



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

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



## **CITY OFFICIALS**

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**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**

### *From the City Manager's desk:*

We call this the "Fall Newsletter" but, where did summer go. We will have to call 2020 the year without Summer. Festivals and Fairs have been replaced with Masks and Fears, but we want to assure you all, that the City of Imlay City is doing everything we can to keep residents, visitors and employees safe and protected.

Let me introduce myself, my name is Craig Horton, and I have been hired as the new City Manager for the City of Imlay City. Tom Youatt, the former City Manager, retired after 6 years with the City and 30 additional years of public service. Tom oversaw a number of projects during his tenure with the City and we are all very thankful for his time here and wish him and his family well.

Construction on the new Fire Hall facility on East Borland Road has reached completion. Meetings are scheduled for walk-throughs with the general contractor to resolve any outstanding issues prior to the Fire Department moving in. Once the move is complete, we will try and schedule an open house to show off the new facility, if COVID and the Governor allow. We want to thank you all for your support in moving ahead with this much needed project.

The State DNR has approval the \$150,000 Recreation Passport Grant to undertake the new Splashpad adjacent to our Alvin Norlin Pool. The City has received a recommendation from the engineers to accept a bid of \$353,018 for the project. Due to the COVID restrictions, the pool has remained closed, and the project is under review by the City Commission.

Also a victim of the COVID was our Sesquicentennial Celebration which was scheduled to be held August 7, 8 and 9. A lot of planning went into this event by the Committee and we are all disappointed that we had to cancel for this year, but plans are already in the works for the 100 + 1 celebration next summer. Hope to see you all there.

Finally, I want to say thanks to all those who have gone out of their way to stop by and welcome me to the City Manager position. I have lived in Lapeer County for almost 40 years, and have spent a lot of time in Imlay City. It is a beautiful, bustling community with a small-town charm that makes you feel welcome whether you live here, are visiting or just passing through. Thanks to everyone, and I look forward to becoming a part of your community.

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

During this summer we have been a part of a very different world, effecting everything we do, places we go, our whole life system. I don't see a change in our new normal coming anytime soon. What doesn't change is the changing of seasons that we experience here in Michigan, as we start to clean up our yards and gardens, be reminded that there is no burning in the city limits. Leaves and grass cannot be burned, the local DPW will soon be scheduling leaf and grass curb side pickup. It is also time for our annual inspection and clean out of out heating unit and/or fireplaces, either professionally or do-it-yourself. Please be conscious of the importance of this task.

During this Covid-19 pandemic, be assured the Imlay City Fire Department is responding to every call as needed, a little bit of fire prevention in the home helps you to stay safe and helps us to keep you and your family safe and also the safety of our Firefighters. A little fire prevention, less fire calls.

Also with the season changing comes the time change, with that the smoke detector battery changes. The Imlay City Fire Department still has our smoke detector program, there are smoke detectors and batteries available either at the fire hall, or at city hall. (free of charge).

Enjoy the changing seasons, stay safe.



### *From the desk of the DPW Superintendent*

The DPW will continue brush pick-up on the first and third Monday of each month until the end of November. The City is not responsible for large amounts of brush from tree trimming, tree removal, or clearing of property. Brush piles must be stacked neatly so branches do not become entangled which can cause unsafe conditions for workers. Please do not stack piles of brush onto the street surface at any time. Curbside leaf pickup will tentatively begin Monday, October 19, 2020. North of the railroad tracks will be picked-up on Monday's, and south of the railroad tracks will be on Tuesday's. Please do not place leaves onto the street until a few days before the start date. This will keep streets clear and safe, and allow the DPW to continue street sweeping until leaf pick-up begins. Please place leaves and yard waste in marked yard waste containers or biodegradable bags that the garbage hauler will pick up until the end of November.



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

Wow, what a year. This is one you will tell your children all about. We have experienced so much, between COVID, emergency orders, stay at home orders, wearing masks, politics, protests, and the list keeps going on. We are in a continual state of change with no perceivable end in sight; one thing we know is that people love change (Not!).

We keep hearing about the "new normal" whatever that may be. What I do know is Imlay City has continually proven it has always set the standards of respect and cooperation that all others should follow. We are moving into some even more contentious and potentially dividing times, particularly with the upcoming elections. It seems these days that opposing views and opinions are regarded as offensive and hateful. I implore you to remember that what makes us such a great nation is the right to free speech and to form and maintain your own beliefs and opinions. We absolutely must respect each other's point of view and enjoy our diversity.

Community Strong

*Chief Pike*

### *From the desk of the DDA Director*

Never have I been prouder to be part of a community than 2020. I have been truly welcomed since joining the DDA as its Director last year and, most recently, you all have brought to life the meaning of WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER! Our ship is still sailing, I see sunlight on the horizon and will keep shifting my sails toward its brightness.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for September 19<sup>th</sup> and plan to join us from 6-10 pm for this year's Art in the Rough extravaganza. We will again be offering complimentary Michigan beer and wine tasting, while featuring artists in "Pop Up" galleries situated in downtown store fronts. New this year are a local 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. Adult entry is \$20 (which includes 4 drink tickets). NEW -- \$5 student admission (includes 1 drink ticket/non-alcoholic for under 21). Along with the foot-tapping live music and engaging art, we will have 4 taste-tempting food trucks.

