



The CITY REVIEW ^{FREE}

City Council Approves Grant Application for Water System Upgrades

As a result of customer feedback, which identified problem water quality areas within South B Street, South C Street, South D Street and Duncan Avenue, the Mayor and City Council approved a grant application for \$1,000,000 to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for replacement of water mains within these areas. The grant application included \$565,000 in matching funds to be provided from the City of Cheboygan's Water Fund.

The City of Cheboygan has also retained the services of engineers with Wade Trim of Gaylord, Michigan who are reviewing operations of the City's Water Department in order to offer recommendations for improvement.

Customer feedback remains important and is encouraged. Please contact the Gary Good, Water & Wastewater Superintendent at 627-2582 with your feedback, questions or concerns.

Downtown Development

Authority Identifies Priorities

The Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors reviewed recommendations of the HyettPalma Study and has also reviewed its financial capacity. As a result of this review, along with other recommendations from the Cool Cities Sub-Committee, the Downtown Development Authority identified top priorities, which include new business development and marketing. Other projects on the Downtown Development Authority's priority list include refinement of the footbridge design and grant applications toward construction and inducing redevelopment of the former Woolworth building site.

The Downtown Development Authority's funding is provided by increased property taxes from property owners within the DDA district and must be used within the district.

City Hall Office Hours will be 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday beginning May 1st through September 29th.

CITY PARTNERS WITH NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENTS TOWARD FUTURE PLANNING

As a result of the City of Cheboygan's Strategic Plan, the City has initiated a proposed planning process with officials from Cheboygan County, Benton Township, Beaugrand Township and Inverness Township.

An Intergovernmental Planning Committee has been formed with representatives from each respective government entity in an effort to begin planning for the future with a single vision. A Resolution has been drafted for review by each government entity, which can legally establish the Planning Committee under Public Act 200 of 1959. The Resolution provides for the ability of governments to study problems of mutual interest and concern and formulate recommendations for review and action by each governing body. Mayor James

Muschell and City Planning Commissioners James Granger and David Prieur have participated on the Committee.

Please contact Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at 627-9931 or stop by City Hall with any questions.

Planning Commission Begins Riverfront Development Study

The Planning Commission will begin reviewing development potentials along the Cheboygan River and will provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for future development. The Planning Commission will review projected land uses for the riverfront development area, evaluate environmental concerns, public access issues, visual corridors, and anticipate developer needs.

The Planning Commission is anticipated to be working on this project over the next year.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at 627-9931 or stop by City Hall.

PLEASE WATCH FOR THE DATES OF THE CITY'S SPRING CLEAN-UP (LEAVES, BRUSH, SMALL LIMBS, ETC.) IN THE TRIBUNE AND ALSO AS A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON WCBY/WGFM RADIO.





PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, located in the City Hall, 403 N. Huron Street.

- ❖ The Cheboygan **City Council** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The City **Planning Commission** meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Zoning Board of Appeals** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Recreation Commission** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Historic Resources Commission** meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Downtown Development Authority** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Human Relations Board** meets the third Thursday of each month Sept.–May & the 3rd Monday of each month June–Aug. at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE:

The City of Cheboygan does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals desiring to attend City hearings or meetings. Three weeks advance notice is requested. Please call the City Clerk at 627-9931 for more information.

IMPORTANT WATER/SEWER INFORMATION

WATER/SEWER EMERGENCIES

If you experience a water or sewer emergency during normal business hours, please call 627-2582.

Should you experience a water or sewer emergency **after normal business hours, or on a weekend or holiday**, the City wants you to know we are committed to providing you with emergency response. To provide that response, you may dial **290-2900** to reach an employee of the Water and Wastewater Department.

Please remember that this system is for emergency situations, not for general information that can be obtained during normal working hours.

Please help us keep this system up and operating for the benefit of the entire City of Cheboygan.



Do's & Don'ts EXPERIENCING A WATER/SEWER PROBLEM???

Call the City at 627-2582 first before calling your plumber to find out whether or not your problem is the responsibility of the City. If you call your plumber first, the City will not be responsible for any costs.

