

# The CITY REVIEW



## WATCH OUT FOR SNOWPLOW TRUCKS

While driving along City streets this winter, please be extra cautious when encountered by snowplow trucks during the course of their snow clearing activities. Be sure not to follow or park too close behind a plow truck in operation, as they often are required to back up. Operators have difficulty seeing what may be directly behind the vehicle. Parents should be aware that during winter storm events, which cause school closings, snowplows are busy clearing streets and opening them to traffic as quickly as possible after the storm. Due to school closings, many children are out & about entertaining themselves and enjoying a day off from school. **Parents should be aware of the snow plowing activities and be sure children are kept away from streets and roadsides. Also, please do not allow your children to build snow forts near the streets.**



### PAYMENT OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Your tax bill that was issued July 1, 2014 is due and payable at the City Hall on or before February 28, 2015 with a 3% penalty. An additional 7% penalty & a 4% property tax administration fee will be added on March 3, 2015 by the County of Cheboygan.

Your tax bill that was issued December 1, 2014 is due and payable without penalty at the City Hall on or before February 16, 2015. If payment is made February 17<sup>h</sup> through March 2, 2015, it is made at the City Hall with a 3 % penalty assessed. We accept postmarked payments (February 16) as being on time and not subject to penalty.

*[City offices are only open Monday through Friday]*

**Any payments after March 2, 2015 must be made at the County Treasurer's Office in the County Building.**

**Personal property taxes are payable only at the City Hall.**

If you have any questions, please call Kenneth Kwiatkowski, Clerk/Treasurer at 627-9931.



### DUMPSTER PERMITS

Chapter 95.02, paragraph 12, of the City Ordinance prohibits dumpsters at single family residences unless a TEMPORARY PERMIT is issued by the Director of Public Safety or City Manager. Permits are free and may be picked up at the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety M-Th 9:30 am-2:30pm and Friday 9:30 am-1:30 pm. If you have any questions regarding Dumpster Permits, please contact the Department of Public Safety at (231) 627-4321.

# Happy Holidays!



The City of Cheboygan dedicated its new 60 foot flag pole in Washington Park on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2014.

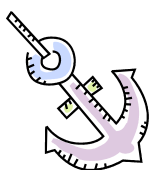


Thank you to Cheboygan High School Art Club for painting AWESOME images of the crib lighthouse on the giant box that protects the Festival Square drinking fountain! Hats off to Jessica Agee, Elizabeth Schott, Lillian Sarrault, Madeline Tebo, and Mr. Sean McNeil for the creation!



## Ring in the New Year at Festival Square

Celebrate 2015 with a family friendly New Year's Eve event – Dropping of the Anchor – December 31, beginning at 11:00 p.m.



**RECREATION CENTER**  
**400 Cleveland Avenue: 627-2151**  
**WINTER SCHEDULE: through April 30, 2015**

If you have any questions concerning the activities at the Recreation Center, please contact Scott Hancock, Parks & Recreation Director at 627-2151.

**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.**


**\*Also, open Saturdays for men from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

**Free-Throw Contest through January 15, 2015**– Boys can shoot any Monday or Wednesday between 5:30 pm & 8:00 p.m. – Girls can shoot any Tuesday or Thursday between 5:30 pm & 8:00 pm.

Friday night youth co-ed volleyball – 6:00 p.m.



The Center offers basketball, foosball , ping-pong , bumper pool, pool , table, air hockey, mini-basketball with scoreboard, football toss w/scoreboard, golf putting hole, & 2 weight rooms.  **(weight rooms are for high school students & adults only)**. If you can't make our night hours and would like to lift weights or use game room during the day, call 627-2151 to set up a time.

Sign up for Spike League & Church League volleyball by calling 627-2151. Leagues to start January 



Soccer players – work on your game with one of the best coaches around – Tom Brcic (Mr. B) on Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Men's league basketball now playing at the Cheboygan Middle School on Sundays from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. 



**The Center has two (2) 40 inch screens for X-Box 360 and Wii.**



Check out our new 8 foot hoops for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm is Special Olympics training. Interested in volunteering, call Scott at 627-2151.




Ping Pong Players & Pool Players: Tables are available from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (call to book time)

**Friday Night Ping-Pong - Call 627-2151 for more information.**

Check out our new ping pong table & mini-hoops game!



