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FALL CLEAN UP TIME. Again this Fall, the City's Department of

Public Works will provide <u>free</u> pick-up service for yard rakings, brush, small tree limbs, etc. The dates for the clean-up are **October 20th through November 7th**. Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. October 20th on **the edge** of all streets, [not in alleys, ditches or on grassy areas] as trucks will begin area pick-up at 7:00 a.m. We ask your cooperation in separating your leaves into one pile and your brush & small tree limbs into another. This makes the pick-up and disposal process much more expeditious for our crew. If the same are not separated, the City cannot guarantee their pick-up. Also, remember your refuse must be placed on the edge of the street, not

in ditches or on grassy areas. **DO NOT USE BAGS OF ANY TYPE.** The City <u>cannot</u> <u>and will not</u> accept garbage, household trash, appliances of any type, tin, metal or items too heavy

for one man to lift. GRASS or LEAVES IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!

If you have any questions, please contact the Street Department at 627-2493 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



The City of Cheboygan has vacancies on its Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board, Human Relations Board and Planning Commission. If you are interested in serving as member of any Board/Commission, please contact Scott E. McNeil, City 627-9931 Manager at additional information and an



Application.

PARKING IN CITY LOTS OVERNIGHT

A permit is required for all overnight parking in City lots. The permits/fees are obtainable at the City Hall.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, located in the City Hall, 403 N. Huron Street.

- The Cheboygan City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- The City Planning Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- The Recreation Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Historic Resources Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- **♦** The **Downtown Development Authority** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- The Human Relations Board meets the third Thursday of each month Sept.—May & the 3rd Monday of each month June—Aug. at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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Telephone Numbers for City Offices

City Hall 627-9931

403 N. Huron St. **Assessor** 627-9931 **Clerk/Treasurer** 627-9931

Police and Fire 627-4321

Non-Emergency 403 N. Huron St.

Street Department 627-2493

1003 N. Huron St.

Hearing Impaired Only

TDD 597-0315

Ice Rink/Pavilion 627-3255 480 Cleveland Avenue

Manager627-9931Marina627-4944Mayor627-9931Parks & Rec. Dept.627-2151

(Recreation Center) 400 Cleveland Ave.

Utility Billing 627-3592 **Water & Sewer** 627-2582
(inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant)

975 N. Huron St.

Department Hours: City Offices8:00 am-4:00 pm

Department of Public Safety

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Street Department & Water & Wastewater Department 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

NOTICE:

The City of Cheboygan does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals desiring to attend City hearings or meetings. Three weeks advance notice is requested. Please call the City Clerk at 627-9931 for more information.

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WATER/SEWER INFORMATION

WATER/SEWER EMERGENCIES

If you experience a water or sewer emergency during normal business hours, please call 627-2582.

Should you experience a water or sewer emergency after normal business hours, or on a weekend or holiday, the

City wants you to know we are committed to providing you with emergency response. To provide that response, you may dial **290-2900** to reach an employee of the Water and Wastewater Department.

Please remember that this system is for emergency situations, not for general information that can be obtained during normal working hours.

Please help us keep this system up and operating for the benefit of the entire City of Cheboygan.



Understanding Your Water/Sewer Bill

Cycle A (east side)

March (estimated)
June (first actual read)
September (second actual read)
December (estimated)

Cycle B (Mack. Ave-First-Huron)

January (estimated)
April (estimated)
July (first actual read)
October (second actual read)

Cycle C (Court-Bailey-Western)

February (estimated) May (estimated) August (first actual read) November (second actual read)

Estimated bills are based on past use. Meters cannot be read in the winter. The bill with the first actual read also picks up any winter usage that might have been under estimated.

Questions? Call 627-3592

Do's & Don'ts

EXPERIENC ING A WATER/ SEWER PROBLEM???

Call the City at 627-2582 first before calling your plumber to find out whether or not your problem is the responsibility of the City. If you call your plumber first, the City will not be responsible for any costs.

Thank you.

RENTAL PROPERTIES

All owners of rental properties are reminded to notify the Utility Billing Dept. at 627-3592 of any tenant changes so that final bills can be calculated. ALSO, in order for the billing to be in the tenant's name, a \$100 deposit is required from the tenant, pursuant to policy set by the City Council. This deposit is kept in a separate account until the tenant moves. It can then be used on the final bill or returned to the tenant if there is nothing owing on the final bill.

SECOND METER READ REQUESTS

When a water/sewer bill is questioned and a second meter read is requested, there will be no charge. If an error is discovered, it will be corrected by the Water Department. If there is no error, the customer will be required to pay the original bill.

During the next 24-month period, if a second read is requested and there is no error, the customer will then be liable for a \$10.00 charge.

(Policy approved by Council 9/13/83)

Water Turn-On Charge

Any customer who has their water shut-off and has to have the City Water Department restore service will be charged a \$40 Turn-On Fee. This will include seasonal customers, non-payment customers, and anyone discontinuing service for a period of 30 days or more.



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

Be sure to call 627-3592 to report when you are leaving for the winter. Thank you.

