



The CITY REVIEW

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING



The City of Cheboygan will be flushing hydrants as follows:

EAST SIDE: 11:00 pm Sunday, May 1 to 7:00 am Monday, May 2
11:00 pm Monday, May 2 to 7:00 am Tuesday, May 3
*11:00 pm Tuesday, May 3 to 7:00 am Wednesday, May 4



WEST SIDE: 11:00 pm Sunday, May 8 to 7:00 am Monday, May 9
11:00 pm Monday, May 9 to 7:00 am Tuesday, May 10
11:00 pm Tuesday, May 10 to 7:00 am Wednesday, May 11
*11:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 to 7:00 am Thursday, May 12
*if needed

Please do not wash clothing without first running cold water faucets until the water is clear on these days and the following day to clear your lines of rust and other particles.

THE CITY WELCOMES DALE A. STUART AS ITS NEW CITY MANAGER

Dale A. Stuart of Clarkston was appointed by the City Council on March 22, 2011 to serve in the City Manager position.

Mr. Stuart was one of 42 persons from 12 states who had responded to notices prepared by the Michigan Municipal League, as the City's consultant for recruitment and selection of a City Manager, and had been one of seven finalist candidates selected for interviews before the City Council on February 23 and 24.

Holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Lawrence Technological University and a Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law, Mr. Stuart most recently had worked for four years as City Manager at Keego Harbor and had served for 12 years as Township Supervisor in Oakland County. He previously had practiced law and also had been employed by General Motors Corporation.



Additional Water System Improvements

Construction is scheduled to begin mid June for the Water Main Improvement Project and is expected to take approximately 16 weeks. This Project will 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
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CHEBOYGAN AREA SCHOOLS SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

The Cheboygan Area Schools Board of Education has requested that the annual School Operating, Debt and Sinking Fund Taxes be placed on the City's Summer Tax Roll beginning July 1, 2011. This was approved by City Council at its January 11, 2011 meeting. These taxes are subject to a 1% administration fee with an additional 3% penalty levied on August 1st for unpaid taxes. Further, delinquent taxes, as of March 1, 2012, will be subject to an additional 7% penalty.



CITY'S SPRING CLEAN-UP SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS.



IMPORTANT WATER/SEWER INFORMATION

NOTICE

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



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.

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.*



DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS

Pursuant to City Ordinance, all water and/or sewer bills that have a delinquent balance as of September 1, 2010 (delinquent for over 6 months) will be placed as a tax lien on the 2011 City Tax Roll on July 1, 2011. Service could also be subject to shut-off status.



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. 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.



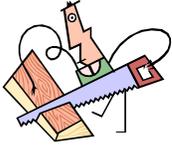
UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL

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.

If you have qualified for a winter water run credit, it will be applied on the bill that has the first actual meter read of the year.

[June for Cycle A; July for Cycle B; and August for Cycle C.]

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.**]

If a sign or zoning variance is requested a \$125.00 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 Street Department. 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 the Department of Public Works, at 627-2582 should you plan work in the street right-of-way or have questions concerning street rights-of-way.



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 Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ The **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** meets the 2nd Mon. of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Board and Commission meetings (excluding the City Council) are subject to change/cancellation based on activity. Please check the bulletin board at the City Hall for meeting agendas or call 627-9931.

Water Improvement Project (continued from page 1)

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.

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 Dale A. Stuart, City Manager at 231-627-9931 or dstuart@cheboygan.org.



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;
and d.engler@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 Dale A. Stuart, 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 Dale A. Stuart, 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.



SPRING CLEAN UP TIME. Again this Spring, the City's Street Department will provide free pick-up service for yard rakings, brush, small tree limbs, etc. The dates for the clean-up are **April 18th through May 6th**. Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. April 18th on the **edge of all streets**, [not in alleys, ditches or on grassy areas] as trucks will begin area pick-up at 7:00 a.m. We ask your cooperation in separating your leaves into one pile and your brush & small tree limbs into another. This makes the pick-up and disposal process much more expeditious for our crew. If the same are not separated, the City cannot guarantee their pick-up. Also, remember your refuse must be placed on the edge of the street, not in ditches or on grassy areas. **DO NOT USE BAGS OF ANY**

TYPE. The City **cannot and will not** accept garbage, household trash, appliances of any type, tin, metal or items too heavy for one man to lift. **GRASS or LEAVES IN PLASTIC BAGS**

WILL NOT BE PICKED UP! Do Not place anything on the streets other then during these dates.

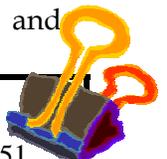
[Also, leaves & brush may be dropped off at the Department of Public Works garage, 1003 N. Huron Street, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.]

If you have any questions, please contact the Dept. of Public Works at 627-2582 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

Administration - Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm - 627-4321; Emergencies for Police & Fire - 911
 onal 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 [Hearing Impaired Only: TDD 597-0315]	627-9931	Mayor	627-9931	Parks & Rec. Dept. (Recreation Center) 400 Cleveland Avenue	627-2151
Assessor	627-9931	Manager	627-9931	Utility Billing	627-3592
Clerk/Treasurer	627-9931	Ice Rink/Pavilion 480 Cleveland Avenue	627-3255	Public Works (inc. Water, Sewer, Wastewater Treatment Plan t & Street Dept.)	627-2582
Police & Fire *Non-Emergency 403 N. Huron Street	627-4321*	Marina	627-4944	975 N. Huron Street	

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.

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.



Scott Hancock, Recreation Director, 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.



Open gym for co-ed volleyball, any age, is held on Friday nights, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



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 for 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.

Weight room open for adults Monday & Wednesday, 3:30 pm to 5:00 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.

Special Olympic Summer Games training starts on April 9, 2011 at the Recreation Center. If you would like to help, please contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.



Mayor: Richard B. Sangster, 627-5807
Mayor Pro Tem: Theo Lepp, 597-9273
Council:
Mark Bronson, 597-8234
Nicholas C. Couture, 420-3644 (cell)
William K. Jewell, 597-8032
Winifred L. Riddle, 627-6604
Michael J. VanFleet, 627-3126

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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.