**ICE RINK/PAVILION – 480 Cleveland Avenue**

Open Skate: Sun. 3:00 pm-4:20pm; Tues./Thurs.-1:30pm-3:00pm; Mon./Tues./Thurs.-5:00 pm-5:50 pm & Fri.-4:30pm-6:00pm 

Stick & Puck – Tues. & Thurs. – 12:00pm to 1:30pm Call 627-3255 with questions/additional information.

(Cost: Adults - \$3.00; Students - \$2.00; Skate Rental - \$2.00) [Monthly schedules are available at the Ice Rink/Pavilion.]



**For a calendar of upcoming local events, go to the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce website at [www.cheboygan.com](http://www.cheboygan.com).**

**Cheboygan Youth Center is now open (former Junior High on Division Street) after school until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Check it out!**

**Important Water & Sewer Information**

**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**. Call **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.



**WATER/SEWER BILLINGS**

Since meters cannot be read in the winter months, your next two bills will be estimated based on the previous usage bill, which had actual meter reads.

If you are leaving for the winter and do not want estimated bills, please notify the Utility Billing Department at 627-3592.



**FREEZE-UPS**

Customers who have a **history** of freeze-up problems in the winter are reminded to notify the City in writing if you will be running your water to avoid freeze-ups.

**WATER LOSS IN GALLONS DUE TO LEAK**

Leak this size	Loss per day	Loss per month
o	120	3,600
o	360	10,800
o	693	20,790
O	1,200	36,000
O	1,920	57,600
O	3,096	92,880
O	4,296	128,880
O	6,640	199,200
O	6,984	209,520

**RENTAL PROPERTIES**

All owners of rental properties are reminded to notify the Utility Billing Dept. at 627-3592 of any tenant changes so that final bills can be calculated. **ALSO**, in order for the billing to be in the tenant's name, a \$100 deposit is required from the tenant, pursuant to policy set by the City Council. This deposit is kept in a separate account until the tenant moves. It can then be used on the final bill or returned to the tenant if there is nothing owing on the final bill.

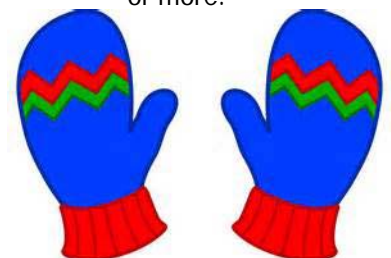
**EXPERIENCING A WATER/SEWER PROBLEM???**



*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.*



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 and anyone discontinuing service for a period of 30 days or more.



**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!!!!**

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



**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 the 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 the 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.



# SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## SNOWMOBILE PERMITS/ROUTES



Snowmobile permits may be obtained at the Dept. of Public Safety after November 1. There is no charge for a permit. Snowmobiles will be permitted only on designated streets, trails, and the most direct route from your residence to the nearest designated street or trail, **by permit**. Operation of snowmobiles is prohibited on City sidewalks except where designated (South Main Street, Taylor Street to City limits & from the Lincoln Avenue Bridge to Huron Street - both sides). The following streets are approved for snowmobiles without a permit: W. State St. from MDNRE Trail to Huron St.; Huron St. from W. First St. to Court St.; Division St. from MDNRE Trail to Water St., Pine St. from Huron St. to Boathouse lot; Taylor St. from MDNRE Trail to Main St.; Water St. from Elm St. to E. State St. (northbound only: one-way from Elm St. to Division St.; Court St. from MDNRE Trail to Huron St.; N. Huron St. from W. State St. to W. First St.; W. First St. from N. Huron St. to Dresser St.; & Dresser St. from intersection of W. First St. to W. State St. (Maps are available at Chamber Commerce, motels/hotels, City Hall & Department of Public Safety and on the trails.) **CAUTION TO 4-WHEELERS & DIRT BIKE OPERATORS:** *Michigan Law does not permit operation of these vehicles on designated snowmobile trails.*



Persons plowing or blowing snow **cannot** plow snow in the roadway or right-of-way. Depositing of snow across roadways requires permission of neighboring or adjacent property owners.



## NO ALL NIGHT PARKING ON CITY STREETS AND IN RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

To allow for efficient snow removal, no overnight parking is allowed on City streets or alleys from November 1 until April 1 during the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. This applies regardless of snowfall and violators will be ticketed. Also, parking is no longer allowed overnight in the City street rights-of-way, which is the area between the sidewalk and the curb. This applies even if there is no curbing and/or sidewalk. Tickets will also be issued for this violation. Particular problem areas are "C", "D" and "E" Streets, as well as others on the east and west sides. If you have questions concerning this, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 627-4321.

