



# SUMMER

# 2020

**Office Hours**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**8:00AM-4:30PM**

**There is a drop box  
located at the front of  
our building for after  
hours payments.**



## **CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor: Joi Kempf**  
**Mayor Pro Tem: Frank Demske**  
**Commissioner: Kelly Villanueva**  
**Commissioner: Greg Rowden**  
**Commissioner: Stu Davis**  
**Commissioner: Al Ramirez**  
**Commissioner: Ted Sadler**  
**City Manager: Tom Youatt**  
**City Clerk/Treasurer: Dawn Sawicki-Franz**  
**Police Chief: Scott Pike**  
**Fire Chief: Rick Horton**  
**DPW Superintendent: Ed Priehs**  
**WWTP Superintendent: Patrick Rankin**  
**Imlay City DDA: Lorrelei Natke**

**City Commission meetings are the  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm**

## **City Manager, Tom Youatt**

With Memorial Day weekend just behind us and with the start of the summer season, we are experiencing nice warm and mostly sunny weather! This will make up for the cool and windy Spring weather we recently had.

The City is very close to completing the new Fire Hall. We only have a few touch up items and the final coat of paving to do and we will be ready to move in and open. A ribbon cutting ceremony and an open house for the public to see our new facility will likely be held only after things open up with the coronavirus pandemic. The City will make sure to let everyone know when this will happen as our Imlay City Community strongly supported funding for this much needed project.

The City is also finishing up a small water main project on East Borland just east of the new Fire Hall. City residents have been paying taxes for years without City water. Installation of this new water main has been in the planning stages for a few years now and the total cost will be under \$ 100,000.

With the coronavirus pandemic, the State DNR is holding up on the City's \$ 150,000 Recreation Passport Grant for construction of the new Splashpad. Also, the City recently received only 1 bid for the project which was 20% higher than the budget. The City will likely re-advertise for bids in the coming weeks. The City has 2 years to build the Splashpad and the DNR funding will be secured for this project.

Also due to the coronavirus, the City Commission recently voted to postpone the Sesquicentennial until further notice and also, unfortunately, voted to close the City's pool for this summer.

The City will continue our successful street paving project this summer. Portions of West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, East 5<sup>th</sup> Street and South Main Street are scheduled for paving this year. This is the final year of our Street and Sidewalk Millage. The County Road Commission is considering a new road millage for the November ballot which if it passes, will bring street resurfacing funds to the City.

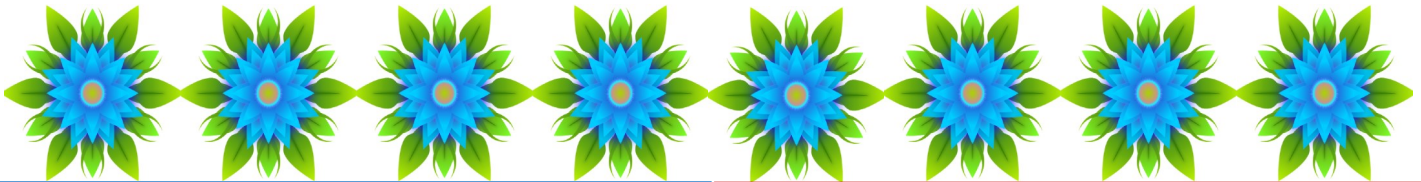
Finally, I have announced my retirement from the City effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. After 6 years here as City Manager and another 21 years in City Management and a total of 36 years in public service, I have decided to spend more time with my family. I want to thank everyone here in Imlay City who have been very supportive of the many projects we have accomplished together!

## DPW Superintendent, Ed Priehs

The DPW would like to remind residents of a few items when performing yard clean-up this summer. Please do not rake leaves or yard waste onto the street. Yard waste should be placed in marked yard waste containers or biodegradable bags. The garbage hauler is picking up yard waste containers and bags currently until the end of November. The garbage hauler will also pick up bundled branches 1" or less in diameter. Bundles and yard waste containers cannot exceed 40lbs.

The DPW is currently chipping branches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month until the end of November. Chipping begins on the north side of the city working to the south. If possible, the entire city is chipped on Mondays depending on weather and work load. Please do not place brush directly onto the street as it can cause an obstruction or hazard to motorists. Branches cannot exceed 4" in diameter and brush with roots attached cannot be chipped. 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.

Another example of why it is important to not place obstructions onto streets is so streets can be swept regularly. Street sweeping is an important part of public works operations for other reasons than just appearance. 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 Police Chief's Desk*

Wow, to say that we are living in challenging times would be a complete understatement. As a country, a State, and a Community, we have had to confront a medical crisis never before seen in modern days. I have been fortunate to be witness to the strength and compassion of Imlay City. You have faced down this virus, you have cared for one another, and you continue to show the world Imlay City resiliency.

I understand we all have our differing opinions on how this situation has been and handled in the future. I am confident that the community I know will not allow these differences to divide us but continue to unite us in our efforts. There is no doubt in my mind that no matter what future lies before us, we will take it head-on and persevere.

Community Strong

*Chief Pike*



### *From the Fire Chief's Desk*

Hope this finds everyone safe and healthy, what a crazy and changing world we live in. With the current global pandemic your local Fire Department has continued to serve the community and township, professionally, and efficiently. I personally want to thank all the First Responders for their extra effort during this ongoing critical situation. On a lighter note, the new Imlay City Fire Hall is very close to completion. When we have moved in there will be a public open house for you to come and visit and see our new home. It is because of your positive support that the new building is a reality and is very much appreciated. As always there is free smoke detectors with batteries available thru the city office or the Fire Department. Please be safe and enjoy your summer as best you can with this new normal.

