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The CITY REVIEW

FALL CLEAN UP TIME.

Again this Fall, the City's Department of Public Works will provide ***free*** pick-up service for yard rakings, brush, small tree limbs, etc. ***DO NOT* USE BAGS OF ANY TYPE.**

The dates for the clean-up are **Monday, October 28th through Friday, November 8th.**

Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. October 28th on **the edge of all streets**, **not** in alleys, ditches or on grassy areas. We ask your cooperation in separating leaves into one pile and brush & small tree limbs into another. This makes the pick-up and disposal process easier for crews. If not separated, the City cannot guarantee their pick-up. The City ***cannot and will not*** accept garbage, household trash, appliances of any kind, tin, metal, building materials, or items too heavy for one person to lift.

GRASS or LEAVES IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 627-2582 between 7:00 am & 3:30 pm

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALK REQUIRED

The owners of any property in certain areas are required by City Ordinance to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice. The areas which are included in the snow & ice removal Ordinance are listed as follows:

Huron Street from Mackinaw Avenue to Locust Street
Main Street from First Street to the South City Limits
Water Street from State Street to Elm Street
Mackinaw Avenue from Clinton Street to Main Street
State Street from Huron Street to "F" Street
Backus Street from Huron Street to Main Street
Division Street from Dresser Street to Water Street
Elm Street from Huron Street to Water Street
Pine Street from Huron Street to Main Street
Locust Street from Huron Street to Main Street

These sidewalks have been identified as high foot traffic areas and, as such, removal of snow & ice is required by Ordinance in order to insure public safety and limit property owner and public liability. The City of Cheboygan does provide snow removal services within this area, but this does not dismiss the requirement of the property owner to be sure that the sidewalk is clear in the event that the City is unable to keep the sidewalks clear in a timely manner. The snow & ice removal Ordinance provides for fines in the event a property owner is in non-compliance and also provides for exceptions to these provisions with regards to property which is leased.

DO NOT PILE SNOW IN RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON SIDEWALKS OR IN BERM AREA (BETWEEN CURB & SIDEWALK).

For more information regarding the snow & ice removal Ordinance, you may call the Department of Public Safety at 627-4321, visit the City of Cheboygan's web site or stop at City Hall to obtain a copy of the Ordinance.

Trick-or-Treat in Downtown Cheboygan on October 31st from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

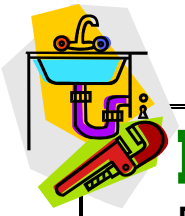
IMPORTANT WATER/SEWER INFORMATION

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**, 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**.**



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.

Water Turn-On Charge

Any customer who has their water shut-off and has to have the City Water Department restore service will be charged a $40 turn-on fee. This will include seasonal customers, non-payment customers, and anyone discontinuing service for a period of 30 days or more.

"Let Water Run and Water Service Freezing Policy" - Effective October 25, 2005

The City of Cheboygan will allow a "Let Water Run Credit" for those water/sewer customers who properly notify the City that they will be running their water over the winter months to avoid freeze-ups of their water service. Proper notification shall be in writing to the water/sewer billing department. The City will keep a record of the yearly lists subject to the City's "Records Retention Policy."

In the event that a customer experiences a freeze-up of service that must be thawed by the City, the customer shall then notify the water/sewer billing department, in writing, that they will let their water run to avoid future freeze-ups. The City water/sewer department will then add the customer to the City "Let Water Run List".

If the water service freezes between the water main and the "curb stop" or outside the water meter pit, the City shall correct the situation at its sole expense. If the meter freezes, the City shall thaw the service one time, any subsequent thawing shall be at a rate of $40.00 per occasion and added to the customer's next water/sewer billing.

If water service freezes on the building side of the "curb stop" or outside the meter pit, the City will have no responsibility in the matter. The City may assist on a labor, equipment, material and overhead basis if the customer agrees to pay the total expense.

The water/sewer billing clerk shall issue a "Let Water Run Credit" for all customers on the City "Let Water Run List" on the next billing that is based on an **actual reading** of the customer's water meter. The amount of the credit will be based on the **previous year actual meter read** billed amount.

The City of Cheboygan reserves the right at any time, to modify, revise, amend, terminate or otherwise change the City's Let Water Run and Water Service Freezing Policy.

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.

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]

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

Be sure to call 627-3592 to report when you are leaving for the winter. Thank you.

