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## City Resident

*Here's Wishing You a Joyous and Happy New Year!*

**Questions on your tax assessment?** When you get your City assessment in the mail, sometime in February, please note that you do not have to wait for the Board of Review to have your questions answered. A common misconception is that municipalities determine the inflation rate multiplier, or amount of the tax increase each year. This is not true. The State Tax Commission sets the rate, or multiplier, and that is the number used to determine your taxes each year. See Board of Review dates listed below. Call assessor at 231-652-1657 Ext. 216 with questions.

### Mark Your Calendar for these Events January - March 2017

#### January:

9th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
11th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
20th	7:00 am	TIFA Board Meeting

#### February:

13th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
14th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
14th	Until 4:00pm	WINTER TAXES DUE

#### March:

13th	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
13th	3:00 pm-9:00 pm	Board of Review (Call City Hall ahead of time to make an appointment)
14th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
14th	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Board of Review (Call City Hall ahead of time to make an appointment)



# City of Newaygo Newaygo News

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## Youth Self Defense Was a Huge Success!

Newaygo Police Department held its first ever youth self-defense class on December 2nd. We had 36 children (ages 5-13 years old) and parents in attendance. Officer Paquette was assisted by five 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. The children were so confident with their direction, "If you were downtown early for the Christmas walk festivities you probably heard the children shouting!"



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. We are hoping to hold another class in middle to late January 2017 for both adult women's self-defense for 14 years and older and a children's self-defense for 5-13 year olds. If you have an interest in these classes please Contact Newaygo Police Department to sign up at 231.652.1655 ext. 214

## Newaygo Middle School E.T. Cyber Cafe

Several of the Entrepreneur & Technology (E.T.) Club Students, from Newaygo Middle School, did a presentation at the River Country Chamber Board Meeting held at The Stream on the morning of December 13th. During the afternoon, the E.T. Club Students held a ribbon cutting and presentation at The Cyber Café located in the Newaygo Middle School Library. The Career Tech Center Students designed and created a Beverage Bar with an "N" infinity mirror. The Cyber Café has been open since September after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for a space to allow students to complete work, use technology provided and purchase an after school snack. Tutoring is provided as well as technology help from our E.T. Students. The café is run completely by the E.T. Students. A big event is being planned for all the sponsors to attend after the holiday break.





## From the Police Department



### Marshall Park News

On Saturday November 12 Marshall Park received a much needed fall clean-up. We trimmed, raked and all around spruced up Marshall Park. Thank you to the volunteers that helped with this project. We again will be cleaning the park in the Spring and will be looking for volunteers!



### Snowmobiles:

Snowmobiles must obey all motor vehicle traffic laws and local ordinances. No person shall operate a snowmobile in the City of Newaygo except on marked trails through the City. For assistance or questions regarding snowmobile path/trail, check with the Police Department.



### Attention Citizens:

Newaygo Police Department has placed several pamphlets of information in the lobby between the Library and City Hall. These pamphlets are for landlord/tenant disputes, car seat safety, identity theft, how to avoid fraud, and other information. We have numerous items to assist you in questions you may have about this information. Please let us know if you need further assistance in these areas to protect yourself.

NEW PAMPHLETS FOR CHILDREN ARE ALSO THERE:  
 \*\*911 EMERGENCY READINESS FOR KIDS \*\*  
 \*\*STOP BULLYING - A GUIDE TO FIGHTING BACK\*\*  
 "Cops and Kids ... Together we can make a difference!"

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday season!

### Police Survey

The Newaygo Police Department is conducting a survey for all City residents. We are looking to enhance police services for our community. Please take a few minutes and fill out the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLTSCHL>. The survey can also be found on the City of Newaygo's website: [www.newaygocity.org](http://www.newaygocity.org)

## Help Your Community and the Environment

The City of Newaygo will be making needed repairs to the sewer plant in the coming months and throughout 2017. Help us prepare now by reducing the amount of water that goes down the drain. This will reduce the amount of waste water that arrives at the sewer plant thereby simplifying the repair process. We also ask for your help in reducing the amount of phosphorus that makes it into the environment. Please reduce or eliminate use of household products that contain phosphorus (i.e. soap, automatic dishwasher products, laundry detergents, etc). Small changes by many people will make a big difference. Thank you for your help.



