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***A Message from Mayor Fedell***

We are enjoying a typical Michigan summer, with unpredictable weather, extra traffic and many visitors. I would like to remind you that we must work together so that our guests leave eager to return. With that in mind, please remember to remove any "Junk," including unregistered vehicles, from your property. In addition, please mow, cut, or remove tall grass within the city limits. For many people, the only impression they take away from our town is what they see driving through it. Let's continue to make it the best it

can be. Thank you for your efforts.

Newaygo is home to many talented, hardworking people, several of whom are celebrated in this newsletter. Please take some time to read about all the exciting things going on here and the individuals that continue to make this a great place to call Home.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer!

*Ed Fedell, Mayor  
City of Newaygo*



**Primary Election August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 am – 8:00 pm  
City Hall

In Primary Elections you must vote only ONE (1) party section, either all Republican, all Democratic, or all Libertarian. You CAN NOT cross vote this ballot in this election.

There are also two proposals:

- **Veterans' Services Millage** – 10 year renewal
- **Public Safety Millage** – 10 year new millage for the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department

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***Working Together to put Newaygo Students First***

The Newaygo Police Department (NPD), in collaboration with the City of Newaygo; Brooks, Garfield, Big Prairie, and Croton Townships; and the Newaygo Public School (NPS) Board, have voted to move forward with a full-time, school assigned police officer. Officer Mitch Rood has been hired for this position and began training in mid-June, when he also began working on all youth initiatives.

"This position became a reality because each of these government boards has voted to put our children and their safety first for they feel that our children are our most precious commodity," said NPD Chief Georgia Andres.

In addition to the special Police Officer position, NPS will be making structural improvements to secure all buildings. They will also have additional staff training and a mentoring program for youth who can use

extra encouragement from the community.

Dr. Peg Mathis, NPS Superintendent, explained that this combination of programs has been in the works for several months. "With recent national school-related security issues, we feel these programs will benefit Newaygo Public School youth at all levels, and ultimately benefit the community as a whole," said Mathis. "We are excited and feel that Officer Rood will be a great fit for the Newaygo Team," she added.

According to Andres, this full-time position will be paid from the city's general fund money and will NOT result in higher taxes. "Our kids deserve the best we can give them, and I feel we continue to head in the right direction to ensure the safety of all our young people," Andres said.

The School Assigned Police Officer has been contracted for seven years, through

2025, and Officer Rood will be working on all student and youth initiatives in Newaygo including Summer Safety, Children's and Women's self-defense, TEAM training models, and more.



*The Newaygo Police Department would like to send out a special thank you to Dr. Mathis, Brooks Township Supervisor Cory Nelson, and City Manager Jon Schneider for working so hard to make this position a reality.*



School Assigned Police Officer Mitch Rood has been with the Newaygo Police Department since 2012, and prior to that he was the school-assigned police officer at Grant Public Schools.

## Public Safety



Newaygo Chief of Police Georgia Andres was sworn in as the new District 9 Representative for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

(MACP) at their June meeting held in Bellaire. In this position Andres will represent the northern Michigan Chiefs from Clare, Isabella, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties. "I am looking forward to being the voice of the rural communities that make up District 9," Andres said. "This is a great opportunity to make some positive changes for our grant funding opportunities and for our rural communities in policing strategies." The Mission of the MACP is to enhance professional development of police executives and elevate safety awareness.



In May, Reserve Officer Guy Hinton traveled to Costa Rica – at his own expense – and was an instructor to the Costa Rican of San Jose Presidential Police, Federal Investigative Police, SWAT, and the Presidential SWAT team. Hinton has been with the NPD since April, 2015, and has several qualifications and certifications which deem him excellent in his field with firearms.



### Annual Newaygo Fire Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 1  
7 am—11 am  
Newaygo Fire Department

Cooked by Newaygo Firefighters. Proceeds support the greatest needs of the Newaygo Fire Department and its members.



K-9 Officer Bella, shown above with trainer Officer Troy Nelson, completed her five-week training program on June 14, and will begin her official duties in early July.



