recreational trail that our citizens and visitors can take advantage of. We encourage everyone to take a walk, jog, ride a bike or ride a horse to see what a great recreational facility we have improved.

The City also recently completed the milling and resurfacing of Capac Road (Old M-21) from M-53 west to North Almont Street. In addition to the new pavement, the City also instituted another "road diet" where we reduced the number of traffic lanes from 4 to 3 with a center turn lane and bike lanes. As with the M-53 road diet, the goal of this effort is to improve safety.

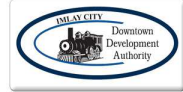
Coming up next summer, the City will be paving the section of Capac Road from M-53 east to the City limits. The City will utilize Rural Task Force grant funds at 80% grant funding to mill and resurface this stretch. Lapeer County Road Commission will look to complete resurfacing of this road to the County line next year as well.

The City recently completed final design of the M-53 Gateway project. Plans have been submitted to MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration for their review and approval. The City anticipates bidding this project out over this coming winter with summer construction. This project will include construction of a 400 foot long boulevard between the I-69 bridge and Newark Road within a portion of the center turn lane. This project was identified in the City's M-53 Corridor Plan which identifies ways the City can improve safety throughout this busy transportation corridor.

Please feel free to stop by City Hall to meet with me to discuss any concerns you may have regarding City services. On behalf of the City of Imlay City, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season!



FROM THE DESK OF DANA WALKER, DDA DIRECTOR



The Imlay City Downtown Development Authority had a very productive year! In the year 2017, the DDA welcome 9 new businesses to the district and sponsored events and promotions that helped draw hundreds of visitors into downtown. The DDA funded the conversion to LED lights on the lampposts on Third Street and Bancroft Street and installed a LED 'Cobra' light at the corner of Folk Court and Industrial Parkway. The DDA also granted over \$15,000 to businesses within the DDA District through the Façade Grant Program. The DDA provided the beautiful annuals, landscaping and holiday lighting found within downtown. In 2017, through the Downtown Art in Action DDA initiative, 6 artists created 17 pieces of public artwork that are now displayed throughout the District.

The DDA looks forward to further assisting businesses in retention, growth and development in the year 2018. Preparation for the 2018 Farmers Market, Summer Concert Series and Art in the Rough has already begun and the DDA looks forward to supporting further capital improvements with the District. Of course, none of these projects and events would be possible without the support of our local businesses and community. On behalf of the DDA, I wish you a very happy holiday season and I look forward to the continued growth and prosperity of our wonderful city!



FROM THE DESK OF SHANNON HAMEL, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



EVENT COORDINATOR

Save the Date: The annual Dinner Dance will be Saturday January 20th, it will be held at Countryside Banquet Hall. Doors open at 5:30p.m., tickets will be \$50 or you can buy by the table, tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets will go on sale December 4th and you can pick them up at the Chamber of Commerce Office. This will be a Dinner Dance you won't want to miss! If you've been wondering what the Busker Festival will look like, come to the Dinner Dance where it will all be announced with a pre Busker show. Our entertainment will be a variety of Buskers, from magic to juggling, and a DJ for dancing to close out the night.

Save the Date: Time to start thinking about the Auction! Next year's auction will be held at Castle Creek Golf Course in Attica MI, as it has been in years past. This Auction will be like no other you've seen before. It will be held on March 17, 2018 Saint Patrick's day and doors will open at 5pm. Castle Creek will provide a Irish Dinner for a small fee, along with green beer. Donations for the auction are welcome and can be left at the Chamber office. Thank you, and hope to see you there!



FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT PIKE, POLICE CHIEF



Where has the year gone? The holidays are upon us. This is the favorite time of the year for thieves. So here are a few tips to protect the gifts you have worked so hard for. First of all, remember the phrase "lock it or lose it", most of you will visit numerous stores in your quest for the perfect gift. When you put your packages in the car, if possible secure them in the trunk or somewhere they can't or hard to be seen. Then lock the car, most thieves are criminals of opportunity why break a window when you can just open a door.

