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2010 Water Main Improvement Project

Construction will begin this summer on the 2010 Water Main Improvement Project to address water quality complaints and water main breaks. The project areas include replacing water mains as follows: North Main Street between Mackinaw Avenue and Lake Street; Duncan Avenue between Eastern Avenue and Marina Drive; Harrison Avenue between Eastern Avenue and Marina Drive; North C Street between East State Street and East First Street; North D Street between Fourth Street and Second Street; North E Street between E. State Street and Third Street; South E Street between East State Street and Sixth Street; East First Street between Coast Guard Drive and Duncan Avenue; Third Street between North B Street and Duncan Avenue; and West State Street between Main Street and North Ball Street. The project also includes disconnecting an old River crossing on East First Street between North B Street and Duncan Avenue; disconnect services from an old 4”-diameter cast iron water main & connect to a new 12” plastic main; abandon a 6” cast iron water main on West State Street between the former railroad track and Ball Street & reconnect services to new water main; and abandon a 4” cast iron water main on South F Street between Abbott Street and East State Street and reconnect services to new water main. [Of interest, the current water mains date back to 1881 – 1947). Wade Trim, Gaylord, is the engineer on the project. The project is made possible through a 40-year low-interest loan from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program and an increase in water utility rates effective July 1, 2010. [see article below] The City asks for and appreciates your patience during this project as it strives to improve the water quality to all its customers. If you have any questions, please contact the Interim City Manager, at 627-9931.



Water Rate Increases on July 1, 2010

The City Council recently approved water utility rate increases effective July 1, 2010. The current rate for 1,000 gallons (1 unit) is \$3.43; the new rate will be \$4.71. This increase does not affect the sewer portion of the utility bill.

This increase was necessary in order to move forward with the 2010 Water Main Improvement Project.



Grass & Weed Notice

Property owners, residential & business, are required to cut the right-of-way (berm area), as well as their personal property. City crews are mowing private properties that are in violation of the City Ordinance. The minimum charge is \$160/per hour and will be placed on property taxes levied in July. Also, the property owner can be cited for the violation.



A MESSAGE TO BUSINESS OWNERS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The City Treasurer’s Office reminds business owners that personal property taxes are levied in July and December of each year. [This is the tax on the furniture, equipment, etc. used in your business.] If you do not receive both your July & December personal property tax bills, contact the City Treasurer’s Office at 627-9931.



City Summer Property Taxes

The City of Cheboygan summer tax bill (July) is due without penalty no later than August 2nd and is payable at the City Hall. Effective July 2010, the school taxes are now billed on the summer tax bill; they were previously billed on December 1 on the winter tax bill. This will raise your summer tax bill and lower your winter tax bill.

Public Notice

Any citizen having experienced an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal or storm water system must file a written claim with the City of Cheboygan within 45 days after the discovery or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. Failure to provide the required notice to the Interim City Manager, 403 N. Huron St., PO Box 39, Cheboygan, MI 49721 will prevent recovery of damages.

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 (231) 627-9931 for more information.

IMPORTANT WATER/SEWER INFORMATION

NOTICE

Only City of Cheboygan Department of Public Works personnel have the authority to turn on or off water at the City's curb stop or meter pit.



WATER SHUT-OFF INFORMATION

Customers who have their water shut off and have to have Department of Public Works personnel 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 billing staff at 627-3592 whenever there is a change in tenants. A meter read needs to be done in order to calculate a "final bill". **Also**, in order for the water/sewer bill to be in the tenant's name, a \$100 deposit is required by the tenant pursuant to policy set by the City Council. Otherwise the billing stays in the owner's name. Deposit money is kept in a separate account to be used on the final bill or returned if nothing is owed.

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 staff is committed to providing emergency response. To provide that response, you may dial 290-2900 to reach an employee of the Department of Public Works. 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.



DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS

Pursuant to City Ordinance provisions, all water and/or sewer bills that have a delinquent balance as of September 1, 2009 (delinquent for over 6 months) will be placed as a tax lien on the 2010 City Tax Roll on July 1, 2010. Service could also be subject to shut-off status.



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.



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.



SECOND METER READ REQUESTS



When a water/sewer bill is questioned and a second meter read is requested, there will be no charge. If an error is discovered it will be corrected by the City staff. If there is no error, the customer will be required to pay the original bill. During the next 24-month period, if a second read is requested and there is no error, the customer will then be liable for a \$10.00 charge.