### Active Assailant Incident Drill



On May 14 officials from the Newaygo Police and Fire Departments, Big Prairie Fire Department, Newaygo County Sheriff's Office, Life EMS, and Newaygo County Emergency Services partnered with

Great Lakes Energy in Newaygo to train on new techniques on how to effectively respond to an Active Assailant Incident.

Recent incidents in the United States and around the world underscore the critical importance of first responder and community preparedness for these types of hostile events. These tragedies have a significant and lasting impact on entire communities, and unified and integrated preparedness, response, and recovery strategies are vital to mitigate their impacts.

"We are proud to collaborate with our partners in law enforcement, EMS, Emergency services, and 911 to provide the best service possible for our community. These types of incidents are



becoming more common and it is imperative to have our personnel trained to mitigate them at a moment's notice. Thank you to Great Lakes Energy for allowing us to utilize your facility and employees to help us sharpen our skills," said Jason Wolford, Fire Chief of the Newaygo Fire Protection District.





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To view the upcoming ballot for your jurisdiction prior to the election, please go to [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote), answer the questions and follow the prompts.

The **Absent Voter Application** allows *qualified* voters to automatically receive an application prior to each election. To see if you qualify, and for more information, contact City Hall at 652.1657 x 222 or [kbiegalle@newwaygocity.org](mailto:kbiegalle@newwaygocity.org).

## From the City Manager's Desk

We are continuing to work on our City's Master Plan, and I want to thank those of you that voiced your opinions at our recent meetings regarding housing and development sites. We have public meetings each month (City Council and City Planning Commission) and I invite all Newwaygo residents to attend and share their ideas.

We continue to work on the project to make our community more walkable and increase parking. We have been meeting with MDOT and engineers from Progressive AE along with consultant Jeff Speck to explore various options in an effort to calm traffic and make our city safer for

cyclists and pedestrians. Walkability is just one segment of our Master Plan. You can view the latest concepts at

<https://newwaygocity.org/i-am-newwaygo.php>

Congratulations to the many individuals and organizations highlighted in here. On a daily basis these people work to make Newwaygo the best community it can be.



**Stay Tuned.  
Stay Engaged.**

*Jon Schneider,  
Newwaygo City Manager*

## Biegalle Completes Michigan Municipal Treasurers Institute

Congratulations to City Clerk/Treasurer, Kim Biegalle, who completed the three-year Michigan Municipal Treasurers Institute held at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. This entitles Biegalle to apply for her Treasurer's Certification, or "MiCPT," which she will receive this upcoming fall. She will need to maintain certification by attending annual conferences in addition to attending the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association (MMTA) Advance Treasurer Institute, typically a two-day training.

According to City Manager, Jon Schneider, the curriculum consists of 100 hours of education covering topics like Public Finance, both Cash and Debt Management, Ethics, State Regulations, and much, much more.

"We are committed to providing the necessary training to our employees that will allow them to best serve our community," said Schneider. "Not only is the curriculum thorough and beneficial, but the connections that Kim has made in other communities can be invaluable," he added.

Biegalle has been employed with the City since November of 2003 when she began as an Administrative Assistant, and was appointed Deputy Clerk in 2004. In 2005 she completed the Michigan Municipal Clerk Institute's program, and in 2009 received both her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and her Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) designations.

In 2010 Biegalle was appointed City Clerk, and in June of 2014 she was also made Deputy Treasurer. In anticipation of Carol Sherwood's recent retirement, Biegalle was appointed City Clerk/Treasurer in December of last year.


*Kim Biegalle, Newwaygo City Clerk/Treasurer, (shown left) completed the three-year Michigan Municipal Treasures Institute recently. She has been employed by the City since 2003, and has completed many hours of professional development for her various positions.*

Kim and her husband Craig have four adult children and seven grandchildren. When she is not busy working on behalf of Newwaygo residents, she enjoys boating, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.