## Local Family Expands Sui Generis Home Furniture in Downtown Newaygo

Changing the view of the downtown Newaygo landscape is a young, entrepreneurial couple, Theresa and Jake Cooper. This local dynamic duo grew up in Newaygo and chose to raise their family and start their business in town. Sui Generis started across from Parsley's Sport Shop with just 1,200 square feet at 65 State Road in 2014 and the couple has doubled down on their dream by expanding to fill 5,000 square feet on the lower level of The Stream building at 1 State Rd., Newaygo. Theresa credits her business growth and expansion on her work at The Stream with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) Counselors, SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Representatives, and her entrepreneurial parents (mentors) who helped her to not only dream about the future, but to plan for and work HARD towards the recently realized goal of quadrupling the footprint of their business. Theresa routinely states that "it helps to be a little crazy to truly embrace the entrepreneurial roller coaster and accomplish your goals." "Sui Generis" means "Unique" which is exactly what you'll find in this home furniture and decor store in downtown Newaygo. Stop in. Meet the owners and staff. Support Newaygo by shopping local. We think you'll find a truly "Unique" experience.



## Department of Public Works Report

We, at the DPW hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We would like to remind you that snow and ice removal will be done in the following order

1. All hills first: Croton, Whiskey Wood and Quarterline.
2. All school bus routes and major roads.
3. All local neighborhood and secondary streets.



We will not proceed to the next level of service until adequate driving conditions are achieved in the level before it. Please remember there is no parking on Barton Street in the winter. **Also, it is the resident's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk in front of your residence (unless located in the Principal Shopping District Downtown). Please remind your snowplow service not to push snow onto the sidewalks.**

If you are a tenant in one of the apartments in the PSD District, please park in the designated areas. If you are unsure of where to park, please call the City offices, to avoid being ticketed. There is no parking along M-37 from 3:00 am to 6:00 am. On the rest of the City streets there is no parking from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. As a reminder, East Water Street has odd/even parking in the winter. Stakes with a blue tip will be placed by your meters, we ask that you leave the stakes in place during the winter and we will remove them in the spring. The reason for the stakes is to locate your water shut off in case of a leak.

D.P.W. hours are from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. If we can help you, or if you have any questions that we may be able to answer, please do not hesitate to call us at 652.7984; after hours pager (605-0004). If it is after hours and you page us out and it is not the City's responsibility, you may receive a bill for our time.

Ron Wight

D.P.W. Superintendent



## Tax Help and Available Programs.....

If you or someone you know needs help with delinquent taxes, **please** call the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at (231) 689-7230. They are anxious to assist taxpayers and encourage everyone, at a minimum, to start making payments now on any delinquent taxes.

### AGENCIES AND RESOURCES

The following agencies **may** be able to help you with delinquent taxes. Most of the listed agencies and resources will consider your income, assets and other circumstances to determine **IF** you are eligible for help.

- Newaygo County Department of Human Services 231-689-5500  
1025 E. James St., White Cloud
- TrueNorth Community Services & Center for Non-Profit Housing 231-924-0641  
6308 S. Warner, Fremont
- Love, Inc. of Newaygo County 231-652-4099  
11 West 96th St., Grant
- Five Cap, Inc. 231-689-6688  
434 N. Evergreen (M-37), White Cloud
- Department of Newaygo County Veteran Affairs 231-689-7030  
1087 Newell St., White Cloud (Serving veterans and widows)

A list of frequently asked questions and a timeline for the foreclosure process are available at: [www.countyofnewaygo.com](http://www.countyofnewaygo.com); choose the Treasurer's page. To pay online visit <https://www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/plc/9160>. To pay by phone call 1-888-604-7888 and use PLC code 9160. GovPayNet, the service provider, charges a fee for this service.