## PARKING IN CITY LOTS OVERNIGHT

Persons parking in City lots overnight must have an overnight parking permit, which may be obtained at City Hall for the following fees:



	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Res.</u>
Day	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00
Week	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00
Month	\$ 25.00	\$ 45.00
Seasonal	\$125.00	\$150.00 (5/1 - 11/30)

*For add'l information, please call 627-9931. [Fees subject to change.]*

## ORV/ATV ORDINANCE

The City's ORV/ATV Ordinance allows people to operate an ORV/ATV on certain designated streets. The streets are published in the Ordinance, which is available online at [www.cheboygan.org](http://www.cheboygan.org), at the City Hall or the Department of Public Safety. Most of the City streets coming into the City are permitted on the east and west sides with the exception that at no time are ORVs/ATVs allowed on Mackinaw Avenue and State Street (U.S. 23) or Main Street (M-27). Residents who wish to ride an ORV/ATV but who are not located on a designated street must get a free permit from the Department of Public Safety, which will state the most direct route from the operator's residence to a designated street. At no time are you allowed to operate an ORV/ATV on the M-DNR Snowmobile Trail. If you have any questions, please stop in or contact the Department of Public Safety at 627-4321 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Chapter 90, Sections 90.08 and 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.



## 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.

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



## 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 assure 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 regard to property that 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.

## SERVICE

### INTERESTED IN SERVING THE CITY?

Are you interested in serving the City of Cheboygan on a board or commission? The City is continually seeking persons with interest in serving local government. Opportunities to become involved evolve as current members of respective boards & commissions resign, serve out their terms, have commitments that may limit their ability to serve, or leave the area. These boards & commissions include the **Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Recreation Commission, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Downtown Development Authority,** and other committees, which the Mayor & City Council may appoint for special purposes. Serving on a board, commission or special committee is an excellent way to bring your unique expertise in service to the community, as well as an excellent way to learn about local government.

*Please contact the City Manager for additional information and an application at 627-9931.*

## Straits Regional Ride Info

**STRAITS REGIONAL RIDE**

**CATCH THE BUS**

For:

- Work
- School
- Doctor's Appointments
- Recreation
- Shopping

Cheboygan, Emmet and Presque Isle Counties

For information call SRR dispatch Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**231-597-9262**  
**231-597-0175**

Toll Free:  
**1-866-731-1204**

### Planning Your Trip

When you consider using the SRR for your transportation needs, it is important to understand schedules and routes in your area. The SRR buses may make several stops en route, so plan a slightly longer ride than you would expect by car. Again, call the dispatcher for assistance when planning your trip.

The bus may arrive 5 minutes before or after your scheduled pick-up time. Please look for the bus and be ready; we want to get you there on time. If drivers don't see you, they will wait for three minutes past the scheduled pick-up time and then proceed.

*Note: Half fare is for individuals age 65 or over & those that are disabled.*





**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 as needed the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- The **Recreation Commission** meets the third Wednesday 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 **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- The Port Commission meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**[Board & Commission meetings are subject to change depending on activity & business.]**

**The City of Cheboygan is very proud of the men & women of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw and wishes them a very blessed 2015.**

A Chicago Fire Department boat welcomes the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw to Chicago’s Navy Pier, Dec. 5, 2014. The Mackinaw is serving as the historic Chicago Christmas Ship, and partnering with the Chicago maritime community to bring more than 1,200 Christmas trees to needy families in Chicago. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Petty Officer Alan Haraf)



**TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CITY OFFICES**

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 <b>Non-Emergency</b> 403 N. Huron Street	627-4321	Hearing Impaired Only TDD 597-0315		

**Mayor:** Mark C. Bronson, 597-8234

**Mayor Pro Tem:** Nicholas C. Couture, 420-3644 (cell)

**Council Members:**

Nathan H. King, 989-854-0846 (cell)

Betty Kwiatkowski, 290-3417 (cell)

Winifred L. Riddle, 627-6604

Vaughn Temple, 625-2465

Joseph Lavender, 420-8420(cell)

**Management:**

Interim City Manager: Thomas E. Eustice

Dir. of Public Safety: Kurt R. Jones

City Clerk/Treasurer: Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

City Assessor: Thomas E. Eustice

Fire Chief: Thomas Bancroft

DPW Director: [to be announced]

Parks & Rec. Director: Scott Hancock

Ice Rink Manager: Craig Coxe

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**The City of Cheboygan wishes everyone a safe and healthy 2015.**

**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.*