## River Country Chamber News



 Find us on Facebook:

River Country Chamber of Commerce of  
Newaygo County

And for Volunteers:

**RC3 Chamber Champions**

**Visit our Website**

[www.rivercountrychamber.com](http://www.rivercountrychamber.com)

Where to Live, Eat, Shop, Do Business,  
Play & Stay.... It's All There!

### Upcoming Chamber Events

#### Farmers Market

Brooks Park  
Friday, June 15th-Oct 5th  
Noon-6:00 pm

#### Freedom Fest on the Causeway

Saturday, July 7  
Fireworks, Live music, food, parade  
and lots more fun things to do

#### Logging Festival

August 31—September 2  
Amateur Log Rolling Contest and Mid-  
Michigan Lumberjack Competition.

#### Labor Day Parade

September 2nd  
1:00 pm



The City of Newaygo Garden Club is in search of motivated *volunteers* to help beautify our community. If you are willing to devote just a few hours throughout the summer to help keep Newaygo beautiful, contact the city at 231-652-1647 or [www.newaygocity.org/contact-us.php](http://www.newaygocity.org/contact-us.php).

## City "Readiness-to-Serve" Rate Increase

Since 2014, the City institutes an annual water/sewer rate increase in July in order to keep up with capital improvements and operational expenses for Newaygo's water and sewer systems. The water readiness-to-serve and water per gallon charge will increase by 1.5%, while the sewer readiness-to-serve and per gallon charge will increase by 2%.

Utility	Old Rate	New Rate	Actual Increase
Sewer Readiness-to-Serve	\$ 17.92	\$ 18.27	\$ .35
Water Readiness-to-Serve	\$ 21.83	\$ 22.16	\$ .33
Sewer Usage Charge/1,000 gal.	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.92	\$ .08
Water Usage Charge/1,000 gal.	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.25	\$ .05

The chart at left shows the increases for the average single-family home.

"Readiness-to-Serve" is the minimum amount a Water/Sewer bill will be.

Additional charges will be based on usage per 1,000 gallons.

## STEP FORWARD MICHIGAN -Michigan's Hardest Hit Fund Program

The State of Michigan has received additional funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for 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 a 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

### For more information:

[www.stepforwardmichigan.org](http://www.stepforwardmichigan.org)  
or call 866-946-7432



### 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 and exemptions are granted annually. Depending on the local unit either the Township Supervisor or assessor can provide you with additional information.

Director of Local Officials:

[www.countyofnewaygo.com](http://www.countyofnewaygo.com)

**Holly Moon**

Newaygo County Treasurer  
**231-689-7230**

[www.countyofnewaygo.com/countytreasurer.aspx](http://www.countyofnewaygo.com/countytreasurer.aspx)

## *Newaygo City Parks*

Whether you are looking for a place to hike, picnic, or just let the kids play at the playground, Newaygo has a place for you. With six options to choose from, there is truly something for everyone. From the Farmer's Market to a Wedding Reception you need look no further than our city limits. All of our City Parks are maintained by the Newaygo Department of Public Works.

Please be respectful of others and clean up after yourself and your pets when you take advantage of our City Parks.

**Marshall Memorial Park** was established in memory of Trooper Kevin M. Marshal of the Michigan State Police, who was killed in the line of duty. In addition to the candle light vigil (shown at right) the park has a walking trail along Brooks Creek.

Beginning this year, the candle light vigil will alternate years with the **Marshall Memorial Softball Tournament**, to be played on **Saturday, August 18** in honor of all law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in Newaygo County.

**Brooks Park**, located behind City Hall (above right), is open year round and is used for the annual Kids' Day, various festivals, the Newaygo Farmer's Market, and much, much more.



For more information about the Marshall Memorial Softball Tournament:

Officer Dornbos  
231-652-1655 ex 242

rdornbos  
@newaygocity.org

www.facebook.com/  
MarshallMemorial.Softball.



