



CITY OF IONIA



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2017

Work on City Infrastructure Projects Continues: Work continues on the City's East Washington Street (Kidd Street to Jefferson Street), Library Street, and Rich Street (East Main Street to Lafayette Street) infrastructure project. The project involves replacing sanitary lines, storm drains, water mains, curb, sidewalk, and street surface. The project is on schedule and should be substantially complete by mid October with the placement of the top course of asphalt on East Washington Street and Rich Street. The Library Street portion of the project will be completed next spring when the street is no longer being used as a staging area for the Court House addition.

Code Reminders: 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. Keep in mind what the date will be after midnight when parking a vehicle. The ordinance applies between **7:00 am and 10:00 am**. 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.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: The City Code requires that every property owner or resident keep the sidewalk bordering his or her property free of snow and ice after every snowfall. The City Code does permit the City to have the snow and ice removed at the property owner's expense if they do not comply with this request. The City Code also states that there is no advance warning required. Residents are encouraged to contact Public Safety Officer Brian Vos at 523-0157 with questions regarding the ordinance.

Preserve Steward for Ionia Natural Area ~ Paul Kindel, President, MMLC

Notice! An excellent volunteer opportunity involving the environment is available: Mid-Michigan Land Conservancy (MMLC) is looking for a Preserve Steward for a 120 acre preserve it owns that is largely in the City of Ionia. The preserve is called the Ionia Natural Area (INA). MMLC is the regional land conservancy for mid-Michigan. Its mission is to preserve natural land and farmland in mid-Michigan. It provides coverage for Ionia and six other mid-Michigan counties. It is a non-profit, charitable, 501©(3) organization registered with the federal government and the State of Michigan. The Ionia Natural Area is located on the southeast edge of the City of Ionia. It is largely in the flood plain of the Grand River and has about a half mile of frontage on the Grand River. The Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Rail Trail runs along the north boundary and the Fred Thwaites Grand River Trail traverses the southern part. The Preserve needs a Preserve Steward. The person would be the eyes and ears of MMLC. This would involve visiting the property once or twice a month and informing MMLC if anything inappropriate is occurring on the property. Much of the property can be viewed from the above trails. Contact Paul Kindel by e-mail kindel@msu.edu or telephone **517-332-3091** for more information.

Election Information: Polls will be open at Watt Auditorium from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7, so City electors can vote for candidates for certain City offices and the Ionia Public School System's Sinking Fund millage request (3.00 mills). All City office seekers are running unopposed for four year terms. Those seeking re-election are:



1st Ward - Ted Paton (Councilmember)

2nd Ward - Tom Millard (Councilmember)

3rd Ward - Jeff Winters (Councilmember)

4th Ward - Paul Lentz (Councilmember)

Current City Clerk Lynn Lafler will not seek re-election. Running unopposed for the City Clerk position is Allison Cook.

Granger Recycle Schedule

October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
Monday, 2nd	Monday, 13th	Monday, 11th
Monday, 16th	Monday, 27th	Tuesday, 26th
Monday, 30th		



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

Trick-or-Treating: Halloween is Tuesday, October 31, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Trick-or-Treaters are reminded to not begin Trick-or-Treating until the emergency sirens are sounded at 6:00 pm. Sirens will sound again at 8:00 pm to end Trick-or-Treating. Please be mindful to only visit homes that have their yard lights or outside lights turned on.



Holiday Schedule: City offices are closed as follows in observance of the referenced holidays: Veterans Day, Friday, November 10, 2017; Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2017; Day After Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24, 2017; Christmas Eve, Monday, December 25, 2017; Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 26, 2017; New Year's Eve Day, Friday, December 29, 2017.

Visit the City of Ionia website at www.ci.ionia.mi.us for information on all of the City's departments.

Bagged Leaves Pickup Program: The City will be collecting bagged leaves during the months of October and November according to the schedule listed below. Leaves must be placed in large paper yard waste bags and placed on the berm (area between the sidewalk and curb) for removal. Leaves may also be discarded at the City's compost site located at the end of Apple Tree Drive. NOTE: Loose leaves will no longer be collected by the City.

City Code prohibits the burning of leaves, brush, trash, or grass clippings within the city limits.

Round 1

Monday, October 16, 2017	Crawford, Melody Lane, Highland, Southview, Skyview, Stevenson Place, Mill, Bayard, Harrison, Cleveland, Blanchard Court, Gregmark, Brown, Whitetail Court and Skyview Trail.
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	Lafayette, Rich, Lovell Place, Terrace, Division, Ridgewood, Ridgewood Court and Oakwood Court, Morse, Johnson, Benton Court, Jones, Prospect, Allen, Batson and Bagley.
Wednesday, October 18, 2017	Jackson, Jefferson, Bliss, Pearl, Stevenson, Lovell, Park, Oak, Maple, Wager Place and Davis Court.
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Adams, Main, Colby, Welton, Webber, Railroad, James and Hudson.
Monday, October 23, 2017	High, Baldie, Stivens Alley, Dye, Harter, Hackett, Taylor Court, State, Marshall Court, Kimball Alley and King Alley.
Tuesday, October 24, 2017	East Fargo, Union, Townsend, Lytle, Pleasant, Tower, Summit, Cyrus and Center.
Wednesday, October 25, 2017	Lincoln (M-21), State (M-66), Dexter (M-66), Washington, Fox Tail Drive, Aspen Valley Lane and Timber Ridge Court.
Thursday, October 26, 2017	Yeomans, Rice, King, Brooks, Branch, Forest, Chapman, West Fargo, Kaiser, Roselawn, Nicholson, Lawton, Louisa, North Dexter and Hall.

Round 2

Monday, November 6, 2017	High, Baldie, Stivens Alley, Dye, Harter, Hackett, Taylor Court, State, Marshall Court, Kimball Alley and King Alley.
Tuesday, November 7, 2017	East Fargo, Union, Townsend, Lytle, Pleasant, Tower, Summit, Cyrus and Center.
Wednesday, November 8, 2017	Lincoln (M-21), State (M-66), Dexter (M-66), Washington, Fox Tail Drive, Aspen Valley Lane and Timber Ridge Court.
Thursday, November 9, 2017	Yeomans, Rice, King, Brooks, Branch, Forest, Chapman, West Fargo, Kaiser, Roselawn, Nicholson, Lawton, Louisa, North Dexter and Hall.
Monday, November 13, 2017	Crawford, Melody Lane, Highland, Southview, Skyview, Stevenson Place, Mill, Bayard, Harrison, Cleveland, Blanchard Court, Gregmark, Brown, Whitetail Court and Skyview Trail.
Tuesday, November 14, 2017	Lafayette, Rich, Lovell Place, Terrace, Division, Ridgewood, Ridgewood Court and Oakwood Court, Morse, Johnson, Benton Court, Jones, Prospect, Allen, Batson and Bagley.
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Final Citywide Collection

The City will conduct a final Citywide sweep on Monday, November 20, 2017; Tuesday, November 21, 2017; and Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Depending on amount of leaves remaining and weather conditions, it may take additional days the following week to complete. All bags must be placed streetside **by 7:00 am on Monday, November 20, 2017**, since streets will be covered one time only.

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