

#### NO Parking on the Streets: NOVEMBER 15th to APRIL 15th 2:30 AM to 6:00 AM

## From the Desk of City Manager Craig Horton,

January was mild, February has seen the largest snow fall we've seen in years and negative teen temperatures at night. Here is March and time for the Spring Newsletter. I think City wide, we are hoping for mild weather for Spring 2021.

First, I want to say what a great job your City DPW workers are doing keeping the streets clear during this unusually cold and snowy winter. They come in a midnight and work throughout the night to make sure our streets are as clear as they can be when we get up and go to work. As you are obviously aware, one of the biggest hurdles they have is "Where to put all the snow". And we apologize for that bit of snow that ends back up in your driveways, but when they are pushing that much snow, they can't clear the streets without some of that happening. Please remember to try not to park your cars in the streets on snow days as it makes the plowing job that much harder. Thanks again to the great crew over at the DPW.

Just a reminder that those of you interested and eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination, please continue to regularly check the Lapeer County Public Health Department for vaccine information: <u>http://lapeercountyweb.org/index.php/departments/county-health-department/2-uncategorised/134-</u> covid-19-vaccine-information

Enough about snow and cold weather, let's talk warmer weather. We have two exciting things to look forward to for warmer weather. Spring is the opening of the new City Splashpad and the City Sesquicentennial Celebration later this summer. As I'm sure you've guessed, they have suspended work on the Splashpad for the winter. The good news is, that they are still on schedule and we are all still planning on the Grand Opening to be Memorial Day, Governor permitting of course. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event to start looking forward to is the previously postponed City Sesquicentennial Celebration. It has been scheduled for the weekend of August 13<sup>th</sup>, and the planning committee has been meeting every other Wednesday for the last couple weeks to get this exciting celebration off the ground. We are planning a parade, fireworks, a beer hall, entertainment, inflatables for the kids, a pancake breakfast and a 5K run. Hopefully a little something for everyone.

Don't forget the usual array of events held in Imlay City, like TUESDAY NIGHT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE PARK, THURSDAY FARM-ERS MARKET, THURSDAY NIGHT CAR SHOWS, FRIDAY BIKE NIGHTS, and **new this year**, TUESDAY EVENING FARMERS MARKET (for those who work days), and 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FOOD TRUCK RALLY. With all these happenings, there is sure to be something here that will get you to come downtown, hope to see you there!

We also would like to remind our residence about the recycling that can be done at the curb. Enclosed in this newsletter is the recycling list. If you have any questions please call J & J Disposal.

In the meantime, stay safe, be healthy and remember to shovel your sidewalks. Kids have to get to school, the Postman has to deliver your mail and your neighbors have to walk their dogs, let's help them stay safe.

#### City Officials

Mayor: Joi Kempf Mayor Pro Tem: Frank Demske Commissioner: Kelly Villanueva Commissioner: Greg Rowden Commissioner: Stu Davis Commissioner: Bob Tanis Commissioner: Ted Sadler City Manager: Craig Horton City Clerk/Treasurer: Dawn Sawicki-Franz Police Chief: Scott Pike Fire Chief: Rick Horton DPW Superintendent: Ed Priehs WWTP Superintendent: Pat Rankin DDA Director: Lorrelei Natke

The City Commission meets the FIRST and THIRD Tuesday of every month.

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# FROM YOUR IMLAY CITY CLERK, Dawn Sawicki-Franz

# No election is planned for May in the City of Imlay City at this time.

You can still register to VOTE at the Imlay City Clerk's Office, the Lapeer County Clerk's Office,

any Secretary of State's Office or at <u>https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter</u>.

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

2020 Real Property Taxes have now been turned over to Lapeer County.

As a reminder, **2020 Delinquent Real Property Taxes** will no longer be payable at the City of Imlay City Office. You will need to contact the Lapeer County

Treasurer's Office at (810) 667-0239 for any information pertaining to these.

All **Delinquent Personal Property Taxes** on Business Equipment are payable at the City of Imlay City Office and notices will be sent out in March for balances due.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions and concerns regarding your real and personal property taxes, Veteran Exemptions, and Hardship Exemptions.

# HAPPY SPRING!

From the desk of DDA Director, Lorrelei Natke The Imlay City DDA is looking forward to seeing you all this year. We have a full schedule of events for you to look forward to.

Tuesday Evening Free Concerts – June thru August 7-8:30 pm Tuesday Evening Farmers Market to coincide with our concerts 3-8 pm NEW Thursday Farmers Market – 10 am – 4 pm Friday Night Bike Nights at the Crossroads – Depot Drive 6-10 pm Fourth Saturday Food Trucks – May thru September – (times TBD) NEW Sasquatch Beard Event – June 26 (all day) NEW

Follow us on Facebook at <u>Downtown Imlay City</u>, <u>Imlay City Farmers Market</u> and <u>Art in the</u> <u>Rough</u> for more information.

