

City of Newaygo

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<http://newaygocity.org/forms-publications.php>
On this page select the category "City Financial Information".

ATTENTION RUNNERS/WALKERS

14th Marshall Run/Walk

Saturday, September 2, 2017

Registration starting at 8:00 am
with run start time at 9:00 am

Start & Finish at Riverfront Park Phase II
(located behind Wisner Canoe Rental).

All proceeds benefit Law Enforcement
Torch Run for Special Olympics.



To register please find form at: marshallrun.com

NEWAYGO RESIDENT

Enjoy Your Summer!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July:		
1st		Summer tax bills mailed out
4th	All Day	OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
10th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
11th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
14th	7:00 am	TIFA Board Meeting at City Hall
August:		
8th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
14th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
28th	All Day	First Day Back to School for the Kids!!!!
31st	All Day	City summer taxes are due
September:		
1st-3rd	All Day	Newaygo Logging Fest Arts & Crafts Show (Parade on Sunday)
2nd	9:00 am	14th Annual Marshall Run/Walk at Riverfront Park Phase II
4th	All Day	OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY
11th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
12th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting

Logging Festival:

Returning this year:
Amateur Log Rolling
Contest and Mid-Michigan
Lumberjack Competition.

Labor Day Parade is on
Sunday, September 3rd at
1:00 pm

For more information and to
register visit
rivercountrychamber.com

Reminder:

Farmers Market
in Brooks Park
Friday, June 16th-Oct 6th
Noon-6:00 pm
Bonus Days
Sept 2nd & Sept 3rd

City of Newaygo
July—September 2017

Notice:

City Hall will be
closed Tuesday, July
4th in observance of
Independence Day
and Monday,
September 4th in
observance of
Labor Day



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REMINDER TO RESIDENTS—JULY UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Each year in July, the City has a water/sewer rate increase; this started back in 2014. These increases were put in place to keep up with the capital improvements and operational expenses of the City's water and sewer systems.

This year the "Readiness-to-Serve", or minimum monthly fee, which does not include the water/sewer per gallon charge, for the average single family home, will go from \$39.07 to \$39.75 (an increase of \$.68). So whether water/sewer is used or not, this is the absolute minimum bill you will see. The usage charge for sewer will go from \$3.76 to \$3.84 (an increase of \$.08) per 1,000 gallons and the usage charge for water will go from \$3.16 to \$3.20 (an increase of \$.04) per 1,000 gallons.

Each July hereafter the water readiness-to-serve and per gallon charge will go up 1.5% and the sewer readiness-to-serve and per gallon charge will go up 2% on a cumulative basis. So you will see a very minimal change each year in the fees but again, this is necessary to make sure our City's infrastructure is well maintained and taken care of for years to come. Thank you!

NEWAYGO LIBRARY-2017 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Come join the summer fun at Newaygo Area District Library. The reading program and events end on August 3rd with a "Party in The Park."

JULY EVENTS

Ring of Steel

Thursday, July 13 at 11:00 am

There is nothing quite as exciting as learning to use a sword for the first time. Join the Ring of Steel Action Theatre & Student group for a lesson in sword play and to try on a variety of armor.

Touch a Truck

Thursday, July 27 at 11:00 am

A fun event for the whole family where you will learn about the large trucks that keep our roads free of snow. Brought to us by the Newaygo County Road Commission.

Vaudeville Bill's Variety Show

Thursday, July 20 at 11:00 am

A fun filled variety show of comedy skits, songs and stories along with juggling and mime that will leave your audience laughing and thinking about how they can use their talents in the world's "Variety Show" to "Build a Better World!"

AUGUST EVENTS

"Party in the Park"

Thursday, August 3 at 11:00 am

End of summer party with cake, prizes, and games for all ages.

For more information on these events, call the library at 652-6723 or check their website at www.newaygo.lcoop.org.



GENERAL CITY ELECTION: NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The City of Newaygo will conduct its biannual General City Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. On the ballot this fall will be the position of Mayor, whose term will end on 12/31/19 and three Councilmember positions, whose terms will end on 12/31/21. If you wish to run for one of the positions listed above you must:

Nom-

- Be a resident of the City for one year before the election date (11/7/16)
- Be a registered voter of the last day of filing for the nominating petitions (07/25/17)
- Not be in default of any outstanding City bills or taxes

nating petitions and Affidavit of Identity forms can be picked up at City Hall. These forms must be filled out and returned no later than 4:00 pm on July 25th if you wish to be placed on the November General Election ballot.