RECREATION CENTER

400 Cleveland Avenue - 627-2151

FALL/ WINTER SCHEDULE

October 2008 – April 2009 OPENING OCTOBER 6TH



If you have any questions concerning the activities of the Recreation Center, please contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.

Scott Hancock, Recreation Director, has announced the following schedule for the Recreation Center open for 2nd grade and up: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM - Elementary and Junior High School Students 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM - High School Students and Adults

Monday & Wednesday for boys and men.

Tuesday & Thursday for girls and women.

[Beginning October 15th, the Recreation Center will hold a free throw contest – boys can shoot any Monday or Wednesday between 5:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – girls can shoot any Tuesday or Thursday between 5:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Deadline for shooting will be sometime in December. Any questions, contact Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.]

The Center offers basketball, foosball, ping-pong, bumper pool, pool, table hockey, football toss, air hockey, golf putting hole and two (2) weight rooms for high school students & adults only)

If our schedule is wrong for you and you want to lift weights during the day, please call Scott Hancock at 627-2151 so a time can be set up that works for you.

The Recreation Department is now taking sign-ups by telephone (627-2151) for their men's league basketball teams between 8:00 am. and 4:00 p.m. A league meeting will be held the last week of October (date & time to be announced) and the league will begin Sunday, November 2nd, 9th or 16th depending on the number of teams.

Starting a new fall basketball league for women, high school and up. Team or players may sign up now by calling 627-2151.



Work on your soccer skills with Mr. B Wednesday & Friday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Volleyball leagues will start after the first of the year.

Sign up will take place in December.

Beginning December 1st, the Recreation Center will be open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 for Special Olympics training. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call Scott Hancock, Recreation Director at 627-2151.

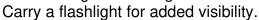
Halloween Safety Tips



Have your parents or older brother or sister go with you. Trick-or-Treat only in your own neighborhood and use sidewalks.

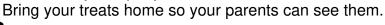


Wear light-colored clothing so you can be easily seen and go on well-lighted streets.





Throw away any candy or food that is not wrapped by the candy company.





If there are any suspicious treats, notify the police.



The Cheboygan Youth Center is an after-school and summer program for grades 5th through 9th. The Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is located at 504 Division Street (the old Junior High School). If you have any questions or would like to tour the Youth Center, please contact Director, Debra Turnbull at 231-627-0185.

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SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

OF PUBLIC SAFEIY Note: Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm)

ROLLER BLADING, SKATE BOARDING

& BICYCLING

Use of skateboards, roller blades, and other toy wheeled devices is prohibited on City streets and sidewalks under Section 3.4 and 6.18 of the Uniform Traffic Code, particularly in downtown areas where posted. **Roller blading and skate boarding are permitted** in the Skate Park located at the north end of the Ice Rink/Pavilion on Cleveland Avenue & the City-owned parking lot at the corner of Division and Huron Streets after 5:30 p.m. or when the parking lot is empty. Children are permitted to use bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, etc. on the sidewalks in their residential neighborhoods; however, they are advised to yield to pedestrian foot traffic. Bicycles are prohibited on downtown sidewalks where posted.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Chapter 90, Sections 90.08 and 90.25 of the City Ordinance require that all persons walk their dogs on leashes and have them under control and that they clean up all manure deposited or accumulated upon any street, sidewalk, gutter, alley or private property.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT - NOISE

Chapter 95, Section 95.03 of the City Ordinance prohibits persons from playing loud vibrating music from motor vehicles. Other sections of City Ordinance and State Statute prohibit the playing of home stereos and recording devices in a loud manner, which would disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood.

INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES

Chapter 94, Section 94.02 of the City Ordinance requires that all unlicensed, uninsured and/or inoperable motor vehicles be removed from private properties within the City or stored inside garages.

BURNING PERMITS

All property owners, whether business or residential, are **required to obtain** a burning permit from the City of Cheboygan before open burning of any type is permitted. This includes small piles of brush, grass or leaves. Burning in burning barrels is also restricted and persons wishing to do so must obtain permission through the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety/Police or Fire Division (627-4321). Fines for violation of this Ordinance can amount to \$500.00 or more. **NO BURNING IF STATEWIDE BURNING BAN IS TEMPORARILY ENVOKED.**

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Dry chemical fire extinguishers can be refilled at CarQuest, 122 S. Main St., Cheboygan (627-5691).

SNOWMOBILE PERMITS

Snowmobile permits may be obtained at the Dept. of Public Safety after November 1. There is no charge for a permit. Snowmobiles will be permitted only on designated streets and trails, the most direct route from your residence to the nearest designated street or trail, by permit.

CAUTION TO 4-WHEELERS & DIRT BIKE OPERATORS

Michigan Law does not permit operation of these vehicles on designated snowmobile trails. 4-Wheelers are not allowed to operate on any City streets.

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CITY OF CHEBOYGAN "Let Water Run and Water Service Freezing Policy" Effective October 25, 2005

The City of Cheboygan shall allow a "Let Water Run Credit" for those water/sewer customers who properly notify the City that they will be running their water over the winter months to avoid freeze-ups of their water service. Proper notification shall be in writing to the water/sewer billing department. The City shall keep a record of the yearly lists subject to the City's "Records Retention Policy."

