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A Message from Mayor Fedell

I hope you have enjoyed our wonderfully hot Michigan summer and are ready to take advantage of a Pure Michigan Autumn. Our city continues moving forward with several new and exciting projects. However, with forward momentum come some unique challenges, and in Newaygo the most critical one is housing.

As a community we are giving the housing challenge thoughtful and significant consideration, and as a result there is a Housing Task Force hard at work. There also continue to be new housing starts in the River Hills subdi-

vision west of town, and there are plans in the works to convert some current commercial businesses into apartments. While this is a small solution to a much bigger problem, it is definitely a step in the right direction.

We continue to be a tourist destination, and our recent Logging Festival held over Labor Day weekend had record numbers of attendees despite the rain. Thank you to the River Country Chamber of Commerce and all their hard work to make this happen!

Finally, there are many opportunities

for you to make a difference, beginning with the general election on Tuesday, November 6. Locally, there are vacancies on several of our city committees (see page 7), and if you are interested in any of these opportunities please let us know.

Enjoy your fall and winter, and remember that you are what make our city work.



*Ed Fedell, Mayor
City of Newaygo*

ELECTION 2018

Remember to Vote!
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Polls will be open
7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Need general election information?

www.Michigan.gov/vote

- ◇ Learn if you are registered to vote
- ◇ View a sample ballot
- ◇ Find your voting location
- ◇ Track your absentee ballot
- ◇ Much more

In addition to electing county and state officials, there will be four (4) proposals:

Proposal 18-1 Legalize recreational marijuana

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

Proposal 18-2 Establish an independent citizens redistricting commission

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the

Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

Proposal 18-3 Voting Rights Policies Initiative

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution

County Proposal for 911 Central Dispatch Surcharge

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Public Safety



The City of Newaygo Police Department has Halloween bags that outline Trick-or-Treat safety tips at the City offices while supplies last. Chief Andres would like to remind our residents to be vigilant in keeping our children safe:

- ◆ Check ALL treats and avoid homemade or compromised packaged treats.
- ◆ If your children are going to be going door-to-door please make sure to always be with them or stay in groups

- ◆ Restrict Trick-or-Treating to your own neighborhood
- ◆ Limit the age group to pre-teen and younger
- ◆ Costumes should have large eye holes and reflective wear or flashlights.
- ◆ Walk on sidewalks and not the roads
- ◆ If a suspicious situation occurs call 911



Newaygo Police Chief Georgia Andres was honored recently for her relentless work on a cold case from 1989 that resulted in murder convictions for two men in 2015. Michigan Representative Scott VanSingel is shown above presenting her with the Civic Achievement Medal as Reserve Officer Guy Hinton (left) looks on.



The Newaygo Fire Department wants to thank the community for their support during the Annual Pancake Breakfast on September 1. They fed almost 600 people and raised over \$3,200 toward the purchase of a ZOLL AutoPulse Resuscitation System.



They are currently seeking motivated individuals who want to serve their community as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and live within the Newaygo Fire Protection District. For more information, or to donate towards the ZOLL system, visit newaygofire.com or email tkroll@newaygofire.com.

Stay Safe During Winter Months

According to the National Fire Protection Association, holiday decorations, winter storms and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. It is recommended that your home have a Carbon Monoxide Detector, in addition to the appropriate number of Smoke Detectors. Here are some other things to be aware of:

Electrical home fires are a leading cause of home fires in the U.S. Roughly half of all home electrical fires involve electrical distribution or lighting equipment, while nearly another half involve other known types of equipment like washer or dryer fans, and portable or stationary space heaters.

Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries, and space heaters are the equipment most often involved (40%).

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is called the invisible killer, and is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, propane, etc. do not burn completely. Heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are also potential sources of CO.

Winter Time, more than any other season, is when home fires occur. Heating equipment is involved in one of every six reported home fires, and one in every five home fire deaths.

Generators used improperly can be risky. The most common dangers associated with portable generators are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution, and fire hazards.

Candles used during holiday celebrations make December the peak time of year for home candle fires.

For more fire safety information, visit www.nfpa.org.



From the City Manager's Desk

Work on the City's Master Plan marches forward, as does the development of Walkability. To this end, we have added several new parking spaces on the streets surrounding City Hall, and we feel these new spots are one step towards alleviating the parking challenges downtown.

We are addressing a number of improvements to the sewer system that we hope to have completed by the end of 2019. This project will repair some dilapidated areas and provide basic preparation for future expansion projects.

