



The CITY REVIEW **FREE**



LINCOLN AVENUE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

The Lincoln Avenue Bridge over the Cheboygan River closed for all traffic on March 19th.



The existing multiple span concrete box beam bridge will be replaced by a multiple span precast concrete arch bridge. The prime contractor for the reconstruction of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge is Milbocker & Sons, Inc. of Adrian, Michigan. It is anticipated at this time that the Bridge will be closed to all traffic until the end of September 2007. The new Lincoln Avenue Bridge is planned to be open to all traffic in late Fall.

Persons whose normal routes and daily commutes require use of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge should plan alternative routes accordingly. Detour signs have been posted and are as follows:



Southbound traffic from the east (formerly using Lafayette and Lincoln Avenues) detoured down State Street to Western Avenue; eastbound traffic from the south detoured westerly on Lincoln Avenue, northerly on Western Avenue, and easterly on State Street.

The City of Cheboygan sincerely appreciates your patience during this project.



WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT ON CITY'S EAST SIDE & S. MAIN STREET

The City of Cheboygan has contracted with the engineering firm of Wade Trim of Gaylord, Michigan to replace water main along Duncan Avenue from E. State Street to Eastern Avenue and South B, C & D Streets from E. State Street to Seventh Street. The contractor for this project has not been selected yet and construction is expected to begin in June with completion no later than November 15th.

Water main along Main Street from Nelson Street south to Lincoln Avenue will begin in September, based on current plans.

These water main replacement projects were made possible through an Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Project grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) with matching funds, by issuing revenue bonds, from the City of Cheboygan Water System Fund.

May 8th – School Election

Registered voters may pick up the application for an absentee ballot  at the City Hall, but  ballots are only available for pick up at the Cheboygan County Clerk's Office.

City Hall office hours will be 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday beginning April 30th through September 28th.



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 Mon. 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.

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.



DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS

Pursuant to City Ordinance, all water and/or sewer bills that have a delinquent balance as of September 1, 2006 (delinquent for over 6 months) will be placed as a tax lien on the 2007 City Tax Roll on July 1, 2007. Service could also be subject to shut-off status.

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.

IMPORTANT WATER/SEWER INFORMATION



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.



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.



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.



For Your Information!

How can I find the source of a hydrogen sulfide problem, and what can I do to eliminate it?

The odor of hydrogen sulfide gas can be detected in water at a very low level. Smell the water coming out of the hot and cold water faucets. Determine which faucets have the odor. The "rotten egg" smell will often be more noticeable from the hot water because more of the gas is vaporized. Your sense of smell becomes dulled quickly, so the best time to check is after you have been away from your home for a few hours. You can also have the water tested for hydrogen sulfide, sulfate, sulfur bacteria, and iron bacteria at an environmental testing laboratory. The cost of testing for hydrogen sulfide ranges from \$20 to \$50 depending on the type of test.

- If the smell is only from the hot water faucet **the problem is likely to be in the water heater.**
- If the smell is in both the hot and cold faucets, but only from the water treated by a water softener and not in the untreated water **the problem is likely to be sulfur bacteria in the water softener.**
- If the smell is strong when the water in both the hot and cold faucets is first turned on, and it diminishes or goes away after the water has run, or if the smell varies through time **the problem is likely to be sulfur bacteria in the well or distribution system.**
- If the smell is strong when the water in both the hot and cold faucets is first turned on and is more or less constant and persists with use **the problem is likely to be hydrogen sulfide as in the groundwater.**

How is Hydrogen Sulfide Gas Produced in a Water Heater?

A water heater can provide an ideal environment for the conversion of sulfate to hydrogen sulfide gas. The water heater can produce hydrogen sulfide gas in two ways - creating a warm environment where sulfur bacteria can live, and sustaining a reaction between sulfate in the water and the water heater anode. A water heater usually contains a metal rod called an "anode," which is installed to reduce corrosion of the water heater tank. The anode is usually made of magnesium metal, which can supply electrons that aid in the conversion of sulfate to hydrogen sulfide gas. The anode is 1/2 to 3/4 inches in diameter and 30 to 40 inches long.



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.

Public Notice

Any citizen having experienced an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, must file a written claim with the City of Cheboygan within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. Notice should be mailed to Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at the City of Cheboygan, PO Box 39, 403 N. Huron Street, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721. Telephone: 231-627-9931. **Failure to provide the required notice will prevent recovery of damages.**

Contact Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at PO Box 39, 403 N. Huron Street, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721 or telephone 231-627-9931 immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

City of Cheboygan Adopts Goal to Improve Water Quality Customer Feedback Deemed Important

As the City of Cheboygan adopted the 2005 Strategic Plan, one of the first priorities to be addressed will be improvement of the water quality delivered to water system customers. As the City's Water Department investigates the problems and causes relative to water quality, customer input and feedback will be vital to conducting quality research and investigation and problem identification.

The City of Cheboygan has in place a system to record and investigate water quality complaints and concerns. Water system customers with quality concerns are encouraged to contact the City of Cheboygan Utility Billing Department at 627-3592 in order to have their water quality concerns recorded and investigated.

Updates with regards to progress toward water quality improvement will be included in reports to the Mayor and City Council and in future issues of *The City Review*.

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 403 N. Huron Street	627-9931	Dept. of Public Works (Street Department) 1003 N. Huron Street	627-2493	Mayor	627-9931
Assessor	627-9931	Ice Rink/Pavilion 480 Cleveland Avenue	627-3255	Parks & Rec. Dept. (Recreation Center) 400 Cleveland Avenue	627-2151
Clerk/Treasurer	627-9931	Manager	627-9931	Utility Billing	627-3592
Police & Fire Non-Emergency 403 N. Huron Street	627-4321	Marina	627-4944	Water & Sewer (inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant) 975 N. Huron Street	627-2582
Hearing Impaired Only TDD 597-0315					

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.

Boys Nights (2nd grade to 8th grade): Monday & Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Girls Nights (2nd grade to 8th grade): Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
High School Students & Older: Monday through Friday, 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm

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)

Women's Basketball

- *Fleetwood Inn*
- Jr. Chiefs
- Indian River
- Straits Area Chiropractic

Men's Basketball

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

Church League Volleyball

- Community of Christ
- Faith Baptist
- Faith Baptist II
- St. Paul's
- St. Thomas

Spike Volleyball

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



If anyone is interested in volunteering during the Special Olympics athletic program, please contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.

Mayor: James E. Muschell, 627-9024
Mayor Pro Tem: Scott McCauslin, 627-2960
Council:
Gerald Boardman, 627-1757
Charles Charboneau, 627-2159
Winifred L. Riddle, 627-6604
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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, you **must** own and occupy the home prior to **May 1st** as your principal residence.