City Park	Location	Walking Trail	Paved Path	Play-ground	Picnic Tables	Charcoal Grills	Scenic Lookout	Other
Marshall Memorial Park	Downtown Newaygo on M-37	X			X		X	Pavilion
Brooks Park	Downtown Newaygo behind City Hall			X	X			Stage/Band Shell, Home to Festivals and Farmers Market
Riverfront Park Phase 1	Off River St. along Muskegon River	X	X	X	X	X	X	Connected to Phase 2 via walking path
Riverfront Park Phase 2	On Muskegon River off Water St.	X	X	X	X	X	X	Connected to Phase 1 via walking path
Shaw Park	Croton Rd. north of Loomis Lodge	X			X			River Access, Pavilion, Stairs to public tennis courts
Loomis Lodge	Croton Rd. east of M-37	Full kitchen and bathrooms, patio, tables & chairs; available to rent for receptions, parties, and meetings. Contact City Office at 231-652-1657 for rental information.						

## *Summer School Lunch Program*

Newaygo Public Schools will again sponsor the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free lunches will be made available to children 18 and younger, 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.

**Locations and times as follows:**  
*ALL sites are Closed July 4*

**Newaygo High School (NHS)**  
*Through August 16*  
Lunch: 11:30am-12:15pm

**Brooks Park (Rain location NHS)**  
*Through August 10*  
Lunch: 12:00 pm-12:25 pm

**Conklin Park**  
*Mon – Thurs through August 9*  
Lunch: 11:45am – 12:10 pm

**Fremont Lake Park**  
*M, T, W, F through August 8*  
Lunch: 12:30pm – 12:55pm  
(Must arrive by 11:45am to order lunch)  
Snack: 3:00pm – 3:20pm  
Rain location Fremont Middle School

**Henning Park**  
*Tues – Fri through August 9*  
Lunch: 12:00pm-12:45pm  
(Must arrive by 11:45am to order lunch)  
Snack: 3:00pm-3:20pm  
Rain location Newaygo Elementary

**Mill Pond Park**  
*Mon – Thurs through August 9*  
Lunch: 12:30pm -12:55pm  
(Must arrive by 11:45am to order lunch)  
Snack: 3:00pm – 3:20pm  
Rain location White Cloud Elementary School

**Croton Township Campgrounds**  
*Mon – Thurs through August 9*  
Lunch: 11:15am - 11:40am



For more information please visit Newaygo Public School's web-site:  
[www.newaygo.net/downloads/focus\\_images/summer\\_lunch\\_program\\_2018\\_2.pdf](http://www.newaygo.net/downloads/focus_images/summer_lunch_program_2018_2.pdf)

*Meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.*

## *Dam Failure DRILL*

**Dam Failure  
Emergency Exercise**  
Friday, August 17, 2018

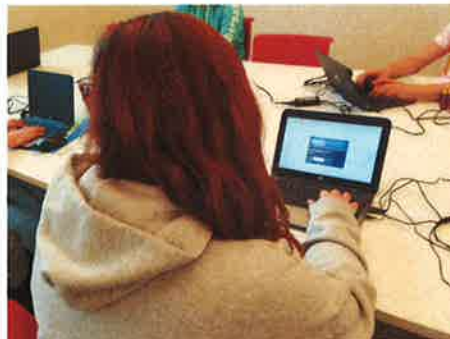
Newaygo County Emergency Services, in collaboration with local and state public safety partners, will be conducting a test of the Hardy Dam Failure Emergency. This drill is in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements.

Details of the drill can be found at <https://bit.ly/2MoeeAD>

For more information, contact the Newaygo County Emergency Services Department at 231-689-7354.

## *The Stream.... Where Talent Flows*

The types of activities held at The Stream are endless. Recently, Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy used meeting and cubicle space to conduct Michigan Standardized Testing for their students.



Tall Pine Quilt Guild (right) spread out in the classroom for quilting education, practice and socialization.

The Stream offers all types of business and meeting space, and will take care of all your meeting needs including catering, set-up and clean-up.

If you are interested in Membership or renting space, contact the Stream for more info:

231-452-6401

[info@newaygostream.com](mailto:info@newaygostream.com)



## City of Newaygo

### Public Notice Of Tax Deferment

MCL 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 Febru-

ary 15<sup>th</sup> by filing with the Treasurer of the City of Newaygo 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, 2018. Please call the Treasurer's office at 231-652 x 222 to receive the form.