Thank you.



DELINQUENT WATER/ SEWER BILLS

Pursuant to City Ordinance, all water and/or sewer bills that have a delinquent balance as of September 1, 2005 (delinquent for over 6 months) will be placed as a tax lien on the 2006 City Tax Roll on July 1, 2006. Service could also be subject to shut-off status.

WATER SHUT-OFF INFORMATION

Any customer who has their water shut off and has to have the City Water Department restore service will be charged a \$40.00 Turn On Fee. This will include seasonal customers, non-payment customers and anyone discontinuing service for a period of 30 days or more.

RENTAL PROPERTIES

Owners of rental properties are reminded to notify the Utility Billing Dept. at 627-3592 whenever there is a change in tenants in order to calculate a final billing. Also, if the account is to be in the tenant's name, a \$100 deposit is required by the tenant pursuant to policy set by the City Council.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL

Codes: WA=Water; SI=Sewer; FS=Flat Sewer; WO=Out of Town Water; A=Actual Meter Read; E=Estimated Meter Read Bills are sent out quarterly; two bills have actual meter reads – the other two bills are estimated on past actual usage since meters cannot be read during the winter months.

Questions? Call 627-3592.

Planning Home Exterior Improvements? Stop in at City Hall and pick up a Mathieu-Gast form to relieve you of any increase in property taxes, while you own the home, due to these improvements.



INTERESTED PERSONS NEEDED TO FILL TWO VACANCIES ON THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

There are currently two vacancies on the City of Cheboygan's Planning Commission, which must be filled. The Planning Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council relative to development and land use planning within the City of Cheboygan. The Planning Commission will also be undertaking studies with regards to commercial re-development and residential re-development, riverfront development and entrance corridors over the next few years.

City residency is not a requirement for consideration on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Anyone interested can contact Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at the City Hall or by calling 627-9931.



MAY 1st Deadline for Homestead Exemption

If you have not filed for or already receive a homestead exemption on your property taxes, you may stop at the City Hall and complete the necessary form. *(There is no need to re-file if you already receive the exemption.)* To be eligible for this exemption, you **must** own and occupy the home prior to **May 1st** as your principal residence.



DOING CONSTRUCTION OR PUTTING UP A SIGN?



Several City Ordinances and also the BOCA Building Code require that a permit be obtained before beginning certain projects. Signs, **new and replacement**, *(even if you move your business)* as well as all building projects require a permit from the City. The cost of a Sign Permit is \$25.00; the cost of a Zoning Permit is \$25.00. [Storage sheds, porches, decks, etc. require a Permit, as well.] *If a sign or zoning variance is requested a \$75.00 appeals fee must be paid to the City of Cheboygan.*

The Cheboygan County Construction Code and Zoning Department (627-8813) handles all building permits and inspections within the City with the exception of water and sewer connections. You must stop at the City Hall and complete the application for review and approval by the Zoning Administrator before the County issues any permits. *(Banners are temporary issue only & require a permit.)*



PERMITS REQUIRED FOR WORK IN STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY



Anyone planning to perform any type of work within a City street right-of-way **must** secure a Permit from the City of Cheboygan's Department of Public Works. Work requiring a Permit within a street right-of-way includes patch work, culvert installation, curb, sidewalk or driveway repair, tree or shrub planting or any other type of work within the street right-of-way. Please contact David LaCross, DPW Superintendent, at 627-2493 should you plan work in the street right-of-way or have questions concerning street rights-of-way.



Vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals

There is a vacancy on the City's Zoning Board of Appeals, which meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about this vacancy and the Zoning Board of Appeals, please contact Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at 627-9931 or stop by City Hall.

Recreation Center

400 Cleveland Avenue
627-2151

If you have any questions concerning the activities at the Recreation Center, please contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN UMPIRING FOR LITTLE LEAGUE or MEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL, PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT HANCOCK AT 627-2151.