Finally, I am excited to announce that Newaygo and the State of Michigan have entered into a Community

Development Block Grant Agreement in the amount up to \$960,000 for facade improvements to two downtown buildings. Many local and state people have worked diligently to make this happen, and while I do not want to overlook their contributions, I do want to thank Kim Goodin, who has spent countless hours on this project.

North Woods General Store will add large storefront windows, brickwork and other historically appropriate improvements in addition to an updated HVAC System.

Market 41 will now be known as The Muskegon River Inn and its facade improvements will include extensive brick work, mechanical work,

new doors and windows, and the addition of an elevator, along with safety and cosmetic work. The second floor will be renovated and will contain hotel rooms.

Watch for information on the upcoming Ground Breaking Ceremony for this project, to be held on Monday, October 15th at 2:00 pm.

**Stay Tuned.
Stay Engaged.**



*Jon Schneider,
Newaygo City Manager*

Election 2018

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County Proposal for 911 Central Dispatch Surcharge

A proposal to authorize Newaygo County to assess a monthly surcharge of up to and not to exceed \$3.00 on the monthly billings of communication service suppliers to service users within the geographic boundaries of Newaygo County to be used exclusively for the funding of 911 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services.

As we enter election season, Police Chief Andres reminds residents to check the Newaygo City Zoning Ordinance for placement of political signs:

No sign shall be placed in, upon or over any public right-of-way, alley, sidewalk or other public place, except as may be otherwise permitted by this Chapter.

For residential and community business areas - One sign per issue or candidate that is no larger than six (6) square feet.

For Highway and Industrial Business District Areas - One sign per issue or candidate that is no larger than sixteen (16) square feet.

For more specific details about sign placement, review Chapter 5 of the Zoning Ordinance at https://newaygocity.org/documents/Newaygo_City_Zoning_Ordinance_170911_yo3bu.pdf



Do your research ahead of time and make an informed decision.

Your vote counts!

NEDO

I AM Newaygo! Is moving forward and working with MDOT on the next phases of Walkability recommendations centered around M37. In the meantime they are actively working to help update the City's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances, with a particular eye toward the immediate challenge of housing.

There are many new jobs being created in the coming 9-18 months, and the city is working with developers to meet the projected demand for housing. However, in addition to workforce housing, there are other emerging needs for other segments in the community that also demand attention and investment of time and money to "get it right." Seniors, growing families, and the transient workforce are all important segments being addressed through these efforts.

For updates to the Walkability project visit our webpage:

newaygocity.org/i-am-newaygo.php
or join the Facebook discussion at
www.facebook.com/groups/iamnewaygo/

River Country Chamber News



Season of Hope Charity Auction

To benefit Newaygo County Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect and the River Country Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, November 29th

Oakridge Restaurant
Banquet Room on the Terrace Level

Tickets \$50.00 per person, which include two drink tickets; additional beer and wine will be available at CASH BAR by Oakridge Restaurant.

Table sponsorships are available for \$700.00 (10 tickets, table sponsor recognition, and event sponsorship recognition). Seating is limited, so don't wait to buy tickets.

Social Hour 6:00 pm
Silent Auction Opens 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Live Auction 7:30 pm

Christmas Walk Downtown Newaygo Friday, November 30 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Visit Downtown Newaygo for bargain-filled stores, Christmas Carols, horse-drawn carriage rides and much, much more, including Santa and Mrs. Clause. Remember that to ensure pedestrian safety, M-37 is closed to vehicle traffic through the downtown.



ChoiceOne Bank St. Nick Kick Saturday, December 1 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Race proceeds will benefit the Newaygo HS Cross Country team.

Upcoming Chamber Events

October

13 Grant Harvest Moon Festival

November

24 Small Business Saturday
29 Season of Hope Charity Auction
30 Christmas in Newaygo

December

1 ChoiceOne Bank St. Nick Kick
1 Christmas in White Cloud
15 Christmas in Croton Hardy

11/23—1/1/19 *Colors of Christmas*
each Friday and Saturday at Croton Township Campground



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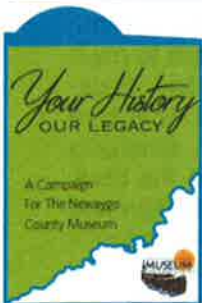
**River Country Chamber of
Commerce of Newaygo County**

And for Volunteers

RC3 Chamber Champions

River Country Chamber membership provides excellent opportunities for your organization to attract new customers and share information with our community, the region, and even internationally. Learn how you can join by calling 231-652-6512 or go to www.rivercountrychamber.com.