Some key dates to be aware of:

- **July 25th:** 4:00 pm filing deadline for the Nominating Petitions for getting your name on the November ballot
- **October 10th:** 4:00 pm is the last day to register for the November Election
- **November 7th:** Polls open at City Hall for all City registered voters at 7:00 am, with voting and polls closing at 8:00 pm.

If you wish to be added to the City's permanent absentee voter (AV) list, please notify the Clerk's office at 231.652.1657 x 222. This will allow you to be mailed an AV application prior to every election and gives you the option to vote absentee from your home.

The City is always looking for elections inspectors to work at elections. If you are interested, please call the Clerk's number above.

Newyago Public Schools - FREE Summer Lunch Program

Newyago Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

Locations are as follows:

Newyago High School (NHS)

200 East St.
Mon-Fri, June 13 - Aug 11
Lunch: 11:30am-12:15pm

Brooks Park (Rain location NHS)

Corner of Quarterline & Justice
Mon-Fri, June 13-Aug 11
Lunch: 12:00 pm-12:25 pm

Pine Lake Apartments (Rain location NHS)

137 W. Pine Lake
Mon-Fri, June 13-Aug 11
Lunch: 11:30am-11:55pm

Edgeview Apartments (Rain location NHS)

290 E 82nd St.
Mon-Fri, June 13-Aug 11
Lunch: 11:00am-11:25am

Brookhaven Estates (Rain location NHS)

622 Division St.
Mon-Fri, June 13-Aug 11
Lunch: 12:30pm-12:55pm

Autumn Grove Apartments (Rain location NHS)

620 West Brooks St.
Mon-Fri June 13-Aug 11
Lunch 12:30pm-12:55pm

Henning Park

(Rain location Newyago Middle School)
500 E. Croton Rd.
Tues-Fri, June 20-Aug 10
Lunch: 12:00pm-12:45pm
(Must be there by 11:40am to order lunch)
*Snack served 3:00pm-3:30pm

**Special Dinner Service
Newyago Middle School**

850 E 76th Street
Aug 16th & Aug 17th Only
6:00pm to 7:30pm

For more information please contact Mary Ann Charette at 231-652-9268 or by email at mcharette@newyago.net.

All sites are closed

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Homestead Tax Deferment

Section 211.51 of the General Property Tax Laws provides that a person who is paraplegic, quadriplegic, senior citizen, eligible serviceman, eligible veteran, eligible widow, totally and permanently disabled, or blind, and who for the prior taxable year had a total household income of \$40,000 or less, may defer the summer taxes until the following February 14th by filing with the treasurer of the City an intent to defer the homestead property taxes which are due and payable in August. Persons eligible for the deferment of taxes may file their intent to defer until September 15, 2017. Please call the treasurer's office at 652.1657 x 212 to receive the form.
-Carol Sherwood, Treasurer

**STEP FORWARD MICHIGAN
Michigan's Hardest Hit
Fund Program
Re-Opening May 1, 2016**

The State of Michigan has received additional funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to reopen its Hardest Hit Fund Program. Michigan residents who are delinquent on their mortgage or property taxes should be encouraged to apply if,
 ✓ They own and live in their home
 ✓ Have less than \$10,000 in bank account
 ✓ Have enough income to pay future mortgage payments and property taxes
 ✓ Had a qualifying event that caused the delinquency, such as Unemployment, Death, Medical Event, or Divorce.
 Visit their website at StepForwardMichigan.org or call 866-946-7432 for more information.

**Poverty Exemption
Call your Local Township
or City to Apply!**

Poverty exemptions will allow eligible homeowners a one-year reduction in future property taxes, if granted by their city or township Board of Review. Homeowners must meet household income guidelines. Exemptions are granted annually. Depending on the local unit either the Township Supervisor or assessor can provide you with additional information.

Visit our website at www.countyofnewyago.com
 For a Directory of Local Officials.
Holly Moon
Newyago County Treasurer
231-689-7230
holly@co.newyago.mi.us

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

Summer is finally here. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are still selling topsoil, 1-inch stone, crushed concrete and wood mulch. The prices listed are for people who live within the City of Newyago. Payment for these items must be made at the City Office prior to delivery. When you pay, a delivery time will be scheduled (sorry no weekend deliveries or Friday deliveries prior to a holiday weekend). We were able to reduce the price of topsoil from the price listed in our last newsletter. We had an outside contractor come in and screen some of our own topsoil, which was a big savings that we are able to pass on.

