

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

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

2017 FALL
NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM YOUATT, CITY MANAGER

With Labor Day weekend and Summer behind us, we look forward to all that the Fall season has to offer with cooler weather and brilliant colors!

The City is busy with 3 important projects to complete this Fall. First is the Decorative Lighting project for the Polly Ann Trail. DTE Energy has been contracted to install 22 LED decorative lights on the Polly Ann Trail. The cost for this project is just under \$ 100,000. The City's Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Commission have approved this project with the goal of increasing use of this important recreational trail thereby promoting healthy lifestyles for our citizens. In addition, we hope the lighting of the Trail will lead to a decrease in vandalism we have seen over the years. Project completion is expected by end of November.

A second project is the resurfacing of Capac Road from M-53 west to North Almont Avenue and including the short portion of Fairgrounds Road north of North Almont. The total estimated cost for this project is \$ 310,000 with the City receiving a DEQ Scrap Tire Grant for 50%, or \$ 155,000, towards the total cost. The City will be using remaining bond funds from the Street Millage that was passed in November of 2015 to cover the City's grant match. This project will include a "Road Diet" similar to that implemented recently on M-53 by reducing the travel lanes from 4 to 3 with a center turn lane and bicycle lanes. The City continues efforts to improve safety on all of our City streets with this project. Completion is expected by end of November.

The third and most visible project this Fall is the M-53 Gateway project. The City will convert the useless portion of the center turn lane just north of the I-69 Bridge into a landscaped median. The project includes construction of an approximate 400 foot median with brick pavers, grasses and perennial plantings, decorative lighting and a new City entrance sign. The goal is to calm and slow down traffic on M-53 as people come into the City limits and also to visually improve the impression people have of Imlay City. Funds for this project are coming out of the City's fund balance in the general fund and is estimated to cost between \$ 150,000 and \$ 200,000. Again, this project is slated for completion by end of November.

We hope everyone enjoyed an excellent summer season and look forward to an enjoyable Fall season as well!

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

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



FROM THE DESK OF DANA WALKER, DDA DIRECTOR



The DDA would like to Welcome to the Neighborhood the following businesses that recently opened their doors: Eden's Attic, 123 Escape and Antiques and Uniques.

The DDA, Chamber of Commerce and 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 30, from 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are available at a pre-sale cost of \$15. The cost of the ticket includes admission into the event and complimentary beer and wine tasting. At least 15 artists are scheduled to show and sell their works in buildings located along Third Street in Pop Up galleries. The event is 21 years of age and older. Tickets are available at the City office, Mulefoot Gastropub and the LAA Gift Shop located in Gallery 194.

The Farmers' Market is open Thursdays from 1 p.m.- 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. until October 21 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 BRANDY SCHWAB, ACTING CHAMBER DIRECTOR



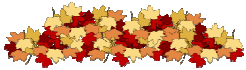
Fall is quickly approaching and so are many of our beloved events here in Imlay City. October 6th, kicks off our annual "Tailgate Party" in downtown Imlay City. Come to downtown and visit our Merchants and businesses for some tasty treats starting at 4pm. Be sure to wear your blue and gold attire to cheer on our Football Team in the Homecoming Parade starting at 5pm with the Game starting at 6pm. Go Spartans!!

Merchant Trick-or-Treat soon follows on October 28th from 11am-1pm. Bring out your little Ghouls to trick-or-treat through downtown, the farmers' market, and surrounding area businesses. Don't forget to bring a large bag to snag all the goodies given out by local merchants and businesses.

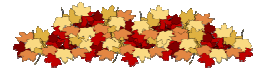
We will be celebrating our Milestone Anniversaries for Chamber Members on November, 9th 2017 starting at noon at Countryside Banquet Center. A delicious catered lunch will be provided. Tickets will be on sale starting in October in the Chamber office. Mark your calendars to attend.

We wrap up fall and go right into winter with our Winter Playground on December 1st from 5 to 8pm. Come to downtown Imlay City for this free and fun event for the whole family. Take a picture with Santa, listen to stories from Mrs. Claus, watch our brilliant light parade and so much more! Parade starts at 6pm.