WINTER PLAYGROUND – December 5th

LAST FARMERS MARKET DAY – October 15<sup>th</sup> -- Thursdays from 10am – 4pm.

Our 2020 Summer Concert Series enjoyed record attendance. If you have an idea for a musical genre or group/artist, please feel free to drop us a line.

Your support of our downtown is greatly appreciated. WHY BUY LOCAL? Studies have shown that up to 4 times more money stays in the local economy when those dollars are spent with local businesses. Buying Local keeps more money in your wallet. There is a myth out there that local businesses are more expensive than national chains and online mega retailers. This SIMPLY IS NOT TRUE! 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.

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



### *From the desk of your City Treasurer, Dawn Sawicki-Franz*

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

2020 Winter Tax Bills will be mailed out by Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Taxes are payable at **ChoiceOne Bank**, Imlay City Branch, 1875 S Cedar Street, Imlay City, or you may use the Drop Box located at the **Imlay City Office**, 150 N Main Street, Imlay City, MI, 48444.  
Also, payable at the Imlay City Office, 8am-4:40pm Monday-Friday.

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 Clerk's desk:*

Election for the residents of Imlay City:

State General Election Tuesday, 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.

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://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter> or by mail.

Per State Law – Photo ID REQUIRED

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

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK AS AN ELECTION INSPECTOR FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020,** please contact or visit the Imlay City Clerk's office or the Lapeer County Clerk's office.

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

# NO Parking on the Streets:

## NOVEMBER 15th to

## APRIL 15th

## 2:30 AM to 6:00 AM

### BRANCH & BRUSH CHIPPING

On the 1st and 3rd MONDAY of each month starting in APRIL through the end of NOVEMBER the City will be picking up brush. 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 owner should contact a tree service for excessive brush removal.

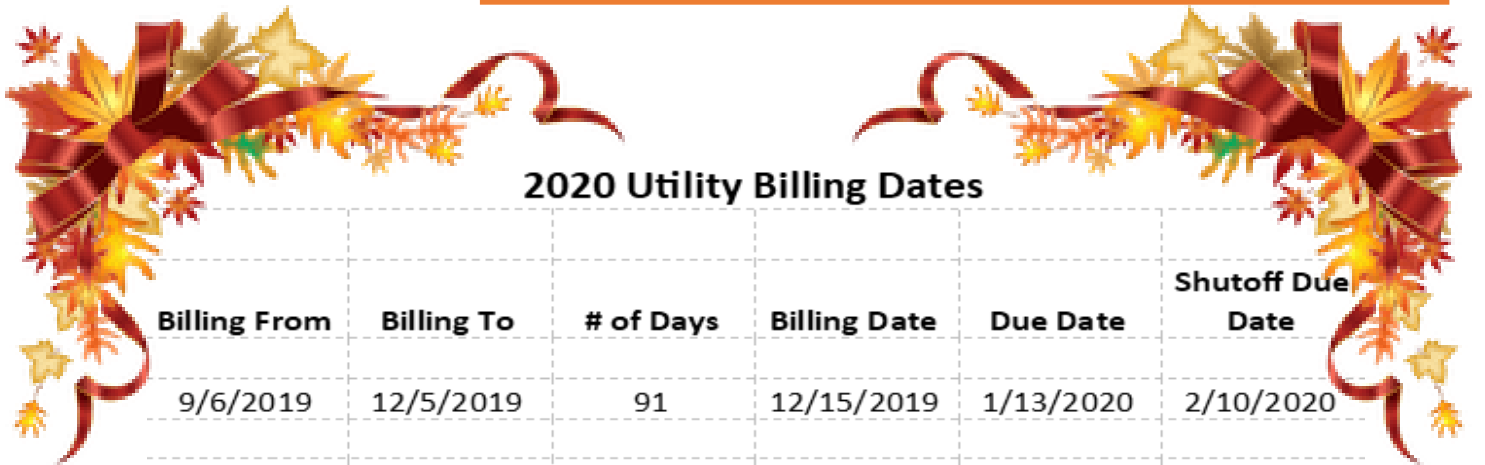
### YARD WASTE & BRUSH PICK UP

The garbage haulers will be picking up yard waste and small brush on TUESDAYS starting at the beginning of APRIL through the end of NOVEMBER. Please place yard waste in marked yard waste containers are biodegradable bags and bundle branches 1" or less in diameter.

Bundles and yard waste containers cannot exceed 40lbs.

YARD WASTE SHOULD NOT BE RAKED TO THE CURB.

Please contact City Hall at (810)724-2135 with any additional questions.



### 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
9/6/2020	12/5/2020	91	12/15/2020	1/11/2021	2/8/2021