



# The CITY REVIEW

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## Spring 2009 Main Street Reconstruction

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be reconstructing M-27 (Main Street) from Lincoln Avenue to US-23 (Mackinaw Avenue) in Cheboygan. This project includes road reconstruction, new storm sewer, water main upgrading, new curb and gutter, sidewalk ramps and traffic signal work. Traffic will be maintained using alternate/detour routes. Please see map on page "6" for the downtown area. **Detour**

The project length is 1.03 miles at an estimated construction cost of \$4,430,000. The contractor for the project is Cordes Excavating, Inc. of Hillman, Michigan and will be completing the project in different stages.

The contractor recently proposed an alternate construction schedule, which includes beginning in April 2009 with a substantial completion in early July.

The City of Cheboygan appreciates your patience during this project and would like to remind you that the businesses located in the construction area will be open for business. Signs will be placed in various locations to assist customers in gaining access via Huron Street to the businesses affected.

If you need to contact MDOT concerning this project, please use the following contact information: Tom Hilberg, Delivery Engineer or David Krentz, Assistant Delivery Engineer at 1-877-404-6368, Alpena Transportation Center.



### Special City Election

**August 4, 2009**

A special City election will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at the Recreation Center for the election of a City Council member, whose term would expire May 2010. If you are interested in this position, please contact Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski, Clerk/Treasurer at the City Hall for a Petition to run for this Council seat or if you have any questions.

The last day to file a Petition is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Implementation of the Walkable Community & Sidewalk Replacement/Repair Plan
- Develop & Implement effective Marketing Plan to Promote the City of Cheboygan as to a Place to visit, a Place to Raise a Family and a Place to Conduct Business
- Review & Update Master Plan for Major City Park.
- Improve water quality delivered by the City of Cheboygan Water Utility Service
- Improve appearance of the City of Cheboygan through strict enforcement of Blight Ordinances
- Continue & enhance inter-governmental communication
- Refine Land Use Plan to include a Comprehensive Cheboygan Riverfront Development Plan & Commercial/Residential Plan
- Establishment & administration of Business Retention Program
- Negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police Officers Labor Council
- Construction of trailhead & park facility
- Requirements of the 2008 Planning Enabling Act
- Community indoor swimming pool
- Financial planning pursuant to Operation Funds Projection
- Downtown Marketing Study
- Other economic development activity
- Construction of footbridge over Cheboygan River connecting downtown the Major City Park
- Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program

If you have any questions regarding the priorities of the City Manager, please contact Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at 627-9931 or [cityhall@nmo.net](mailto:cityhall@nmo.net).

**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.

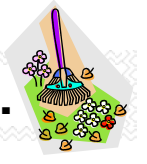
### City Manager's 2009 Priorities

The following are the 2009 priorities, which include objectives of the City's Strategic Plan, for Scott E. McNeil, City Manager:

- Redevelop the former F.W. Woolworth building site



**CITY'S SPRING CLEAN-UP SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS.**



# WATER/SEWER INFORMATION



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month June–Aug. at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ The **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of the month at 7:00 p.m.



## WATER SHUT-OFF INFORMATION

**Any customer who has their water shut off and has to have the City Water Department restore service will be charged a \$40.00 Turn On Fee. This will include seasonal customers, non-payment customers and anyone discontinuing service for a period of 30 days or more.**



## DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS

Pursuant to City Ordinance, all water and/or sewer bills that have a delinquent balance as of September 1, 2008 (delinquent for over 6 months) will be placed as a tax lien on the 2009 City Tax Roll on July 1, 2009. Service could also be subject to shut-off status.

## 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.*



## Do's & Don'ts

### EXPERIENCING 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

Owners of rental properties are reminded to notify the Utility Billing Dept. at 627-3592 whenever there is a change in tenants. A meter read needs to be done in order to calculate a "final bill". **Also**, in order for the water/sewer bill to be in the tenant's name, a \$100 deposit is required by the tenant pursuant to policy set by the City Council. Otherwise the billing stays in the owner's name. Deposit money is kept in a separate account to be used on the final bill or returned if nothing is owed.

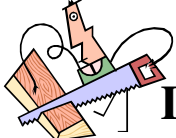


## UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL

**Codes:** WA=Water; SI=Sewer; FS=Flat Sewer; WO=Out of Town Water; A=Actual Meter Read; E=Estimated Meter Read  
Bills are sent out quarterly; two bills have actual meter reads – the other two bills are estimated on past actual usage since meters cannot be read during the winter months.