[City Council Policy, 9/13/83]



A FEW WORDS ABOUT SIGNS & INOPERABLE VEHICLES

With the arrival of summer come new businesses and business ventures. With those comes the need for signs. With signs comes the need for permits from the City of Cheboygan under Chapter 152 of the City Ordinances titled "Signs." In short, this states that all new businesses and/or existing businesses adding new signs or changing existing signs are required to obtain sign permits at City Hall. This includes, but is not limited to, temporary signs, permanent signs, ground signs, wall signs, window signs, etc and also includes banners.

The City of Cheboygan Nuisance Ordinance and Sign Ordinance prohibit the erection of any type of signs or banners within any portion of a public right-of-way and prohibit the posting of signs on any power or telephone poles or off-premise postings. Persons wishing to advertise garage sales should do so through the local media and with a sign posted on their private property or on another person's private property with written permission. Yard or garage sales are not permitted for longer than seven (7) days in any 90-day period.

Persons are also reminded that City Ordinances prohibit unlicensed, uninsured, inoperable motor vehicles from being stored on property within the City of Cheboygan.

Please



The Department of Public Works asks that you not place leaves, branches, yard clippings, etc. on the streets until the City clean-up in the late Fall. The date will be announced in early October. The City needs to have the streets clear in order to operate street-sweeping machinery. If you have any questions, please contact Steven F. Gall, Sr., Director, Department of Public Works, at 627-2582.



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 Steven F. Gall, Sr., Director, Department of Public Works, at 627-2592, if you plan work in the street right-of-way or have questions concerning street rights-of-way.



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Telephone Numbers for City Offices

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

Hearing Impaired Only - TDD 597-0315



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 Skate Park located at the north end of the Ice Rink/Pavilion on Cleveland Avenue & the City-owned parking lot at the corner of Division and Huron Streets after 5:30 p.m. or when the parking lot is 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.



Motorized scooters, mini bikes and mini choppers are not allowed to operate on sidewalks. Mini choppers and other motorized bikes require a moped registration and a driver's license or a special moped operator's license (must be at least 15 years of age) to operate on streets if equipped with a headlamp, taillight and horn. Operators under 19 years of age must wear a helmet.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Chapter 90, Sections 90.08 and 90.25 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



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

Chapter 95, Section 95.03 of the City Ordinance prohibits persons from playing loud vibrating music from motor vehicles. Other sections of City Ordinance 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

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. **NO BURNING IF STATEWIDE BURNING BAN IS TEMPORARILY ENVOKED.**



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



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

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.

\$5 EARLY BIRD TICKETS
OR **\$10** AT THE GATE

JULY 24th

Citizens National Bank
Parking Lot



BRYAN LEE



BRIAN LORENTE



MATT BESEV

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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| 3:00... | COVER HOGS |
| 4:00... | BRIAN LORENTE and THE USUAL SUSPECTS |
| 5:30... | JIMI HENDRIX TRIBUTE - MATT BESEV BAND |
| 7:00... | JOANNA CONNOR BAND |
| 9:00... | BRYAN LEE and THE BLUES POWER BAND |



COVER HOGS

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cheboygan**

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**CALL
627-9931
for
information**



JOANNA CONNOR BAND



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Recreation Center

400 Cleveland Avenue
627-2151

If you have any questions concerning the activities at the Recreation Center, please contact Scott Hancock, Director of Parks and Recreation 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.



Scott Hancock, Director of Parks and Recreation, has announced the following schedule for the Recreation Center open for 2nd grade and up:

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM - Elementary and Junior High School Students

8:00 PM to 10:30 PM - High School Students and Adults

Monday & Wednesday for boys and men. Tuesday & Thursday for girls and women.

The Center offers basketball, foosball, ping-pong, bumper pool, pool, air hockey and two (2) weight rooms **(weight rooms for high school students & adults only).** Also, Mini Bowling and Mini Hoops

Soccer Players: Work out with Mr. "B" (Tom Brcic) Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Please call the Recreation Center for more information at 627-2151.



Sign up for Little League - Call Denny Proctor @ 420-1412 or pick up a form at the Recreation Center.

For Men's Fast Pitch Softball Sign-up contact the Recreation Center.



Do you want to warm up your arm? Men's Fastpitch players are throwing the ball around at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

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.



Mayor: Richard B. Sangster, 627-5807
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Mark Bronson, 597-8234
Nicholas C. Couture, 420-3644 (cell)
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Upcoming Elections



August 3 - Primary
November 2 - General Election