*Fire Chief Horton*



# From the Desk of DDA Director

While I pen these words, I am reminded of all that has changed since the last time we were together, but I am happy to share that there are some constants in our daily changing climate. When you stroll downtown or visit one of our businesses, you will be greeted by patriotic and blooming colors from our flags and flowers. Sometimes, when things seem overwhelming, if we immerse ourselves in nature, we can return to a grounded center. Please do not shy away from saying "Hello" when visiting downtown. Whether we have to wear masks, or remain 6 feet apart, WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!! My heart is warmed by the outpouring of kindness, compassion and assistance offered by our residents and business community in caring for each other! As our business community is able to re-engage, let's show our support and BUY LOCAL! Whether it is a dinner, Dremel or diamond, we have a shop for most anything you are looking for. Just visit our website at [www.icdda.com](http://www.icdda.com) and tap on our Business Directory. Any of our businesses would be happy to help with your every desire.

Another staple to our downtown culture is the DDA-sponsored Farmers Market. As of May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Imlay City Farmers Market will return to the corner of Main and Third Streets each Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm with a variety of products just for you. Each week the Market will offer something different and new, including fresh produce and flowers, organic soaps and lotions, homemade and delicious baked goods, beautiful crafts of all kinds and mediums, vintage and antique things, as well as natural and cute treats for your pets, to name just a few. Please like and follow our Downtown Imlay City Facebook page for updates. PLEASE NOTE: We accept debit/credit and EBT cards, and again for 2020 will be offering Double Up Food Bucks. If you have any questions, or would like information on becoming a vendor, please contact our fabulous Market Manager, Katrina Morrow at [ddapromotions@imlaycity.org](mailto:ddapromotions@imlaycity.org).

IMLAY CITY DDA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. I don't know about you, but I am more than ready to take in the sights and sounds of summer and there is no better place to do that than at the Gazebo in Lamb Steele Park. For 2020, while we will interact a bit differently, there will still be sounds to delight every soul each Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 pm from June through August. Kicking off the 2020 season is Acoustic Ash, a singer-songwriter originally from England, now based here in Michigan. Ash shares her reflections of life events we can all relate to such as love, loss, money, and politics. Her angelic voice will leave you craving more. Visit Acoustic Ash on Facebook and YouTube. Most performances begin at 7 pm, but please visit our website at [www.icdda.com](http://www.icdda.com) for a complete schedule of events. In case of inclement weather, again this year, Heritage Church has graciously offered to be our host at 543 North Cedar Street, right next to Rite Aid.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this year's Art in the Rough extravaganza to be held downtown on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-10pm. This event offers complimentary wine and beer tasting, while featuring artists in "Pop Up" galleries situated in downtown storefronts. It is an extremely unique event and an area favorite! This year will feature a chainsaw artist and Empty Canvas, a band that creates a painting during their performance. This is a family-friendly event sure to please art and music lovers of all ages.

I continue to be honored with opportunities to be of service to citizens, business owners and visitors of Imlay City. My door is always open and you can contact me at 810.724.2135 or [lnatke@imlaycity.org](mailto:lnatke@imlaycity.org).

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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CITY TREASURER, Dawn Sawicki-Franz

2020 Summer Tax Bills are payable without interest through Monday, September 14, 2020.

Taxes are payable at the city office 150 N Main Street, Imlay City, MI, 48444.

**Summer tax deferments forms are due September 14, 2020.**

**Deferment forms may be obtained in the treasurer's office or**

**at [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/homestead1\\_2541\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/homestead1_2541_7.pdf).**

IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK WITH YOUR BANK OR MORTGAGE COMPANY  
TO ASK IF THEY NEED A COPY OF YOUR TAX BILL FOR YOUR ESCROWED TAX PAYMENT.

## FROM YOUR IMLAY CITY CLERK, Dawn Sawicki-Franz

There are two Elections for the residents of Imlay City:

State Primary Election      August 4, 2020

State General Election      November 3, 2020

Polls are open 7am to 8pm. **Absentee voting** is available to **ALL VOTERS**.

To ensure your level of comfort, consider absentee voting – STAY HOME, STAY SAFE.

The state will be sending out absentee voting applications to all registered voters in Michigan.

You can Register to VOTE at the Imlay City Clerk's Office, the Lapeer County Clerk's Office, any Secretary of State's Office, <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter> or by mail.

Per State Law – Photo ID REQUIRED

Your Clerk, Dawn Sawicki-Franz will be available August 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020, 7am until 3pm.

**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

### Quick Reference Numbers

#### City Hall

810-724-2135

810-724-1861 Fax

#### Police

Non-Emergency 810-724-2345

After 4:30pm 810-667-0292

#### Fire

Non-Emergency 810-724-6262

#### Construction Code

Imlay City Office 810-724-8081

Lapeer Office 810-667-0420

#### Post Office

810-724-7545

#### Fairgrounds

810-724-4145

#### Senior Center

Imlay City Office 810-724-6030

Lapeer Office 810-245-5866

#### Ruth Hughes Library

810-724-8043

#### Greater Lapeer

#### Transportation Authority

810-664-4566



### Garbage Pick-up

**J&J will pick up all residential garbage. Once it becomes remodeling, construction debris, or purging from a move please call J&J,**

**for questions or concerns**

**(810) 417-1275**

### 2020 Utility Billing Dates

Billing From	Billing To	# of Days	Billing Date	Due Date	Shutoff Due Date
9/6/2019	12/5/2019	91	12/15/2019	1/13/2020	2/10/2020
12/6/2019	3/5/2020	90	3/15/2020	4/13/2020	5/11/2020
3/6/2020	6/5/2020	92	6/15/2020	7/13/2020	8/10/2020
6/6/2020	9/5/2020	92	9/15/2020	10/12/2020	11/9/2020
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