



CITY OF IONIA



Winter
2017

City Recognizes Employee "Milestone" Anniversaries

The following City employees are celebrating employment anniversaries during 2017 for a combined total of 120 years of serving the community!

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| Keegan M. Teitsma, 5 Years (Public Safety Dept.) | Ted W. Paton, 5 Years (City Council) |
| Lynn E. Lafler, 10 Years (City Clerk) | Ricky J. Hudson, 10 Years (Dial-a-Ride) |
| Roderick M. Steel, 15 Years (Public Safety Dept.) | Richard K. Edwards, 15 Years (Public Works Dept.) |
| Ronald F. Drysdale, 15 Years (Dial-a-Ride) | Dennis J. Allen, 20 years (Public Utilities Dept.) |
| Cecil L. Fewlis, 20 Years (Dial-a-Ride) | Timothy J. Reisbig, 25 Years (Public Works Dept.) |

Congratulations!

Christmas Tree Recycling Program: A reminder that residents may dispose of their Christmas trees by placing them street side for collection on **Thursday, December 28, 2017**, or **Wednesday, January 3, 2018**. Trees placed by the street will be mulched using the City's brush chipper, so trees must be free of tree stands, ornaments, lights, and NOT placed in a plastic disposal bag.



City Income Taxes - 2017 Filings: A reminder that City income taxes are due April 30 for everyone working or residing in the City. This includes the Valley View, Belleview, and Austin Pines developments. Individuals employed at any of the local correctional facilities are also required to file. City income tax forms are available at City Hall, the Ionia Community Library, or on the City of Ionia website at www.ci.ionia.mi.us. Questions regarding the City income tax may be directed to incometax@ci.ionia.mi.us or 523-0142. A reminder that the City does not accept any e-filed returns, whether from Turbo Tax or your professional tax preparer, due to issues with how the electronic information interfaces with our software. Please be sure to print your City return and mail it to City Hall.

Code Enforcement: Odd/Even Parking - Residents are reminded of the "Odd/Even Parking Ordinance" which pertains to vehicles parked in the street overnight. The ordinance, in effect from **December 1 through March 31** each year, states that vehicles must be parked on the side of the street that coincides with the date of the month. For example, if the date after midnight is an even numbered date, vehicles must be parked on the side of the street that carries even house numbers. If the date after midnight is an odd number, vehicles must be parked on the side of the street that carries odd house numbers. The ordinance applies between **7:00 am and 10:00 am** to allow for proper snow removal on both sides of the street during winter months. The "Odd/Even Parking Ordinance" does not apply to areas with parking on only one side of the street. Contact the Public Safety Department at 527-4431 with questions regarding the ordinance.

Snow Removal - City code requires that every property owner or resident keep the sidewalk bordering their property free of snow and ice after every snowfall. The City code does permit the City to remove the snow and ice at the property owner's expense with no advance notice. Contact Public Safety Officer Brian Vos at 523-0157 with questions regarding the ordinance. Also, when clearing snow from your sidewalk or driveway, please do not place the snow in the street or along the side (shoulder) of the street. It is against state statute to deposit snow, ice, or slush in the street or on the shoulder of the street. A citation can be issued to individuals who violate this Statute (MCL 257.677a).

Granger Recycle Schedule

January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
Monday, 8th	Monday, 5th	Monday, 5th
Monday, 22nd	Monday, 19th	Monday, 19th



Your recycling must be street side by 7:00 am on the day of pickup. If it is out later than 7:00 am, it may not be picked up.

Hydrant Snow Removal

If you have a fire hydrant located in front of or in close proximity to your home, please keep the snow removed from around the hydrant. In responding to an emergency, every second counts; and not having to remove snow from around the hydrant means quicker access to the hydrant.



2018 Meeting Schedules for the City Council and Planning Commission are as follow:

CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm at City Hall:

January 2, 2018 July 3, 2018
 February 6, 2018 August 7, 2018
 March 6, 2018 September 4, 2018
 April 10, 2018 October 2, 2018
 May 1, 2018 November 6, 2018
 June 5, 2018 December 4, 2018

Meetings begin at 4:30 pm at City Hall:

January 10, 2018 July 11, 2018
 February 14, 2018 August 8, 2018
 March 14, 2018 September 12, 2018
 April 11, 2018 October 10, 2018
 May 9, 2018 November 14, 2018
 June 13, 2018 December 12, 2018

Assessment Notices and Board of Review: Notices of Assessment, Taxable Valuation, and Property Classification will be **mailed in February**. It is important to annually review the value placed on your property as well as the status of your Principle Residence Exemption. Toward the bottom of the assessment notice there is a box that shows 100% Exempt As Principle Residence. This should show 100% if this is the home you own and occupy as your principle residence. It should show 0% if it is a vacation home, rental home, or any type of non-owner occupied property. If this item is not correct, contact Assessor Randy Jewell at rjewell@ci.ionia.mi.us or by calling 527-0146. If you feel your valuation is substantially incorrect, you may appeal this value during Board of Review meetings in March. Appointments are necessary.

2018 Street/Utility Projects Planned: Although the asphalt has hardly cooled on this year’s projects, design work is underway as we plan for next summer’s street reconstruction projects. Improvements, which include replacing the underground municipal utilities (sanitary sewer main, storm sewer main, water main), curb, sidewalk, and street surface are tentatively scheduled for the following streets during the 2018 construction season:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From/To</u>
Hackett Street	State Street to Nicholson Street
State Street	West Lincoln Avenue to Marshall Court
Marshall Court	State Street to End

Detailed project information will be provided to residents of these streets prior to the start of the projects.

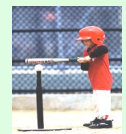
Rental Registration: If you own residential rental property in the City, it must be registered with the City. The purpose of the rental inspection program is to ensure the safety of the tenants and maintain the quality of our neighborhoods. If you have a residential rental property that has not been inspected by the City and is not currently registered with the City, please contact Officer Brian Vos at the Public Safety Department via e-mail bvos@ci.ionia.mi.us or phone 523-0157 to register your rental and to schedule an inspection.

PARKS & RECREATION

Lil’ Hoopers March Madness: Registration is December 5, 2017, thru February 9, 2018. \$40/Residents and \$50/Non-Residents. There are 60 players per 6 team division. Divisions Coed. Boys and Girls ages 4, 5, and 6 = Division 1. Boys and Girls ages 7, 8, and 9 = Division 2. Games are played in the Armory Community Center Gym on Monday and Wednesday (20 minute practice/30 minute game). Games begin in March.



T-Ball: Registration is January 8 thru April 6, 2018. \$40/Residents and \$50/Non-Residents. Boys and Girls ages 3-6 years old. Coed Division 1: ages 3 and 4 years old; Coed Division 2: ages 5 and 6 years old. Games and practices held at the Harwood softball fields. Games begin in May. Sponsored by Meijer.



Spring Soccer: Registration is January 8 thru March 16, 2018. \$40/Residents and \$50/Non-Residents. Boys and Girls Coed Teams. Games are played at the soccer fields in front of the high school.



Adult Summer Softball League: Registration is February 1 thru April 13, 2018. Team entry fee is \$275 with no player fees. Men and Women eighteen years or older. Teams: Sunday’s Coed, Monday’s Coed, Tuesday Nights. Umpire fees are \$12 per game per team paid at the field.



Water Quality Report Available Online: The City’s 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available for review online at the City of Ionia website www.ci.ionia.mi.us/documentcenter/View/4884