Museum Announces \$1.2 million Capital Campaign



The Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center is the region's major repository of historic artifacts and local genealogy resource, and it is in need of renovation and expansion. According to Steven Radtke, Executive Director, the last improvements were made during the early 1970s.

"Over time we have transitioned from a primarily genealogical organization to a bona fide Museum," said Radtke, "and now it is time to make appropriate updates to our facility."

There are several parts to the proposed \$1.2 million dollar project:

- ◇ Enhanced space for additional exhibits, artifact care and increased storage
- ◇ New façade and signage
- ◇ Upgrades to infrastructure (electrical, technology, lighting, etc.)

In September, Radtke met with a newly formed Campaign Cabinet, co-chaired by Fremont attorney Mark Miller and Newaygo Mayor Ed Fedell, and comprised of representatives from throughout the county, where he explained the importance of the project.

The Museum Board of Directors has also enlisted the assistance of fund-

raiser Keith Hopkins, who has helped 95% of his clients reach their goals. According to Hopkins, an earlier Feasibility Study found overwhelming support for the project. Hopkins said the support was clearly evident among residents, who view the Museum as the major repository and guardian of Newaygo County history, and who feel it is a crucial asset for school-aged children.

The Capital Campaign is expected to take nearly a year, and Radtke says the board is hopeful to actually begin the project in late 2019.

"We are the Guardians of
the history of our County."

Mark Miller

Newaygo Public Schools—Experience the Lion Pride!



At Newaygo Public Schools we value the partnerships that we have with parents and our community that have resulted in higher student achievement. Here are just a few things we have going on in our buildings that we feel are contributing towards that higher achievement.



Fall Conferences

4:30—8:00 pm each day

Grades K-4

Thursday, November 8

Monday, November 12

Grades 5 – 12

Thursday, October 11

TRUE BLUE is a mentoring program resulting from a collaboration between NPS and the Newaygo Police Department, and is administered through True North. This program is beginning at the Middle School with hopes to grow it into NHS. Prospective students must be referred by a teacher and/or parent, and volunteer mentors all complete the application process through True North.

The Mission of Newaygo Public Schools

In collaboration with parents and community, NPS will provide every student with an enriched academic foundation in a safe environment that will encourage individuals to be confident in their abilities and inspired to succeed.

Relocation Plans for Newaygo Elementary

Kindergarten, 1st, and 4th grades BEGAN the school year in the newly-constructed wing of Newaygo Elementary School.

2nd and 3rd grades BEGAN the school year in Vera Wilsie Building and will move to Newaygo Elementary mid-year.

The Vera Wilsie building will be demolished beginning in early 2019.

Free Breakfast and Lunch Program for ALL students

Newaygo Schools have been awarded a grant through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the USDA's National School Lunch and Breakfast Program and will be able to offer ALL STUDENTS free breakfast and lunch for the 2018-19 school year.



Our goal is for every single student to **Strive for Less Than Five** days absent for each semester per year in order to maintain "satisfactory attendance."



We are excited about the prospects of the Newaygo County Promise Zone to help our students gain access to education after high school. In addition to the Promise Zone, our students have multiple opportunities to earn college credit while attending Newaygo High School.

Did you Know?

- ◆ NPS is the only district in the county with a full-time police officer in the buildings.
- ◆ NPS has a Full-Time Registered Nurse on staff to work with students and staff.
- ◆ NPS has two Behavior Specialists working with students in grades K-8 to help learn positive behaviors.
- ◆ NPS has had two elementary schools for many years and plans to have ALL K-4 grades in one new/renovated building by Thanksgiving.

Connect with NPS:

Website: www.newaygo.net

Facebook: www.facebook.com/newaygopride/

Twitter: twitter.com/NewaygoPS

Instagram: [Instagram.com/newaygopublicschools/](https://www.instagram.com/newaygopublicschools/)

The D.P.W. is currently working on the Cemetery to fill in the low area east of the Mausoleum, which will allow them to mow the area rather than having to weed whip it in the future.

In preparation for fall leaves, please note the following dates and guidelines for lawn refuse disposal.