The Center offers basketball, fooseball, ping-pong, bumper pool, pool,  air hockey and two (2) weight rooms  (*weight rooms for high school students & adults only*)

Work on your soccer skills with Mr. B on - Mon., Wed. & Friday - 3:30 -5:30 pm



Sign up for Little League - Pick up a form at the Recreation Center.

Note: If you work nights and are unable to use our schedule, call the Recreation Center at 627-2151 and they will try and work you into a time that fits your schedule. Also, if you would like to use the facility for basketball or volleyball, contact Scott Hancock at 627-2151.

Thank You!

The Recreation Department says thank you to the following teams and sponsors for competing in our City Recreation Leagues: (*denotes League Champions)

Men's Basketball

- Indian River
- Mackinaw IGA
- South End Stumps
- *Action Logistics
- Cheboygan Cement

Church League Volleyball

- Sacred Heart
- Community of Christ
- *Faith Baptist
- St. Paul's
- St. Thomas
- (not completed)

Spike Volleyball

- Team Jay
- Team Malaie
- Team Michelle
- Team Dave
- Team Kathy
- Team Laurie
- (not completed)



Appreciation Plaque Presented to Recreation Department Employees from Area 33 Special Olympics

Mr. Fred Thompson and Ms. Elaine LaLonde, representing Area 33 Special Olympics, presented a plaque to the City of Cheboygan Recreation Department (Scott Hancock, Mike Juillet and Bill Dunn) in appreciation for their assistance with the Special Olympics athletic program. The plaque was accepted at a City Council meeting by Mr. Mike Juillet and Mr. Scott Hancock.

If anyone is interested in volunteering during the Special Olympics athletic program, please contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2582.

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Cheboygan Youth Center is now open (old Junior High on Division Street) after school until 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Check it out!



SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



ROLLER BLADING, SKATE BOARDING & BICYCLING



Use of skateboards, roller blades, and other toy wheeled devices is prohibited on City streets and sidewalks under Section 3.4 and 6.18 of the Uniform Traffic Code, particularly in downtown areas where posted. **Roller blading and skate boarding are permitted** in the Ice Rink/Pavilion parking lots and the City-owned parking lot at the corner of Division and Huron Streets after 5:30 P.M. or when the lots are empty. Children are permitted to use bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, etc. on the sidewalks in their residential neighborhoods; however, they are advised to yield to pedestrian foot traffic. Bicycles are prohibited on downtown sidewalks where posted. (See Chapter 74 of the City Code of Ordinances.)

ANIMAL CONTROL



Chapters 90, Sections 90.08 & 90.22 of the City Ordinance require that all persons **walk their dogs on leashes** and have them under control and that they clean up all manure deposited or accumulated upon any street, sidewalk, gutter, alley or private property.

SWIMMING



Chapter 130, Sec. 130.03(N) of the City Ordinance **prohibits** swimming and/or diving into the lower Cheboygan River from the DNR locks and dam north to the mouth of the River at the Straits of Mackinac.



DISORDERLY CONDUCT - NOISE



Section 9.10 of the Uniform Traffic Code prohibits persons from playing loud vibrating music from motor vehicles. Other sections of City Ordinance (Chapter 95) and State Statute prohibit the playing of home stereos and recording devices in a loud manner, which would disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood.



INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES

Chapter 94, Section 94.02, of the City Ordinance requires that all unlicensed, uninsured and/or inoperable motor vehicles be removed from private properties within the City or stored inside garages.



BURNING PERMITS

Chapter 95, Sec. 95.08 of the City Ordinance requires all property owners, whether business or residential, are **required to obtain** a burning permit from the City of Cheboygan before open burning of any type is permitted. This includes small piles of brush, grass or leaves. Burning in burning barrels is also restricted and persons wishing to do so must obtain permission through the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety/Police or Fire Division (627-4321). Fines for violation of this Ordinance can amount to \$500.00 or more.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Dry chemical fire extinguishers can be refilled at CarQuest, 122 S. Main Street, Cheboygan (627-5691).

GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS



Chapter 95, Sec. 95.04 of the City Ordinances (Grass and Noxious Weeds) requires that property owners keep their lawns and property neat and trimmed throughout the growing season. Penalties for noncompliance may result in the City trimming and placing a bill for this on the tax roll.

