



# The CITY REVIEW



**SPRING CLEAN UP TIME.** Starting on April 16, 2012 and ending May 4, 2012, the City's Street Department will provide free pick-up service for yard rakings, brush, and small tree limbs (hereafter debris). After May 4, 2012 no debris is permitted to be placed at the edge of the roads.

**Debris must not be placed out for pick up before April 13, 2012.**

Debris must be out by 7:00 a.m. at the edge of the street, not in ditches or on grassy areas, by April 16<sup>th</sup>. We ask your cooperation in separating your leaves into one pile and your brush & small tree limbs into another to facilitate pickup. If the items are not separated, the City cannot guarantee their pick-up. 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!**

*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.*

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



## SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Cheboygan will be flushing hydrants as follows:



**EAST SIDE:** 11:00 pm Sunday, April 29 to 7:00 am Monday, April 30  
11:00 pm Monday, April 30 to 7:00 am Tuesday, May 1  
11:00 pm Tuesday, May 1 to 7:00 am Wednesday, May 2

**WEST SIDE:** 11:00 pm Sunday, May 6 to 7:00 am Monday, May 7  
11:00 pm Monday, May 7 to 7:00 am Tuesday, May 8  
11:00 pm Tuesday, May 8 to 7:00 am Wednesday, May 9  
\*11:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 to 7:00 am Thursday, May 10

**\*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.**

## 2011/2012 Cheboygan Chiefs High School Hockey



Talk about community pride, what could be more inspirational than a 21-6-1 record! The answer is winning the first State Regional Championship. Congratulations to all nineteen (19) members of the team and to their coach and the Ralph Cantile Ice Arena manager, Craig Coxe. Thanks to this team, we all get to stand a little taller.



### City's Biennial Election – May 8, 2012

The City's Biennial Election for the election of three (3) Councilpersons and the Mayor will be held on May 8, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 400 Cleveland Ave.



Exercise your right to vote.

**May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>** as your principal residence.



## DDA Plans Summer Events...

Summer is right around the corner and with that comes the planning for Downtown events. Make plans to attend the following events this summer:

### Downtown Music Festival– July 27 & 28

The 2012 Downtown Music Festival is a FREE admission, two-day event held the last Friday and Saturday of July which celebrates all types of music in the heart of Downtown Cheboygan! Entertainment begins at 5:00 p.m. on both days with Friday night celebrating rock and blues genres and Saturday night featuring country.

### Summer Street Fair – July 28

Main Street comes alive with activity for the entire family during the Downtown Cheboygan Summer Street Fair! Featuring: arts & craft show, basketball shoot-out contest, children's entertainment, carnival games and activities. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m.!



### Downtown Sidewalk Sales – August 9-11

Don't miss the deals your local retailers offer during this special 3 day event. Enjoy the shopping convenience of your Downtown Cheboygan merchants this summer.

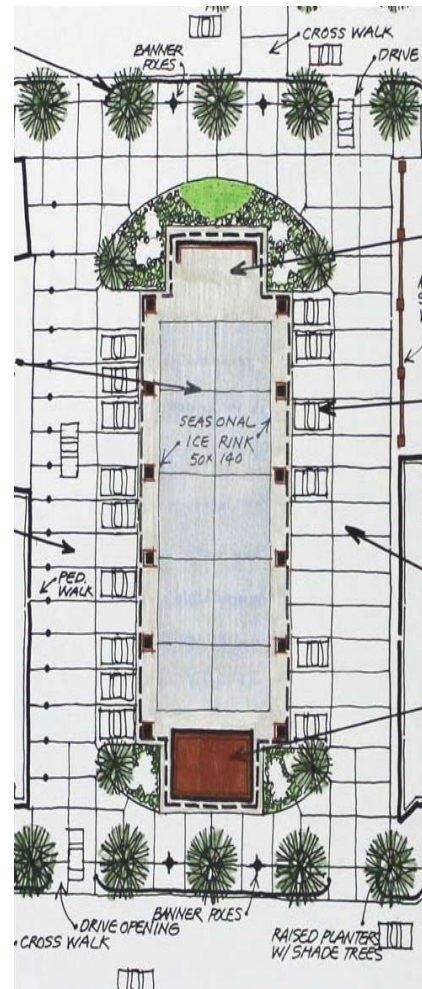
Whether you are dining in a local eatery, shopping in a retail store, or taking in the flavors of the festival, it's always fun to come together and spend time in the downtown district. Downtown Cheboygan is the place to shop, dine & unwind!

For more information regarding the summer events, please contact Kirsten Guenther, Downtown Enhancement Administrator, (231) 627-9931 or [kguenther@cheboygan.org](mailto:kguenther@cheboygan.org).

## *FESTIVAL SQUARE*

(Former Woolworth Building)

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Plan and Tax Increment Authority (TIFA) Plan have been amended. Pumford Construction Company from Saginaw, Michigan has been selected as the contractor for the work. Construction should begin May, 2012 and be completed by the end of September. The project will place an outdoor pavilion between the existing building to the north and existing building to the south. One-way streets will run to the north and south of the new structure. This venue will provide a location for downtown events and the farmer's market. Construction of the amenity will be funded with grant funds, DDA funds and City funds.



# Recreation Center

400 Cleveland Avenue  
627-2151

Scott Hancock, Recreation Director

## Recreation Center Schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

SPRING BREAK – Gym is open for high school boys on Mondays & Wednesdays – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. & high school girls on Tuesdays & Thursdays – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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.

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



Do you want to shoot some pool during the day? Pool tables are open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Scott at 627-2151.

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 14, 2012 at the Recreation Center. If you would like to help, please contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151

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





## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

#### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:**

[k.r.jones@cheboygan.org](mailto:k.r.jones@cheboygan.org); [b.temple@cheboygan.org](mailto:b.temple@cheboygan.org); [s.r.warren@cheboygan.org](mailto:s.r.warren@cheboygan.org); [d.frazier@cheboygan.org](mailto:d.frazier@cheboygan.org);  
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[d.engler@cheboygan.org](mailto:d.engler@cheboygan.org)

# IMPORTANT WATER/SEWER INFORMATION

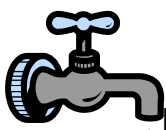
## NOTICE

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

## WATER/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.*



## 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, 2011 (delinquent for over 6 months) will be placed as a tax lien on the 2012 City Tax Roll on July 1, 2012. 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.*



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



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.

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.



**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	627-9931	975 N. Huron Street	



**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

- ❖ The **City Council** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Planning Commission** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Zoning Board of Appeals** meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Recreation Commission** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Historic Resources Commission** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Downtown Development Authority** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Human Relations Board** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ The **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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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 City Assessor: Thomas E. Eustice  
 Fire Chief: Thomas Bancroft  
 DPW Director, Steven F. Gall, Sr.  
 Parks & Recreation Director: Scott Hancock  
 Ice Rink/Pavilion Manager: Craig Cox

**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.