The same is true for your home don't display your valuables where they can easily be observed from outside the home and always lock all of your doors when not home. Contrary to popular belief most break ins don't happen at night (when most people are home), most happen in the day time when people are not home. The latest crime trend on the rise are package thefts. More and more of us are doing our shopping on-line these days. Thieves will roam a neighborhood looking for packages dropped off at the front door, they simply walk up and take them. If possible try to be home to receive the package, if possible have a neighbor who may be home receive the package. You can also indicate sometimes that you want a signature required to deliver the package, that way someone has to physically receive the package.

FROM THE DESK OF RICK HORTON, FIRE CHIEF

Where did the fall season go? It seems like we just had Labor Day weekend, now we're getting ready to celebrate Christmas. The weather has been so nice to even consider the season ahead of us. But winter is right around the corner, please take the time to check your heating fixtures. Furnaces and wood burners need yearly inspections to keep them safe and efficient. Also, as the Christmas season draws on us, please be safe with Christmas decorations, especially real trees in the house. The winter season can be a fun and enjoyable time of year, let's keep it that way and be safe.



FROM THE DESK OF ED PRIEHS, DPW SUPERINTENDENT



This winter, when the DPW isn't fighting snow and ice one of the many other projects staff will be focusing on is performing field work, reviewing as-built plans, and entering data for the City's Water System Asset Management Program. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and Michigan's Safe Drinking Water Act, a community water supply that serves more than 1,000 people shall implement an asset management program (AMP). What is asset management? Water systems are made up of assets. These are the physical components of the system and can include: pipe, valves, tanks, pumps, wells, hydrants, and any other components that make up the system. All aspects of these components are the data the DPW will be collecting, reviewing, and entering into an iPad that will be incorporated into a new layer on the City's geographical information system (GIS). The foundation of the GIS was built as part of a grant the City received in 2014 for Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW). The work the DPW will assist with is only one part of the AMP. Along with the DPW and the City's consultant Spicer Group, the asset management team consists of the City Manager, Clerk/Treasurer, and the Utility Billing Clerk. Together all core components of the AMP will be completed and will consist of Asset Inventory, Level of Service, Critical Assets, Revenue Structure, and a Capital Improvement Project Plan. This plan and the tools it provides are invaluable guides for efficiency and commitment by the City to distribute safe, quality drinking water.



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.-12p.m.

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor: Walt Bargaen

Mayor Pro Tem: Joi Kempf

Commissioner: Amy Planck

Commissioner: Mike Romine

Commissioner: Robert Tanis

Commissioner: Al Ramirez

City Manager: Tom Youatt

City Clerk/Treasurer: Nicole Frost

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.

REMINDER:

No parking on the streets in the City from
November 15th, 2017 through
April 15th, 2018
2:30a.m. to 6:00a.m.



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



Our plant was built way back in 1988 and some of our equipment is starting to show its age. We have replaced some items already. Two new ultraviolet disinfection units were installed in 2016 and 2017, these are built much stronger than our old units and we hope they last for 30 plus years. We recently installed a new bar screen to remove all inorganics and debris from the waste stream, this uses much less energy than our past system and the maintenance cost should be way less in comparison. After the first of the year we hope to replace our compressed air system with a system that fits our plant and is more energy efficient paying for itself quickly. All these upgrades are to better service the community.



THANK YOU IMLAY CITY ELECTION WORKERS!



Those of you who voted at the Imlay City polls on November 7, 2017 know that the City implemented new voting equipment including new tabulator machines and a new ADA voting device. The City's new equipment was part of a statewide rollout of new voting equipment that was 100% funded through state and federal funding. With the addition of new equipment and the changes to precinct processes that this presented, I could not be more proud of how skillfully the City's Election Workers performed their duties to ensure a smooth voting experience. Many of these workers put in more than a 16 hour day serving the electorate and ensuring that each voter be given the opportunity to cast their vote:

Cheryl Booth

Robert Fearnley

Christopher Keller

Karin Lackey

Anne McAvoy

Kimberlee McAvoy

Mary Tietz

Gladys Warner

Rodney Warner

Suzette Wimpari

Janice Krolik

Mildred Simpkins

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SERVICE!