

City of Newaygo

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NOTICE:

City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 14th in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day

NEWAYGO RESIDENT

City of Newaygo financial and performance information can be found on the City's website at:
<http://newaygocity.org/forms-publications.php>
On this page select the category "City Financial Information".

Home & Garden Show
Saturday, April 22nd
9:00 am-2:00 pm
at Newaygo Middle School

Free Shredding Event
10:00 am-2:00 pm

Healthy Living Hall
9:00 am-2:00 pm

Live Demonstrations
9:00 am-2:00 pm
-Healthy Cooking
-Air quality
-Planting Herbs
-Easy Exercise for kids

April:

10th 7:00 pm
11th 6:30 pm
14th **All Day**
17th-24th All Day
21st 7:00 am
22nd 9 am-2 pm
24th-28th All Day

May:

1st-5th All Day
8th 7:00 pm
9th 6:30 pm
24th 8:00 am
26th-28th All Day

June:

10th **Noon-3:00 pm**
12th 7:00 pm
13th 6:30 pm
26th 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
Office Closed-Good Friday
Flushing of water mains
TIFA Board Meeting at City Hall
Chamber Home & Garden Show at Newaygo Middle School
Bulk Leaf Pick-up
Brush Pick-up
City Council Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting
Chamber Annual Golf Outing
Memorial Day Arts & Crafts, Sidewalk Sales, Chicken BBQ
Office Closed-Memorial Day

Kids Day-Brooks Park-Free Event
City Council Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Meeting

City of Newaygo Wins 2017 Water Utility of the Year Award

The Michigan Rural Water Association awarded the City of Newaygo, Water Utility of the Year at their annual conference in Traverse City, Michigan on Thursday, March 16, 2017. This award was for a new well that was constructed in early 2014 along with upgrades to the existing water treatment plant and construction of a new water treatment plant with a modernized computer control system. The project went well due to the collaboration between the City Manager, Water Supervisor and the D.P.W. Superintendent along with the support of engineers from Sidock Group Inc. Eli Bromley with MRWA was impressed with how City management and the Water Department worked as a team to produce a good project. The City is committed to continuous learning as evidenced by the following: The City Water Supervisor Toby Wight has a D-2 / S-2 certification. The City also has a second operator with a D-3 / S-3 certification. The City has two more employees who will be testing for their S-3 / D-3 in the spring. The operators have aggressively kept up the plant and system in a manner consistent with the professionalism of the water industry. Congratulations to all the employees of the City of Newaygo, and everyone who had a part in this.



Found in the picture from left to right are Toby Wight (Water Operator), Jon Schneider (City Manager), Andrea Schroeder (President of MRWA), and Ron Wight (DPW Superintendent)

The Stream in Newaygo ready to Launch Job Training Program



Network Administrator Brad Peets inventories and configures laptop computers that will be used for training in the Digital Works program at The Stream. Newaygo County residents are eligible to participate in the program tuition free, thanks to a grant from Fremont Area Community Foundation.

After two years of planning, a two-year grant from Fremont Area Community Foundation, and a one-time contribution from the Newaygo Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) for technology, the Digital Works job training program is ready to begin at The Stream. This technology-based customer service training program prepares 21st century people for 21st century careers, and it is free to Newaygo County residents, according to Projects Manager Colleen Buckley. Digital Works, a program of Connected Nation, provides customer service training, mentorship, and job placement assistance, as well as the opportunity for advanced careers. Program graduates can work from home – or anywhere with a reliable internet connection, and those who prefer a more traditional office environment can opt to work from The Stream. The program consists of 80 hours of classroom training over the course of four weeks. Students will be coached in several areas that traditional training programs often overlook, like internet-based research, enunciation and diction, resume writing and job interviewing skills. During a mentoring period, staff from Digital Works will assist program graduates in landing jobs that best fit their areas of interest and specific job

strengths. According to Buckley, it is an ideal program for stay-at-home parents, students, the disabled and other job seekers that desire to work off-site. The first class is scheduled to begin in mid-April, and subsequent classes will begin monthly.

TO APPLY FOR THE DIGITAL WORKS PROGRAM

- Applicants must **apply on-line at www.digitalworksjobs.com**.
 - * Click the red "Apply Today!" box
 - * Complete the brief application form
 - * Watch the Orientation Video to learn more details about the program
 - * Email digitalworks@newaygostream.com with the link provided, and be sure to use the 3 Key Words from the Orientation Video.

History of Newaygo Police Department -Celebrating 150 Years-



The beautiful City of Newaygo is one of the oldest cities in northern Michigan. The region holds its name from an ancestor Indian Chief of the Chippewa Nation named Nuwagon, who resided in the western region of the Michigan territory. After the Native Americans, the first documented settlers arrived in the Village of Newaygo in 1836. The first settlement in Newaygo was constructed by the brothers, Augustus and Frederick Pennoyer, who built a saw mill on Pennoyer Creek. Later, John A. Brooks, who holds the large title as the father of Newaygo, arrived from Statistead, Canada. He would soon be responsible for the largest part of the business growth in Newaygo during this era. However, the United States Marshals would later hold the heavy responsibility for all organized law enforcement in the territory of Michigan. Any other law enforcement techniques of this era would be undocumented and unorganized by fellow citizens of the territory. On March 16, 1867 the Act of Legislation incorporating the Village of Newaygo was approved, making the village its own. The first election in the now recognized Village of Newaygo occurred on April 8, 1867 and L.A. Mallery was voted as the first official Village Marshal. Mallery's duty as Village Marshal was to ensure the town be free of all dangers in various areas including street safety, investigating all crimes of the Village of Newaygo, and arresting on warrants and delivering subpoenas of the court. In 1968, the City of Newaygo was incorporated, receiving its own recognition. During this time the Newaygo Police Department Chief Law Enforcement official was Stanley Mercer, Sr., Village Marshal. John Sutton was appointed as the First Chief of Police by City Manager Ken White; and the first officially sworn Chief of Police, per the oath of office record book, on November 15, 1971. Chief Sutton had ordered a hat badge in 1971 in which has remained the same hat badge that is currently used today. Newaygo Police Department started a Reserve Officer unit in 2007. Ten reserve officers attended an academy along with the police department and then became active reserves with the department in June 2007 after the successful completion of the training. On January 8, 2015 Georgia Stroven-Andres was sworn in as the 7th Chief of Police for the City of Newaygo. Chief Andres was proudly named the first female Chief of Police in Newaygo, in addition to anywhere in the County of Newaygo. On April 8, 2017 the Newaygo Police Department will have been in existence for 150 years. For additional information visit the Historic display at City

