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**Holiday Office Hour Schedule**

In observance of **Thanksgiving** the City offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.**

In observance of **Christmas**, the City offices will be closed on **Friday, December 22nd and Monday, December 25th.**

In observance of **New Year's** the City offices will be closed on **Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st**

**NEWAYGO RESIDENT**

*May Your Holiday Season Be Filled with Joy!*

**This and That:**

Tired of all the mail? Well, the City can help eliminate one piece for you, we can e-mail you your utility bill! If you are interested in receiving less mail, saving paper, and would like to receive your monthly utility bill electronically, please email Ann at [aquick@newaygocity.org](mailto:aquick@newaygocity.org) and ask to be placed on our electronic billing system. This is a win-win for everyone!

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

October:		December:	
9th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	
10th	7:30 am-4:00 pm	Last day to register to vote for November Election	1st 6:00 pm -9:00 pm Christmas Walk in downtown Newaygo
10th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting	2nd 10:00 am Choice One Bank St. Nick Kick 5k/10k Run/Race & 1 Mile Walk
13th	7:00 am	TIFA Board Meeting	11th 7:00 pm City Council Meeting
31st	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	<b>Halloween Trick -or- Treating</b>	12th 6:30 pm Planning Commission Meeting
<b>November:</b>			<b>22nd &amp; 25th OFFICE CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
7th	7:00 am-8:00 pm	<b>General Election (Come out &amp; Vote)</b>	
13th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	
14th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting	
23rd & 24th	<b>OFFICE CLOSED-HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>		<b>29th &amp; Jan 1st OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>
30th		Winter Taxes Mailed out	
30th	6:00 pm	Chamber Holiday Auction at Loomis Lodge	

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**Upcoming November Election:** The upcoming November Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> here at City Hall for all City residents. If you wish to vote in this election, the last day to register to vote will be Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm.

This ballot will contain two City offices to vote for, the office of Mayor and three City Council positions. If you are unsure of whether you are registered to vote or not you can always check online by going to [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) or you can call City Hall at 652.1657 x 222 and we can check as well.

The City has just recently received new voting equipment through grants from the State and we will be implementing them at this November election. This new equipment allows the voter to be more in control of their own ballot and decisions. We do not anticipate the new equipment taking any longer to process ballots, and it should actually be easier to use and more efficient. Please come prepared with your ID. Remember, if you meet the criteria, you may request an Absent Voter Application to fill out and then a ballot will be sent directly to you! You can also stop at City Hall, show proof of identity and obtain an application and/or be put on our permanent absent voter (AV) list.

**Halloween Trick-or-Treat Reminders from Chief Andres**

The City of Newaygo Police Department would like to let our citizens know that we have Halloween bags for our trick-or-treaters. If anyone would like a bag please stop by the City office and our staff will get you one. They will be handed out on first come, first serve basis until they are gone. Chief Andres would like to also remind our residents to be vigilant in keeping our children safe. Remember to check ALL treats and stay away from homemade or compromised packaged treats. If your children are going to be going door-to-door



this Halloween season, please make sure to always be with them or stay in groups, restrict them to your own neighbors/neighborhood, limit the age group to pre-teen and younger, make sure their costumes have large eye holes, have reflective wear or flashlights, and always walk on sidewalks and not the roads! If a suspicious situation occurs call 911! The Newaygo Officers hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween and fall season.

**Full-time Job Opportunity and Volunteer Opportunity!**

The City of Newaygo Department of Public Works is looking for a full-time laborer. Please see the City's website at [www.newaygocity.org](http://www.newaygocity.org) for criteria and more information!

The City's Garden Club is in need of volunteers to help plant, weed and manage several beds throughout the downtown area. If you have some extra time, and a green thumb, the City could use your help. Each member would be assigned to a specific bed to take care of and the more volunteers the easier to manage. You know what they say "Many Hands Make Light Work!" To help keep the City's flower beds looking great, please contact Carol at 652.1657 x 212.

## From the Police Department.....

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING NOTICE

The Newaygo Police Department is excited to announce the return of the Neighborhood Watch program. The first meeting is scheduled at the Newaygo High School, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Residents in our city have expressed concerns over making their neighborhood and community safer. The Newaygo Police Department shares in your concerns and we feel that the return of the Neighborhood Watch program will help to make our city safer and more secure. Members of the Newaygo Police Department will attend this meeting and all future meetings. Officers will train citizens of the Watch and give them a safe place to discuss concerns over the security of our city. By joining the Neighborhood Watch you will be taking direct action in making our city safer.

Neighborhood Watch is a proactive program designed to encourage Newaygo residents to assist each other, and the police department, in keeping crime out of our city. The partnerships formed with other residents of your neighborhood, as well as with members of the Newaygo PD, will be some of the best tools to prevent crime.

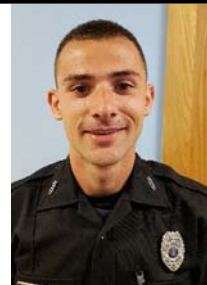
Again, we would like to invite all citizens of Newaygo to attend and join. This will also be a great opportunity to discuss your concerns for the safety and security of the city. Let's take a stand against crime in your community and in our city. For more information please contact Chief Georgia Andres or Officer Ryan Dornbos @ 231-652-1655.

### WELCOME TO NEWAYGO

Newaygo Police Department welcomes Officer Aaron Sheler. He is a graduate from North Western Michigan College. Officer Sheler is a part time officer for the department. Sheler graduated high school from Big Rapids, where one of his teachers once made a comment that Sheler would make a great Police Officer. Officer Sheler held on to that comment and started looking into where he wanted to study to pursue this dream. He says "He has always enjoyed public service, this goal has been a part of him for a long time". He is enjoying the beautiful City of Newaygo and the community that lies within its limits.