In the event that a customer experiences a freeze-up of service that must be thawed by the City, the customer shall then notify the water/sewer billing department, in writing, that they will let their water run to avoid future freeze-ups. The City water/sewer department will then add the customer to the City "Let Water Run List".

If the water service freezes between the water main and the "curb stop" or outside the water meter pit, the City shall correct the situation at its sole expense. If the meter freezes, the City shall thaw the service one time, any subsequent thawing shall be at a rate of \$40.00 per occasion and added to the customer's next water/sewer billing. If water service freezes on the building side of the "curb stop" or outside the meter pit, the City will have no responsibility in the matter. The City may assist on a labor, equipment, material and overhead basis if the customer agrees to pay the total expense.

The water/sewer billing clerk shall issue a "Let Water Run Credit" for all customers on the City "Let Water Run List" on the next billing that is based on an **actual reading** of the customer's water meter. The amount of the credit will be based on the **previous year actual meter read** billed amount.

The City of Cheboygan reserves the right at any time, to modify, revise, amend, terminate or otherwise change the City's Let Water Run and Water Service Freezing Policy.

PUBLIC ACT 222 OF 2001 MUNICIPAL LIABILITY FOR SEWER BACKUPS

Municipalities in the State of Michigan are now subject to liability for damage caused by backup of the public sewer disposal system if provisions within the Act are satisfied. It is important that sewer system customers within the City of Cheboygan contact the City at the Sewer Department's emergency line by calling **627-2582** between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm on weekdays, or **290-2900** after hours or weekends whenever a backup is discovered.

The Act provides a 45-day period from the time the backup is discovered to report the event in writing to Scott E. McNeil, City Manager, 403 N. Huron Street, P.O. Box 39, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721. Persons who do not provide written notice to the City of Cheboygan within 45 days of the discovery of the backup event will be unable to seek claims under the Act.

Once the City of Cheboygan is contacted upon discovery of a backup event, a packet of information will be provided to assist the called in satisfying the written notice requirement. The packet will also include forms that will ask for information regarding the backup event and any associated damages that may have occurred.

The City of Cheboygan will also conduct investigations to document the event as much as possible.

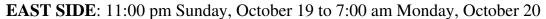


The parking lot on the south end of Project Playland will be locked at dusk. Please have your vehicles removed before dusk. *Thank You.*

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FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Cheboygan will be flushing hydrants as follows:



11:00 pm Monday, October 20 to 7:00 am Tuesday, October 21

*11:00 pm Tuesday, October 21 to 7:00 am Wednesday, October 22

WEST SIDE: 11:00 pm Sunday, October 26 to 7:00 am Monday, October 27

11:00 pm Monday, October 27 to 7:00 am Tuesday, October 28 11:00 pm Tuesday, October 28 to 7:00 am Wednesday, October 29

*11:00 pm Wednesday, October 29 to 7:00 am Thursday, October 30

*if needed

Please do not wash clothing without first running cold water faucets until the water is clear on these days and the following day to clear your lines of rust and other particles. Call 627-2582 (Water Department) with any questions or concerns.

ICE/RINK PAVILION

First open skating begins September 28th from 4:00 pm to 5:20 pm. Open skating days & times following are Mondays & Thursdays, 5:00 pm to 6:20 pm. Please call 627-3255 with any questions.

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALK REQUIRED

The owners of any property in certain areas are required by City Ordinance to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice. The areas which are included in the snow & ice removal Ordinance are listed as follows:



10' ~~

Huron Street from Mackinaw Avenue to Locust Street
Main Street from First Street to the South City Limits
Water Street from State Street to Elm Street
Mackinaw Avenue from Clinton Street to Main Street
State Street from Huron Street to "F" Street
Backus Street from Huron Street to Main Street
Division Street from Dresser Street to Water Street
Elm Street from Huron Street to Water Street
Pine Street from Huron Street to Main Street
Locust Street from Huron Street to Main Street



These sidewalks have been identified as high foot traffic areas and, as such, removal of snow & ice is required by Ordinance in order to insure public safety and limit property owner and public liability. The City of Cheboygan does provide snow removal services within this area, but this does not dismiss the requirement of the property owner to be sure that the sidewalk is clear in the event that the City is unable to keep the sidewalks clear in a timely manner. The snow & ice removal Ordinance provides for fines in the event a property owner is in non-compliance and also provides for exceptions to these provisions with regards to property which is leased. DO NOT PILE SNOW IN RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON SIDEWALKS OR IN BERM AREA (BETWEEN CURB & SIDEWALK).

For more information regarding the snow & ice removal Ordinance, you may call the Department of Public Safety at 627-4321, visit the City of Cheboygan's web site or stop at City Hall to obtain a copy of the Ordinance.

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Mayor Pro Tem: Richard B. Sangster, 627-5807

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GENERAL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 4^t