Topsoil	\$20.00/yd
1" Stone	\$35.00/yd
Crushed Concrete	\$14.00/yd
Wood Mulch	\$18.00/yd

As a reminder, if you have brush out, it will need to be brought to the D.P.W. Please call ahead of time so someone can show you where to dump the brush. D.P.W. hours are 7:00 am-3:00 pm Monday thru Friday. If you have any trouble with water or sewer during these hours please call. If it is after 3:00 pm, we can be reached by pager, but if we find that it is not our problem, the City may bill you for the time. Have a great Summer.

Ron Wight
D.P.W. Superintendent

2017 Water Quality Report
 The Water Quality Report describing the source and quality of your drinking water is available at www.newyagocity.org, a link to the document in full is located on the City's home page. If you wish to receive a hard copy, please call City Hall at 231.652.1657 x 210 or stop in Monday – Friday from 7:30am to 4:00 pm

SUCCESSFUL FIRST CLASS AT DIGITAL WORKS

Six people successfully completed the 80-hour Digital Works training program in May at The Stream and are currently pursuing careers in the growing field of Telework. Entry level positions begin primarily handling in-bound calls, like those generated by TV infomercials, and these jobs can be done from home with the proper internet connection or from The Stream for a monthly membership fee. The class completed 20 different customer service modules through a series of video clips, lectures and class discussions. "For newbies with no customer service experience, or as a refresher course for experienced service personnel, it was awesome. Customer satisfaction was the complete and total goal," said graduate Dee DeHaan. Other areas of study included typing, script reading, listening skills, resume writing and more. Graduate Tracie Wood said, "I like to learn things, and this program was good because it kept me thinking. There was more to it than I thought there would be, and I would encourage anybody even thinking about this to apply. There is something in it for everybody." Thanks to a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, tuition for all Newyago County residents is sponsored and no cost to applicants. The next class will begin in early August and the application is on-line at www.digitalworksjobs.com.



Digital Works training graduates (from left) Tracie Wood, Katie Larson, Dawn Ausema, Kali Mills, Sara Kerr and Dee DeHaan celebrate the program completion. Digital Works is a technology-based customer service training program held at The Stream in Newyago. For more information, visit www.digitalworksjobs.com.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



We at the Newyago City Police Department are proud of our City. To help with keeping our city clean and safe please remember to bring in your trash receptacles in accordance with our City ordinance regulations: *No containers, bulky waste or other materials to be disposed of shall be placed in any public street, right-of-way, alley or other public place, prior to 12 hours before the regular collection time, and such containers shall be removed from such places not later than 12 hours after the collection is made. Containers and bulky waste shall be placed between the curb and the sidewalk unless otherwise authorized by the city manager or his/her designee or as otherwise specified in this chapter or by rules and regulations of the city.* (See the entire City of Newyago City Code Ordinance (Sec. 62-36))

We are all stewards of our beautiful City so let's all do our part in keeping the City of Newyago clean and safe for all to enjoy. The City of Newyago also has a junk ordinance which reads as follows: *The purpose of this article is to limit and restrict the outdoor storage, parking or unreasonable accumulation of junk; unused, partially dismantled or non-operating motor vehicles; house trailers, tractor trailers or new or used parts therefrom; salvage materials; rubbish, refuse, litter and trash, upon premises public or private; to thereby avoid injury and hazards to children and others attracted to such vehicles or trailers; devaluation of property values and the psychological ill effects of the presence of such vehicles, trailers, junk, salvage materials, rubbish, refuse, litter and trash upon adjoining residents and property owners. (entire ordinance can be found Sec 30-66 of the Newyago City Code Ordinance) (Code 1980, ch. 102, § 9.22)*

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Volunteers Needed-Keep Newyago Looking Great!

The City of Newyago is looking for energetic, motivated people to volunteer their time to help beautify the City by joining the City's Garden Club! There are some areas in the downtown that need some personal attention; let's keep the City looking beautiful! If you have some time, and could devote it to keeping your City looking awesome just a few times during the year, please call Carol at 652.1657 x 212 and let her know!

Garage Sales

Please remember to get a permit to hold your yard/garage sales. To save time and money the City of Newyago has passed a resolution waiving permit and fee requirements for yard/garage sales on Labor Day Weekend. This is a free yard sale weekend; no need for a permit and no fee. Yard sales can be held Friday through Monday.

