

2018 Summer Newsletter



**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
	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>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

This summer will be a busy one in the City of Imlay City this year. The City has some important projects that are planned and will be under construction soon.

The City is fortunate to see a 40 unit Assisted Living facility coming to the City. In order to provide utility service to the site of this facility, which is located on South Almont Avenue between Newark and Borland roads, the City will be constructing a new sanitary sewer main to serve this project. In order to bring development to the City, including the addition of jobs and tax base, the City needs to provide necessary utilities to vacant properties located in the City. This project includes the replacement of an undersized sanitary sewer main with a larger main and also extension of the existing main along S. Almont to the site. The work will begin in June and completed by end of summer.

Another project the City will undertake is the reconstruction of East Capac Road from M-53 east to the City limits. This will complete a stretch of Capac Road that the Lapeer County Road Commission started last year. This project will begin soon and will be completed by Labor Day weekend.

The City has been planning for construction of a much needed new Fire Hall for the City. The City has purchased the former DNR property along Borland Road near M-53, which is an ideal, central location for a Fire Hall. The City is asking citizens to support issuing General Obligation Bonds for this project in the amount of \$3,000,000. To support these bonds, the City is seeking to levy about 2 mills over 20 years to pay for this much needed facility. The proposed issuance of bonds will be on the ballot this coming August primary election. There will be open houses scheduled soon at the Fire Hall on 3rd Street so citizens can see the need for a new facility.

Finally, the City will be excited to see the construction of the M-53 Gateway project. This project will be located on M-53 and will include construction of a new boulevard with flower and grass plantings, a new Imlay City sign, and decorative LED streetlights from Newark Road south. With completion of this project this summer, the City expects that this will calm and slow down traffic while providing an improved image of our City.

The City wishes everyone a safe and fun-filled summer!

Summer Concert Series



TUESDAYS
JUNE 19 THRU
AUGUST 14
(NO PERFORMANCE JULY 24)
7:00 PM
LAMB STEELE PARK

www.icdda.com

Rain location:
Heritage Church



Farmers' Market

THURSDAYS
MAY 17 THRU
OCTOBER 18
1:00-6:00 PM

Corner of
Third and
Main Streets

www.icdda.com



ELECTION REMINDERS FROM LYNN EUTSLER, IMLAY CITY CLERK



There are two Elections for the residents of Imlay City:
August 7, 2018 State Primary
November 6, 2018 State General Election

The last day to register to vote for the August Election is July 9, 2018

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.

IF YOU ARE A CANDIDATE or PLAN ON RUNNING FOR OFFICE, PLEASE contact or visit the Imlay City Clerk's office or the Lapeer County Clerk's office and you will be given the guidelines and requirements.



FROM THE DESK OF RICK HORTON, FIRE CHIEF



With the increase in warm weather, we spend much more time outdoors, camping, grilling, and relaxing. Along with outdoor activities comes campfires. Enjoy the outdoors and campfires and please be careful. As everyone should know the Imlay City Fire Department is in the process of building a new fire hall, we are in the process of planning an open house of our old fire hall so the public can tour the existing quarters, and see drawings of planned new structure. During the Busker Festival and during the Farmers Market we will try to have personnel available at existing fire hall for tours and to answer questions. As always the Imlay City Fire Department is looking for firefighters, please inquire if interested. Be safe and enjoy summer!

FROM THE DESK OF ED PRIEHS, DPW SUPERINTENDENT

In 2014, the City purchased a brand-new Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper for the DPW. It replaced an aging 1994 same style street sweeper that had increasing maintenance costs and decreasing efficiency. Street sweeping is an important part of Public Works operations for many reasons other than just improving the appearance of a city. Street sweeping removes litter, sand, loose gravel, soil, dust, vehicle debris and pollutants, de-icing chemicals, and other debris in order to prevent these materials from being washed into storm sewers. When done regularly, street sweeping can remove 50-90% of street pollutants that can enter surface water through storm sewers. It reduces catch basin and storm sewer maintenance and will also make street surfaces less slippery in light rains. Residents can help by avoiding parking on streets during the day time or moving vehicles off the street when the street sweeper is in the neighborhood. Do not dump hazardous materials into catch basins and please do not blow grass clippings or debris onto streets that could enter or block catch basins. With a combined effort, help protect surface water, minimize potential local flooding, and keep streets clean and safe.



FROM THE DESK OF PATRICK RANKIN, WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT



One of the biggest costs to running a wastewater plant is electricity. We have a lot of pumps, mixers, disinfection units, blowers and air compressors, lights and heating units, all using plenty of electricity. Averaging 1600 to 2100 kwh per day depending on the season. We do all we can to not waste electricity by keeping equipment well maintained, and using proper run times and speeds, but we will always have a high consumption of electricity, it's just the nature of the industry. One thing most people don't know about the plant is that it's mostly gravity fed, meaning we have one pump that lifts the water from sewer level and then gravity will take it through the plant to discharge.



CITY OF IMLAY CITY

150 N. Main Street
Imlay City, MI 48444
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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.

Holiday Trash Removal Schedule **2018-2019**

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

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.

FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT PIKE, POLICE CHIEF

So, summer is upon us again (finally) while trying to find an appropriate and useful topic I have come up with a few things to address.

First of all is our usual reminder, now that the shovels and snow blowers are put away, it's time to get those lawn mowers out. We have a city that we deserve to be proud of and keeping it well cared for is essential. So please keep your lawns mowed, yard waste picked up and cars off of the lawns. Our code enforcement officer Joe Schierlinger is diligently trying to make contact with every resident that may need a reminder. Our goal is compliance and a beautiful city rather than citations, so please work with Joe to make this happen.

The next issue is, school is out, and we know that means more people and children outside enjoying the weather. Be extra careful driving around. We are a super distracted society now. We have people walking around with their face buried in their phone or wearing headphones unable to hear.

Finally, I want to talk about the issues of drugs in our town (more specifically opioids) our town is so idyllic it is easy to forget that we are equally impacted by drug abuse like any other community. The evil of opioids (medical and illicit i.e. heroin) is a major problem in our country. The stereotyped picture of a heroin addict in an alley shooting up with a dirty needle is out of date. The person who is addicted could be the most unexpected person, it crosses all class and economic levels. Many people start with a legitimate medical prescription and find themselves addicted. Please remember there is help for both the addicts and their friends and family. One source is Lapeer County Families against Narcotics 810.728.2033 lapeer@familiesagainstnarcotics.org. If your an addicted and seeking assistance, help is available at the Imlay City Police Department, Almont Police Department, and Lapeer County Sheriff's office, we are all part of the **Hope Not Handcuff's Program**. If you don't know where to turn come into the police department 24/7 and ask. We will only ask for your name and date of birth, then we will contact a Hope Not Handcuffs Angel (volunteer) who will respond to the police department and arrange for help and placement in an appropriate place. Please have a happy and safe summer.

FROM THE DESK OF LYNN EUTSLER, TREASURER

A reminder that the Summer Tax Bill will be mailed the last week of June 2018 and will be due: September 17th, 2018.

The Winter Tax Bill will be mailed the last week of November 2018 and will be due: February 14th, 2019. If you have not received your TAX BILL by the END of the FIRST WEEK of JULY or 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. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