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Making The Area Safer One Training at a Time

On February 16, 2017 Newaygo City Police Chief Georgia Andres met with a group of 2nd graders to read a story book about bullying.



The book – My Secret

Bully by Trudy Ludwig, held the attention of the class. The children learned about a young girl who confides to her mother that her best friend is treating her badly, and together they figure out what to do about it. Chief Andres talked about key points and situations from the book to help the children understand that emotional bullying among friends; who use name-calling and manipulation to humiliate will need support from an adult. In the story the girl confides in her mother and learns to thrive by facing her fears and reclaiming power through her words to keep her from getting hurt by the bully.

Youth Self Defense Class-Huge Success

Newaygo Police Department held its second youth self-defense class on February 24th. They had a Great Group of children (ages 5-13 years old) and parents in attendance. Officer Paquette was assisted by 5 other Police Department Officers to help the children learn an array of different techniques. Those techniques taught were so the children could better defend themselves during an attack. Loud verbal commands as well as strategies on how to get away from strangers were taught Newaygo Police Department would like to give a special "Thank You" to Newaygo Fitness Club for allowing us to hold such an important Class for our Community.



Women's Self Defense

On a Saturday, February 25th many women gathered to learn safety techniques to help better protect themselves. Strikes, punches and pressure point holds were techniques taught to the group.

More Classes to be held in May 2017
Contact Newaygo Police Department to sign up!
231.652.1655 x 214

From Department of Public Works

Will Spring Ever Get Here?

The City of Newaygo makes the following materials available for sale to its residents: Top Soil, 1" Stone, Crushed Concrete and Wood Mulch. We will deliver smaller quantities of materials than many other sources—No minimum required. We do require that payment for the products must be made at City Hall **prior to delivery (no exceptions).**

When paid, your delivery will be scheduled. **(Sorry, no weekend deliveries and no deliveries the Friday before a holiday weekend.)** Generally, deliveries will be first thing in the morning. Please remember that the prices below are per yard. Get your landscaping materials from the City!

For Sale This Year!

Top Soil	\$20.00/yard
1"stone	\$35.00/yard
Crushed concrete	\$14.00/yard
Wood mulch	\$18.00/yard

Flushing Water Mains and Valve Exercising

The D.P.W. crew will be out from **7:00 am to 3:00 pm, April 17-24** flushing the water distribution system and exercising valves. During this time you may notice some discoloration in your water. **It is 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 **May 1-May 5** for brush pick-up.

Brush Pick-Up:

1. Brush must be piled neatly, cut ends facing the road
2. Brush only, no leaves or grass
3. Brush must not exceed 6" in diameter and 4 ft. in length
4. The DPW **WILL NOT** pick up any brush that is not piled up neatly, NOR if you have leaves piled on top of your brush.
5. If you have your brush on a trailer you may bring it to the DPW garage during working hours and dump it off in the brush pile.

Bulk Leaf/Bag Pick-up

The D.P.W. crews will be out the week of **April 24-28** for bulk leaf pickup.

Bulk Leaf Pick-Up:

1. Rake leaves to road edge in a long windrow
2. Piles should be located just off road edge but not more than **two feet from road.**
3. The piles should only include leaves. **NO BRUSH!**
4. The piles should **not be** within four feet of mailboxes or street signs.

Bag Leaf Pick-up:

1. You may pick up composting bags at City Hall, free of charge. **Only these bags will be picked up**
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. Set bags by road edge and the DPW will pick them up.

The DPW hours are from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday. We can be reached after hours by pager. If you page us to come out and we find that it is not our problem, the City may bill you for the time.

Ron Wight
DPW Superintendent

Reminders



On May 2, 2017 there will be a school election on behalf of Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (NCRESA) on the "Special Education Millage Renewal Proposal". This proposal renews millage for special education purposes which will expire with the 2017 tax levy. The new proposal will be for the next seven (7) years from 2018 to 2024 and will be used inclusive for the education of persons with disabilities. Please remember polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. If you are eligible for an Absent Voter Ballot, please call the City Clerk at 231-652-1657 x 222 and request the AV Application.

14th Annual Marshall Run Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics

Saturday
September 2, 2017
9:00am 5K Run/walk & Kids Fun Run
Riverfront Park
sweenevk@michigan.gov
www.marshallrun.com

Course Description

Runners will run along a paved walking path in Riverfront Park and along River St. The course has one noticeable hill and will be run on pavement.



Survey Results

The Newaygo Police Department would like to thank those of you who took the Police Survey. The overall results showed positive ratings in all categories. The Police Department has already made some changes based on survey comments in regards to greater police foot patrol, extra property checks and more contact with City residents and businesses. Thank you for your time.

Reminder

Please remember to lock your doors to your homes, buildings and vehicles. Please contact Police immediately with any suspicious activity-**Call 911**