**GARAGE SALE** 

### Garage Sales Permits

Garage Sale Permit applications are available at City Hall or on the City's website. Permits are required, and the cost is \$1.

Labor Day Weekend is a FREE Garage Sale Weekend, when no permit or fees are required.

## City of Newaygo Directory

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm  
Phone (231) 652-1657

City Manager/Zoning Administrator	Jon Schneider	231-652-1657 ext. 211
City Clerk/Treasurer	Kim Biegalle	231-652-1657 ext. 222
Newaygo Police	Chief Georgia Andres	231-652-1655 ext. 215
City Assessor	Dan Kirwin	231-652-1657 ext. 216
Utility Billing Clerk	Ann Quick	231-652-1657 ext. 210
IT Administrator	Brad Peets	231-652-1657 ext. 218
DPW	Ron Wight, Superintendent	
	M-F 7:00 am – 3:00 pm	231-652-7984
	Emergency After Hours	231-414-7311
The Stream	Holly Wahr	231-452-6401
	Kim Goodin	231-452-6401 ext.1009
Digital Works	Colleen Buckley	231-452-6401 ext.1004
City Building Inspector	Duane Cruzan	231-652-1657 ext. 236
North Country Inspection Services, LLC		Newaygo Hours: M, W 1:00pm-3:00pm

### Boards and Committees

(For meeting dates, locations, and contact information, visit our website at [www.newaygocity.org](http://www.newaygocity.org))

<b>City Council:</b>	Ed Fedell, Mayor	Mike Hikade
	Roger Ederer	Marcello Santana
	Roger Palmiter	Katie Walerczyk
	Eric Johnson	

**Planning Commission**  
**Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)**  
**Principal Shopping District (PSD)**  
**Newaygo Community Recreation Authority (NCRA)**  
**Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO)**

Dave Chambers, Chair  
Ron Armstrong, Chair  
Nick Looman, Chair  
Jennifer Badgero, Chair  
Scott Faulkner, Chair

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Find us on  "City of Newaygo"



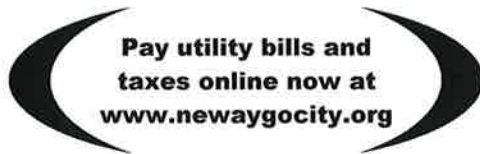
CITY OF NEWAYGO

## City Resident

28 N. State Road  
P.O. Box 308  
Newaygo, MI 49337  
Phone 231-652-1657

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".



### July—September 2018

#### July:

- 4 City Offices Closed in Observance of Fourth of July
- 9 7:30—4:00 LAST DAY to register to vote in Primary Election
- 9 7:00 pm City Council Meeting
- 10 6:30 pm Planning Commission Meeting
- 11 7:30 am Principal Shopping District
- 12 8:00 am NCRA Meeting
- 13 7:00 am TIFA Board Meeting

#### August:

- 7 7 am – 8 pm Primary Election
- 7 Neighborhood Watch Block Party
- 13 7:00 pm City Council Meeting
- 14 6:30 pm Planning Commission
- 18 Inaugural Marshal Memorial Softball Tournament
- 27 First day of Classes at Newaygo Public Schools
- 31 City Summer Taxes Due

#### September:

- 3 City Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 10 7:00 pm City Council Meeting
- 11 6:30 pm Planning Commission Meeting
- 13 8:00 am NCRA Meeting

#### 15th Annual Marshall Run/Walk Saturday, September 1

Registration 8:00 – 8:15 am  
Race Time: 9:00 am

Start & Finish at Riverfront Park Phase II  
(Behind Wisner Canoe Rental) For more information: [www.marshallrun.com](http://www.marshallrun.com)

Proceeds benefit MI Concerns of Police Survivors (MI COPS) [www.micops.org](http://www.micops.org)



Visit our website calendar for up-to-date information: [www.newaygocity.org/city-calendar.php](http://www.newaygocity.org/city-calendar.php)