More information can be found on our Imlay City Area Chamber of Commerce website or call the Chamber office, Brandy Schwab (810) 724-1361.



FROM THE DESK OF RICK HORTON, FIRE CHIEF



Where in the heck did summer go? It seems like we just had the Blueberry 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!!!



FROM THE DESK OF ED PRIEHS, DPW SUPERINTENDENT



During the fall season, the DPW will be performing routine hydrant flushing to clean water mains and inspect fire hydrants. The DPW performs this recommended practice twice yearly, typically in the spring and the fall. Another recommended practice the DPW has been committed to and will perform this fall is the Valve Turning Program. In 2010, the DPW broke the city up into five sections and exercises the main line valves in that section every five years. This fall the DPW will be exercising the valves in Section 3 which is south of the railroad tracks, north of Borland Rd., west of Almont Ave., and east of Blacks Corners Rd. Main line valves are an important part of a water works system because when functioning properly they allow the DPW to isolate small sections of water main during an emergency which will minimize the number of customers that have interrupted service. Since the implementation of this program the DPW has located buried, lost valves and replaced any broken valves. Valve turning coincides with hydrant flushing and both can disrupt water mains by breaking loose rust and discoloring the water. During this fall, if customers witness cloudy or rusty water, please turn the cold water on all the way until it clears. As always, the DPW greatly appreciates the cooperation of its residents and all its water customers.



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



In the field of wastewater we are required to meet certain limits on our outgoing (effluent) water. These are governed by the state and are specific to our city. We report our daily results to the Michigan DEQ on a monthly basis. In order to find these figures we have a full laboratory at the plant. We test 365 days a year. All employees are trained in lab procedures and reporting. Some levels of effluent water we report are PH, Dissolved Oxygen, Ammonia (toxic to fish and amphibians), Phosphate (fertilizer for plants), Suspended Solids, and Fecal Coliform (an indicator of our disinfection). We are always doing our best to keep our water clean and safe.



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FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT PIKE, POLICE CHIEF



One of the complaints we regularly get numerous times a week, is this question "is this a scam." Well let's start out with this; if you are asking yourself this question, you can most likely answer it. There have always been people that are looking to separate people from their hard-earned money. In this day and age with all of our great technological advancements, criminals have become even more creative in developing ways to swindle people. These scams can come in many forms, the criminal may use the telephone, email, websites, texting etc.

It would take more time and pages available for me to even attempt to tell you all the different scams going on out there. Generally, the elderly are the most frequent targets. The scammers rely upon fear, emotions and greed to get into your wallet. You may be threatened with arrest, you may be told a loved one is in a foreign jail, or that you are about to inherit an absurd amount of money or that they have fallen in love with you. By this time, you are starting to suspect something is up but you're not sure. The next biggest indicator of a scam is the payment methods. You may be asked to purchase gift cards and send the numbers, you may be told to wire a certain amount in order to receive the larger amount. Sometimes the scammer may ask to send products to you, keep some and send the rest on (credit card fraud.) The unfortunate reality is, for the most part once you have parted with your money, you will never see it again. The majority of these scams come from a foreign country with no ability to follow up.

If you do wish to make a complaint or learn about the scams out there, go to the Federal Trade Commission (www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts).

CITY OF IMLAY CITY

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

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
Commissioner: Amy Planck
Commissioner: Joi Kempf
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.



REMEMBER TO VOTE!
NOVEMBER 7, 2017
GENERAL ELECTION



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017:

Last day to register to vote in this election

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017:

City Clerk's office open 9am - 2pm for processing absent voter applications and ballot requests.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017:

Absent voter ballots may be voted in person in the City Clerk's office until 4pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017:

Emergency absentee voting until 4pm in City Clerk's office

POLLS ARE OPEN

7AM – 8PM

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Imlay City Hall, 150 N. Main St., Imlay City

Contact City Clerk Nicole Frost for an absent voter application or for more information: treasurer@imlaycity.org