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What a year we have had; we put 2020 in our rearview mirror and turned off onto the rocky road that is 2021. During the last 12 months, we have been subjected to a pandemic requiring difficult and uncomfortable sacrifices on everyone's part. In the midst of that, we endured probably one of the most chaotic years in all thing's politics. At first glance, one might see our nation as mean spirited and hateful. This would not be a correct assumption (the loudest voice gets the attention). The reality is our country is made up of Imlay Cities. Imlay City has shown resilience, poise, grace, and respect through it all. I encourage you to keep your heads up and moving forward. Somewhere, in the not-too-distant future, we will look back and remember what it was like and that we came out stronger as a result.

For some police stuff, with the coming spring, be mindful of spring cleaning and placing trash and debris in the roadway. Your friendly neighborhood code enforcement Officer (Officer Martin) will be sure to stop by to say hello if you are not sure of the rules. Let's enjoy 2021 and make it an even better year.



If you would like an opportunity to make a difference and serve in your

community, please consider completing an application for a board or commission.

We currently have openings in:

Board of Review • Lamb Steele Board

Parks and Recreation • Planning Commission

Zoning Board of Appeals

You can find an application on our website or come into City Hall.



## From the desk of DPW Superintendent, Ed Priehs

SAVE OUR SEWER SYSTEM FROM "FLUSHABLE" WIPES, THEY CLOG OUR PIPES. "Flushable" wipes are a growing hazard to public health, causing sewer backups and overflows. "Flushable" does not mean biodegradable! STICK TO THE 3 P's. Only three things go in your toilet: pee, poo and (toilet) paper! (If you really want to use wipes, throw them in the trash!) NEVER FLUSH • Baby wipes or cleaning wipes • Tampons and sanitary products • Condoms • Tissues • Paper towels • Dental floss • Cotton balls and swabs • Cat litter • Prescription drugs • Over-the-counter medicines • Cigarette butts

KEEP DRAINS CLEAR • Pour or scrape greasy or oily food waste into an empty can or jar. Do not pour fats, oil or grease down drains or garbage disposals. • Allow grease to cool or freeze in the container before throwing it in the trash. • Wipe grease off cookware, utensils, dishes or surfaces with a paper towel before washing. Do not rinse off with hot water. • Mix liquid vegetable oil with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing it in the trash. • Keep drains clean by pouring 1/2 cup baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup vinegar. Wait 10 to 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water. Fats, oil and grease are found in: • food scraps • meat fats • lard • cooking oil • butter, margarine and shortening • dressings and sauces • dairy products

#### **Quick Reference Numbers**

<u>City Hall</u>

810-724-2135 810-724-1861 Fax

<u>Police</u>

Non-Emergency 810-724-2345 After 4:30pm 810-667-0292

<u>Fire</u>

Non-Emergency 810-724-6262

<u>Construction Code</u> Lapeer Office 810-667-0420

Post Office

810-724-7545

<u>Fairgrounds</u>

810-724-4145

Senior Center

Imlay City Office 810-724-6030 Lapeer Office 810-245-5866

. <u>Ruth Hughes Library</u>

810-724-8043

<u>Greater Lapeer</u>

Transportation Authority

810-664-4566

YARD WASTE AND BRUSH PICKUP WILL BEGIN IN APRIL

## **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

COMING SOON: Our farmers market is starting in its a usual Downtown Imlay City location on the corner of Third and Main Streets, across the street from the post office. In 2021, we are offering TWO market days:

\* THURSDAYS, 10 AM - 4 PM, is our Regular Season Market; Open May 20th through October 28th.

 NEW!! TUESDAYS, 3 PM - 8 PM, is our Evening Season Market. This market will operate 11 weeks in conjunction with our Summer Concert Series; Both events open June 8th through August 31st (closed July 6 and July 27).
For more information or questions regarding the Imlay City Farmers Market, visit www.ICDDA.com, call Imlay City Hall at (810) 724 - 2135, or email

ddapromotions@imlaycity.org.

2021 Billing Dates		
n Billing To #of Days Billin	ng Date Due Date	Shutoff Due Date
12/5/2020 91 12/1	5/2020 1/11/2021	2/8/2021
3/5/2021 90 3/1	5/2021 4/12/2021	5/10/2021
6/5/2021 92 6/1	5/2021 7/12/2021	8/9/2021
9/5/2021 92 9/15	5/2021 10/11/2021	. 11/8/2021

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