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.
Abraham Lincoln (1809 – 1865)

RECREATION CENTER

400 Cleveland Avenue – 627-2151

FALL / WINTER SCHEDULE - *October 2013– April 2014* - OPENING OCTOBER 7th

Monday & Wednesday for boys and men: 2nd grade to 8th grade: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM; High School Students and Adults**:** 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM.
Tuesday & Thursday for girls and women: 2nd grade to 8th grade: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM; High School Students and Adults**:** 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM.

" If our times do not work for you and you would like to use any of our equipment, call us at 627-2151."

Beginning October 21, the Recreation Center will hold a free-throw contest – boys can shoot any Monday or Wednesday between 5:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – girls can shoot any Tuesday or Thursday between 5:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Deadline for shooting will be sometime in December. Any questions, contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.

The Center offers basketball, foosball, ping-pong, bumper pool, pool, table hockey, football toss, volleyball, mini hoops, air hockey, golf putting hole, mini bowling & mini hoops and two (2) weight rooms.

Check out the game room that now has 2 new areas for PlayStation 3 and the Wii.

The Recreation Department is now taking sign-ups by telephone (627-2151) for men's league basketball teams between 8:00 am. and 4:00 p.m. A league meeting will be held the last week of October (date & time to be announced). The league will begin Sunday, November 10th, 17th or 24th depending on the number of teams.

Work on your soccer skills with Mr. B Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Youth co-end volleyball on Friday nights, 6:30-8:30pm run by the Life Worship Center (Pastor Mike). Stop by the Recreation Center and check it out. All youth welcome.

Volleyball leagues will start after the first of the year. Sign-up will take place in December.

Anyone who would like to throw a baseball or softball around to keep their arm in shape are welcome to use the Recreation Center on Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginning in November, the Recreation Center will be open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 for Special Olympics training. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.

Saturday basketball teams can call 627-2151 for practice times.

The City of Cheboygan ***Ice Rink/Pavilion*** located at 480 Cleveland Avenue opened on September 30 to the public. **Open skate** for the month of *October only* will be Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 4:00 pm to 5:50 pm; Friday - 4:30 pm to 5:50 pm; and Sunday – 3:00 pm to 4:20 pm. Open skate for the months of November through March will be Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 5:00 pm to 5:50 pm; Friday - 4:30 pm to 5:50 pm; and Sunday – 3:00 pm to 4:20 pm.
Stick & Puck beginning in October will be: Tuesday & Thursday, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m, followed by open skating from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Open skating prices are: students-$2.00; adults-$3.00. Open skating cards are available for students for $40/25 skates and adults for $55/25 skates. We also offer a private room for your use (birthday parties, etc.) when you rent the ice.

Please contact Craig Coxe for rental information and additional details at (231) 627-3255.

The Cheboygan Youth Center is an after-school and summer program for grades 5th through 9th. The Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is located at 504 Division Street (the old Junior High School). If you have any questions or would like to tour the Youth Center, please contact Director, Debra Turnbull at 231-597-0185.

SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Note: Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm)

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.

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.

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 burn 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 INVOKED.**

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

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

SNOWMOBILE PERMITS

Snowmobile permits may be obtained at the Dept. of Public Safety after November 1. There is no charge for a permit. Snowmobiles will be allowed only on designated streets and trails.

CAUTION TO 4-WHEELERS & DIRT-BIKE OPERATORS

Michigan Law does not permit operation of these vehicles on designated snowmobile trails. 4-Wheelers are not allowed to operate on any City streets.

Our Mission

The Mission of the City of Cheboygan is to promote economic opportunity and enhance quality of life through innovative commitment of human and natural resources with continued planning, financial allocation, and implementation of goals by responsive staff, and elected and appointed officials.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

in Downtown Cheboygan!

October 31st

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Calling all Trick-or-Treaters!

Downtown Cheboygan cordially invites you to Trick-or-Treat to any business that has a pumpkin sign in their window.

Get a head start on the Trick-or-Treating season & check out Downtown Cheboygan!

Ghoul be glad you did!!!!!

Main Street

will be closed from State St.– Court St. to ensure that all of the little ghosts & goblins can safely travel to the Downtown establishments.