Newaygo Police Department would like to introduce you to our newest full time officer, Troy Nelson. Some of you may recognize Officer Nelson as a full time resident of our community. Officer Nelson started his journey with Newaygo Police Department as our summer bike patrol officer and reserve officer in 2015, later becoming a part time officer for us in 2016. Officer Nelson is a graduate from Newaygo High School and studied Law Enforcement, graduating from Ferris State University. We invite the community to extend a warm welcome to Officer Troy Nelson.



### **Want to Serve Your Community and Make a Difference? Upcoming Boards & Committee Appointments Available!**

If you are looking to take an active role in your community, one of the ways to do so is by volunteering your time on one of the City's boards or committees. Below are some of the boards and committees who have upcoming vacancies as of 12/31/17. If you are interested in serving on any of these positions, or have any questions of these boards, please call City Hall and speak to the Clerk at 652.1657 x 222.

**Tax Increment Finance Board (TIFA)**, has four, four year positions available (terms expiring 12/31/21). This board meets quarterly on the second Friday at 7:00 am at City Hall.

**Planning Commission**, has three, three year positions (terms expiring 12/31/20). This board meets as needed on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

**Principal Shopping District (PSD)**, has three, three year positions (terms expiring 12/31/20). Currently this board meets quarterly on the second Wednesday, at 7:30 am at City Hall.

**Newaygo Area Fire District**, has two, six year positions (terms expiring 12/31/23). This board meets the second Wednesday, odd months, at 7:00 pm at the Fire Department.

**Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO)**, has three, three year positions (term expires 12/31/20). Only meets quarterly, on a Friday at 10:30 am, second floor of The Stream.

**Newaygo Community Recreation Authority (NCRA)**, has two, two year positions (term expires 12/31/19). This board meets once a month, on the second Thursday, at 8:00 am at the Welcome Center north of Newaygo.

### ...From the Department of Public Works

We hope everyone had a great summer. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know about some projects that have taken place or will be completed this fall. We had several road paving projects including:

- Mundy Ave, out by the D.P.W. plant
- Pine St. from East St. to Barton
- Division St. from Quarterline to City limits
- Bridge St. starting on the north side of the rail road tracks to the lower bridge
- Washington St. from M37 to State St.
- Centerline starting at Evergreen for approximately 350 feet
- South Park from Division to Clay

#### **A few reminders for our fall season are:**

#### **Flushing Water Mains and Valve Exercising:**

The D.P.W. crew will be out from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, October 2nd to October 6th and on Monday, October 9th flushing the water distribution system and exercising valves. During this time you may notice some discoloration in your water. *You are advised not to do laundry during this time.* If you have any questions, please call the City office at 652-1657.

#### **Brush Pick-Up**

The D.P.W. crews will be out the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup> for brush pick-up.

1. Brush must be piled neatly, with butt ends facing the road.
2. Brush only, **NO LEAVES or GRASS!**
3. Brush must not exceed 6" in diameter and 4' in length.
4. If the brush is not piled neatly, with the butt ends facing the road the D.P.W. crew **will not** pick them up.

#### **Bulk Leaf Pick-Up**

The D.P.W. crews will be out the week of October 16th to October 20th for bulk leaf pick-up (weather permitting).

1. Rake leaves to the edge of the road in a long windrow.
2. Piles should be located just off road edge, no more than one foot from road.
3. Piles should only include leaves. **NO BRUSH!** Brush will clog up the D.P.W. vector, so if you have brush in your leaf pile the D.P.W. will not pick up your pile.
4. Piles should not be within four feet of mailbox or street signs.

#### **Bag Leaf Pick-Up (Anytime)**

1. You may pick up composting bags at the City office.
2. The City **WILL NOT** accept any bags that are not composting bags.
3. Bags must be filled with leaves only. **NO GRASS CLIPPINGS**
4. Sit bags by edge of road; DPW will pick them up.

#### **Snow Removal**

1. Residents are responsible for maintaining sidewalks.
2. If you have snow service, please make sure they *do not push the snow on to the sidewalks.*
3. In the winter you will notice stakes with a blue top by your meter pit. This is to help us locate your meter pit to shut off the water supply to your house in case of a water leak, and to help us find your meter for readings. We ask that you *please leave the stakes in place.*
4. Please remember that there is no parking on Barton St. in the winter months.

It is the goal of the D.P.W. to provide you with the best service possible. The D.P.W. hours are from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday. We can be reached after hours by pager at 231-414-7311. **Please note this is a new after hours number.** If you page us out and we find that it's not a D.P.W. problem, the City may bill you for the time. Thank you.

Ron Wight

D.P.W. Superintendent

### **20th Annual Christmas Festival in Beautiful Newaygo Hosted by The River Country Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival**

The Christmas Festival, held in the City of Newaygo, has become a seasonal favorite. This event starts the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (November 28). This is sure to be a tradition your family will want to attend year after year. Many activities are planned throughout the week and can be viewed on River Country Chamber of Commerce website at [www.rivercountrychamber.com](http://www.rivercountrychamber.com). Bring your family and friends to Newaygo on Friday, December 1st to enjoy the sights, sounds and the many great tastes that create the memories that last a lifetime. You will be mesmerized by the twinkling lights, the aroma of roasting chestnuts, the clip-clop of horse-drawn carriage rides, the glowing brightness of the Christmas warming fire and beautiful sound of Christmas Carols echoing throughout the stores and in your heart as you stroll the streets of beautiful downtown Newaygo. Newaygo is one of Santa Claus's favorite places to visit and Mrs. Claus is here too! Make sure you bring the kids! Check out the stores, they will be filled with bargains. Main street (M-37) is closed to vehicle traffic through the downtown and there is a wonderful atmosphere of celebration and fun.