SPEED LIMITS: All City streets are **25 mph**, unless posted otherwise.

RADAR LOCATIONS: W. Lincoln & Loomis; W. Lincoln & Cleveland; Mackinaw & N. Ball; E. State & Eastern; Cleveland & E. Seymour; Lafayette & Abbott; N. Huron & Lake, **and other** locations throughout the City.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL: k.r.jones@cheboygan.org; n.ward@cheboygan.org; s.r.warren@cheboygan.org; d.frazier@cheboygan.org; r.hartman@cheboygan.org; c.m.torrence@cheboygan.org; j.derry@cheboygan.org; r.p.white@cheboygan.org; d.engler@cheboygan.org; and r.beaudry@cheboygan.org

The Cheboygan Department of Public Safety urges everyone to cooperate with these ordinances and traffic codes so that we can all enjoy a safe and happy spring and summer season.

Cheboygan County Businesses Now Have Access to Revolving Fund

The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Cheboygan has facilitated the availability of Revolving Loan Fund, otherwise known as “RLF”, to County businesses. These RLF’s can be used for a variety of business needs including equipment modernization, working capital for expansion and others.

A Revolving Loan Fund is a source of money from which loans are made for small business development projects. The fund is capitalized with dollars from the United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development, which generally do not need to be repaid. A loan is made to a business and as repayments are made, funds become available for new loans to other businesses.

RLF’s are established to provide a source of financing, which may not otherwise be available within the community, for local, expanding or start-up businesses. Often they are used to fill a “financing gap” in a business development project. A gap occurs when the business lacks the funds to meet the equity requirements of bank financing or needs a lower interest rate.

An RLF within a community enhances the “tool chest” of the local economic development agency. Incentives such as fixed rate, low interest, and/or long-term financing are important to a business wanting to locate or expand within the area.

The existence of an RLF promotes goodwill for the local community. Businesses are encouraged by programs that support retention and expansion, utilizing flexible, locally controlled funds. This demonstrates a pro-business attitude, which is critical when developing partnerships between the public and private sectors.

RLF dollars are available through Mr. Ken Kolasa of the Target Alpena Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Kolasa may be contacted at 989-354-2666 or email at targetalpena@chartermi.net. At the present time, the maximum loan amount is \$25,000 with a seven percent (7%) interest rate and 10-year term.

Scott E. McNeil, City Manager is President of The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Cheboygan

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

Administration – Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm – 627-4321; Emergencies for Police & Fire – 911
 Personal office contact: The main entrance to the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety is off the City Hall parking lot at 403 N. Huron Street. Enter using the west set of glass doors. The Department of Public Safety is the first door on the right upon entering the hallway. If the door is locked, the administrative assistant is either off duty or out of the office. In that case, pick up the phone on the wall on the left side of the doorway. This will connect you immediately to a CCE/911 dispatcher and, if needed, they will call a police officer into the office to assist you.

Telephone Numbers for City Offices

City Hall 627-9931 403 N. Huron Street	Dept. of Public Works 627-2493 (Street Department) 1003 N. Huron Street	Mayor 627-9931
Assessor 627-9931	Ice Rink/Pavilion 627-3255 480 Cleveland Avenue	Parks & Rec. Dept. 627-2151 (Recreation Center) 400 Cleveland Avenue
Clerk/Treasurer 627-9931	Manager 627-9931	Utility Billing 627-3592
Police & Fire 627-4321 Non-Emergency 403 N. Huron Street	Marina 627-4944	Water & Sewer 627-2582 (inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant) 975 N. Huron Street

**Hearing Impaired Only
TDD 597-0315**



REMINDER – City of Cheboygan Biennial Election on May 2, 2006 (held at the Recreation Center) to fill seat for the office of Mayor and 3 seats for the office of Council Person. Election to the Cheboygan Area Public School Board and millage proposals for both the Cheboygan Area Public Schools and Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Intermediate School District will also be on the ballot.