DOWNTOWN HOSPITALITY NIGHT

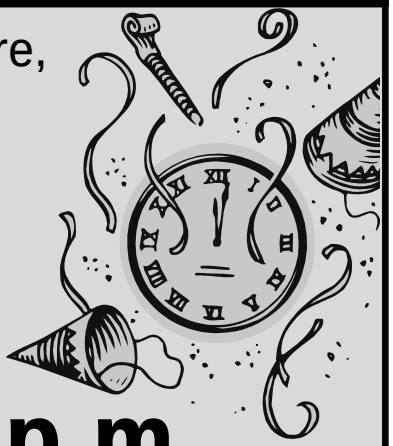
Thursday, December 5

4-8 pm

Businesses offer holiday goodies, live music, and one-night only specials.

PLUS… **Shoppers will receive special gifts from the** Downtown Mystery Elf!

Ring in the New Year at Festival Square!



New York City has their ball drop in Times Square, but Cheboygan is dropping anchor in Festival Square!

Celebrate 2014 with a family friendly New Year's Eve event!

December 31 ~ 11:00 p.m.

downtown cheboygan

the place to shop, dine & unwind!

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Have Durable Medical Equipment Sitting Around?

The Cheboygan Department of Public Safety – Fire Department lends out used durable medical equipment free of charge; however they are in need of wheelchairs. If you borrowed a wheelchair and are done with it, please return it to the DPS-Fire Department, or call (231) 627-4321 for free pick-up.

If you have a wheelchair or other equipment you would like to donate, please call (231) 627-4321 and personnel would be happy to pick up your donation or if you have any questions.

PARKING IN CITY LOTS OVERNIGHT - A permit is required for all overnight parking in City-owned lots. The permits/fees are obtainable at the City Hall.

- Have your parents or older brother or sister go with you.
- Trick-or-Treat only in your own neighborhood and use sidewalks.
- Wear light-colored clothing so you can be easily seen and go on well-lighted streets.
- Carry a flashlight for added visibility.
- Throw away any candy or food that is not wrapped by the candy company.
- Bring your treats home so your parents can see them.

If there are any suspicious treats, notify the police.

Governor & Representative Contact Information

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Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half the time.
E.B. White (1899-1985), *New Yorker, July 3, 1944*

For a calendar of upcoming local events, go to the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce web site: www.cheboygan.com

FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Cheboygan will be flushing hydrants as follows:

EAST SIDE: 10:00 pm Sunday, October 20 to 7:00 am Monday, October 21
10:00 pm Monday, October 21 to 7:00 am Tuesday, October 22
*10:00 pm Tuesday, October 22 to 7:00 am Wednesday, October 23

WEST SIDE: 10:00 pm Sunday, October 27 to 7:00 am Monday, October 28
10:00 pm Monday, October 28 to 7:00 am Tuesday, October 29
10:00 pm Tuesday, October 29 to 7:00 am Wednesday, October 30
*10:00 pm Wednesday, October 30 to 7:00 am Thursday, October 31

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. Call 627-2582 (Water Department) with any questions or concerns.

Public Meetings

are held in the City Council Chambers, located in the City Hall, 403 N. Huron Street. [Subject to change.]

- City Council – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission – 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. [as required]
- Recreation Commission – 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (when called)
- Downtown Development Authority – 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Telephone Numbers for City Offices

SAVE

City Hall	627-9931	403 N. Huron Street	Dept. of Public Works 627-2582
Utility Billing	627-3592		(Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water, Sewer, Streets)
Parks & Rec. Dept. (Recreation Center)	627-2151	480 Cleveland Avenue	975 N. Huron Street
Ice Rink/Pavilion	627-3255	400 Cleveland Avenue	
Police & Fire **Non-Emergency** 403 N. Huron Street	627-4321	Hearing Impaired Only TDD 597-0315	

Mayor: Richard B. Sangster. 627-5807
Mayor Pro Tem: Nicholas C. Couture, 420-3644(cell)
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Betty A. Kwiatkowski, 290-3417 (cell)
Winifred L. Riddle, 627-6604
Vaughn Temple, 625-2465
Michael J. VanFleet, 627-3126

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Dir. of Public Safety:	Kurt R. Jones
City Clerk/Treas.:	Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski
City Assessor:	Thomas E. Eustice
Fire Chief:	Thomas Bancroft
DPW Director:	Steven F. Gall, Sr.
Parks & Rec. Dir.:	Scott Hancock
Ice Rink Manager:	Craig Coxe

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