Bulk Leaf Pick-up: October 15-19

- Rake leaves to edge of the road in a long windrow.
- Piles should be located just off road edge, no more than one foot from road.
- Piles should only include leaves. **NO BRUSH !!!**
- Piles should not be within four feet of mailbox or street signs.

Bag Leaf Pick-Up: Anytime

- Composting bags are available at the City office.
- The City WILL NOT accept any non-composting bags.
- Bags must only have leaves (NO grass clippings).
- Sit bags by edge of road and D.P.W. will pick them up.

Brush Pick-up: October 8—12

- Brush must be piled neatly, with butt ends facing the road.
- Brush only, no leaves or grass clippings.
- Brush must not exceed 6" in diameter and 4' in length.
- If you have your brush on a trailer you may bring it to the D.P.W. during working hours and dump it off in the brush pile.

Flushing Water Mains and Valve Exercising: October 1– 8

The D.P.W. crew will be flushing the water distribution system and exercising valves. During this time you may notice some discoloration in your water, **and you are advised not to do laundry during this time.**



Snow Removal

- Residents are responsible for maintaining sidewalks.
- Please make sure that any snow removal service *does not push the snow on to the sidewalks.*
- Blue "locator stakes" will be placed by meters to locate them if the water must be shut off due to a leak. **PLEASE do not remove these stakes.**

NO PARKING

during winter months:

- Barton Street
- M-37 from 3:00 AM to 6:00 AM
- ALL OTHER city streets from 2:00 AM to 7:00AM

East Water Street has odd/even parking— on even days park on the NORTH side; on odd days park on the SOUTH side.

Newaygo Area District Library

DIY STEM Saturdays

The Creative Toolboxes and Ozobots that were such a success during Robot Camp will now be available for checkout with a library card. The ozobot kits and iPads will be available to use in the library on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 am—1 pm. Library staff will be available to assist individuals of ALL AGES.

An Ozobot (shown top, right) is a small robot that can help get anyone comfortable with robotics and basic programming using simple codes, an iPad, and special crayons or markers.

This program is possible, in part, through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Visit with Belle

**Saturday
October 27
10:15am—Noon
Ages birth -10**



Contact Sarah at nadl.sdwelch@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

Downtown Music

Thank you to the Principal Shopping District (PSD) for providing the Christmas Carols throughout downtown Newaygo to celebrate the holiday season.

Music will be provided all day (10am – 8pm) for the Newaygo Christmas Walk on Friday, November 30.

The music will also play daily from 11am – 6pm, beginning Friday, December 21 and going through Saturday, December 29. Head downtown and get into the Christmas Spirit!



Board and Committee Open Seats



Communities work best when concerned citizens get involved, and there are many upcoming opportunities to have your voice be heard. Share your knowledge and experience on a board.

- TIFA - Tax Increment Finance Authority
3 4-year Board Seats thru 12-31-22
- Planning Commission
3 3-year Board Seats thru 12-31-21

PSD—Principal Shopping District
3 3-year Board Seats thru 12-31-21

Election Commission
1 4-year board Seat thru 12-31-22

Library Board
1 4-Year Board Seat thru 12-31-22

NEDO—Newaygo Economic Development Organization
4 3-year Board Seats thru 12-31-21

In most cases these vacancies are filled by appointment, so make your intentions known. All board seat assignments begin January 1, 2019.

For more information about any of these vacancies, or to express an interest in a specific position, please contact the Newaygo City Clerk at 231-652-1657, extension 222.

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	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)

City Council:	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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<http://newaygocity.org/forms-publications.php>

On this page select the category "City Financial Information".



October—December 2018

October:

8	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
9	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
10	7:30 am	Principal Shopping District
12	7:00 am	TIFA Board Meeting

November

6	7 am—8 pm	Election Day	
8	8:00 am	NCRA Meeting	
12	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	
13	6:30 pm	Planning Commission	
15	NO SCHOOL for Newaygo Public Schools—Opening day of Deer Firearm Season		
22—23	City Offices Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday		
29	6:00 pm	Season of Hope Charity Auction	
30	6:00 pm	Christmas Walk—Downtown Newaygo	

December

1	10:00 am	ChoiceOne Bank St. Nick Kick
1		Winter tax bills mailed; due 2-14-19
10	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
11	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
24-25	City Offices Closed in observance of Christmas Holiday	
31	City Offices Closed in observance of New Years Eve	

Visit our website calendar for up-to-date information:
www.newaygocity.org/city-calendar.php