**Questions? Call 627-3592.**

**Planning Home Exterior Improvements? Stop in at City Hall and pick up a Mathieu-Gast form to relieve you of any increase in property taxes, while you own the home, due to these improvements.**



## DOING CONSTRUCTION OR PUTTING UP A SIGN?



Several City Ordinances and also the BOCA Building Code require that a permit be obtained before beginning certain projects. Signs, **new and replacement**, (*even if you move your business*) as well as all building projects require a permit from the City. The cost of a Sign Permit is \$25.00; the cost of a Zoning Permit is \$25.00. [**Storage sheds, porches, decks, etc. require a Permit.**]

*If a sign or zoning variance is requested a \$125.00 appeals fee must be paid to the City of Cheboygan.*

The Cheboygan County Construction Code and Zoning Department (627-8813) handles all building permits and inspections within the City with the exception of water and sewer connections. You must stop at the City Hall and complete the application for review and approval by the Zoning Administrator before the County issues any permits. (*Banners are temporary issue only & require a permit.*)



## PERMITS REQUIRED FOR WORK IN STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY



Anyone planning to perform any type of work within a City street right-of-way **must** secure a Permit from the City of Cheboygan's Street Department. Work requiring a Permit within a street right-of-way includes patch work, culvert installation, curb, sidewalk or driveway repair, tree or shrub planting or any other type of work within the street right-of-way. Please contact the Department of Public Works, at 627-2582 should you plan work in the street right-of-way or have questions concerning street rights-of-way.

**SICK & TIRED OF PAYING HIGH GAS PRICES?  
LET US DO THE DRIVING!**

**STRAITS REGIONAL RIDE**

**Routes run Daily • Monday ~ Friday**

<p><b>Cheboygan to Onaway</b> 2:30 <b>Onaway to Cheboygan</b> 6:45 &amp; 8:15 am</p> <p><b>Cheboygan to Wolverine</b> 2:10 <b>Wolverine to Cheboygan</b> - 7 am</p> <p><b>Indian River to Cheboygan</b> 7:30 am Tue., Thur., Fri. - 9:15 am</p> <p><b>Indian River to Petoskey</b> 7:30 am</p> <p><b>Petoskey to Indian River</b> -2 pm</p> <p><b>Cheboygan to Petoskey</b> 6:15, 9:00 am &amp; 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Petoskey to Alanson to Indian River to Cheboygan</b> - 4-4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Cheboygan to Mackinaw City</b> 6:30, 9:15, 11 am, 1:15, 3 &amp; 5 pm</p> <p><b>Mackinaw City to Cheboygan</b> 7, 9:45, 11:30 am, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45 pm</p> <p><b>Wolverine to Petoskey</b>- 7:00 am</p> <p><b>Petoskey to Wolverine</b> 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Mackinaw City to Petoskey</b> 9:30 am - return at 3:00 pm (Tues. &amp; Thurs. Only)</p>
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**DIAL-A-RIDE IN CHEBOYGAN** Mon. - Fri. 7 am - 5 pm  
Door to Door Service ~ within a 5 mile radius of town

<u>Fares</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Elderly/Disabled</u>
0-5 miles	\$4.00	\$2.00
5-20 miles	\$5.00	\$2.50
20-35 miles	\$6.00	\$3.00
35+ miles	\$8.00	\$4.00

**231-597-9262 or 866-731-1204**





## SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



### 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 Ice Rink/Pavilion parking lots and the City-owned parking lot at the corner of Division and Huron Streets after 5:30 P.M. or when the lots are 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. (See Chapter 74 of the City Code of Ordinances.)

### ANIMAL CONTROL



Chapters 90, Sections 90.08 & 90.22 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.

### SWIMMING



Chapter 130, Sec. 130.03(N) of the City Ordinance **prohibits** swimming and/or diving into the lower Cheboygan River from the DNR locks and dam north to the mouth of the River at the Straits of Mackinac.



### DISORDERLY CONDUCT - NOISE



Section 9.10 of the Uniform Traffic Code prohibits persons from playing loud vibrating music from motor vehicles. Other sections of City Ordinance (Chapter 95) 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

Chapter 95, Sec. 95.08 of the City Ordinance requires 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.



### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



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

### GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS



Chapter 95, Sec. 95.04 of the City Ordinances (Grass and Noxious Weeds) requires that property owners keep their lawns and property neat and trimmed throughout the growing season. Penalties for noncompliance may result in the City trimming and placing a bill for this on the tax roll.

**SPEED LIMITS:** All City streets are **25 mph**, unless posted otherwise.

**RADAR LOCATIONS:** W. Lincoln & Loomis; W. Lincoln & Cleveland; Mackinaw & N. Ball; E. State & Eastern; Cleveland & E. Seymour; Lafayette & Abbott; N. Huron & Lake, **and other** locations throughout the City.

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

[k.r.jones@cheboygan.org](mailto:k.r.jones@cheboygan.org); [n.ward@cheboygan.org](mailto:n.ward@cheboygan.org); [s.r.warren@cheboygan.org](mailto:s.r.warren@cheboygan.org); [d.frazier@cheboygan.org](mailto:d.frazier@cheboygan.org);  
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[d.engler@cheboygan.org](mailto:d.engler@cheboygan.org); and [r.beaudry@cheboygan.org](mailto:r.beaudry@cheboygan.org)

*The Cheboygan Department of Public Safety urges everyone to cooperate with these ordinances and traffic codes so that we can all enjoy a safe and happy spring and summer season.*

# CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RECYCLING

## DROP SITES:

**Cheboygan: County Building, 870 S. Main**  
**Indian River: behind Napa Auto,**  
**3675 Straits Hwy.**

### #1 & #2 PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS & JARS

- Look on the bottom of the bottle, jug or jar for a number 1 or 2 enclosed in a triangle formed by arrows.
- Put the lids in the garbage.
- Rinse and flatten. There is no need to remove labels.
- **NO** #1 trays or clamshells.
- **NO** brown #1.
- **NO** #2 bags or tubs (like those used for yogurt or margarine).
- **NO** #3, #4, #5, #6 or #7 plastics.

### CANS, FOIL & FOIL TRAYS

#### ALUMINUM, STEEL & TIN

- Includes metal lids.
- Rinse and flatten as much as possible. (They don't have to be perfectly clean, but shouldn't have pieces of food remaining on them.)
- Remove labels from cans if possible.
- **NO** aerosol cans or propane tanks.

### NEWSPAPER PLUS

#### ... THAT'S PLUS MAGAZINES, CATALOGS & BOOKS (INCLUDING PHONE BOOKS)

- Flyers and slick inserts that come with the newspaper can also be included.
- **NO** newspapers which have gotten wet and/or yellowed.

### CARDBOARD PLUS

#### ... THAT'S PLUS BOXBOARD & BROWN PAPER BAGS

- Remove any packing material and flatten boxes.
- Boxboard is the thin cardboard used to make things like cereal boxes and paper towel rolls.
- Brown paper bags are recycled with cardboard, but it's okay to use them to bag paper.
- **NO** boxes meant for use in coolers or freezers (for example: pop can cases, beer six packs, frozen food & butter boxes) or waxed produce boxes. They're not recyclable because they resist the water used to break down cardboard in the recycling process.
- **NO** styrofoam.

### OFFICE PAPER PLUS

#### ... THAT'S PLUS JUNK MAIL, ENVELOPES & FILE FOLDERS

- Remove CDs, credit cards & non-paper items.
- There's no need to remove plastic windows from envelopes, rubber bands, stickers, sticky notes, mailing labels, staples, paper clips or tape.
- Shredded office paper is okay to recycle.
- **NO** padded envelopes or kraft envelopes (Kraft envelopes are a golden color called "manila" envelopes.)
- **NO** construction paper or boldly colored office paper (for example: red, hot pink, bright yellow & neon colors). Pale/pastel-colored office paper is okay to recycle.

### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

#### CLEAR, GREEN & BROWN

- Please rinse.
- There is no need to remove labels.
- **NO** light bulbs, window glass or glass dishes.

*If your township has not opted in, you can purchase a per household permit at the County Building, Treasurer's Office, Room #201 for \$36 per year.*

**For Questions or to Volunteer, Call**  
**Dan O'Henley, Recycling Coordinator • 231-627-7051 •**  
**e-mail: [recycling@cheboygancounty.net](mailto:recycling@cheboygancounty.net)**

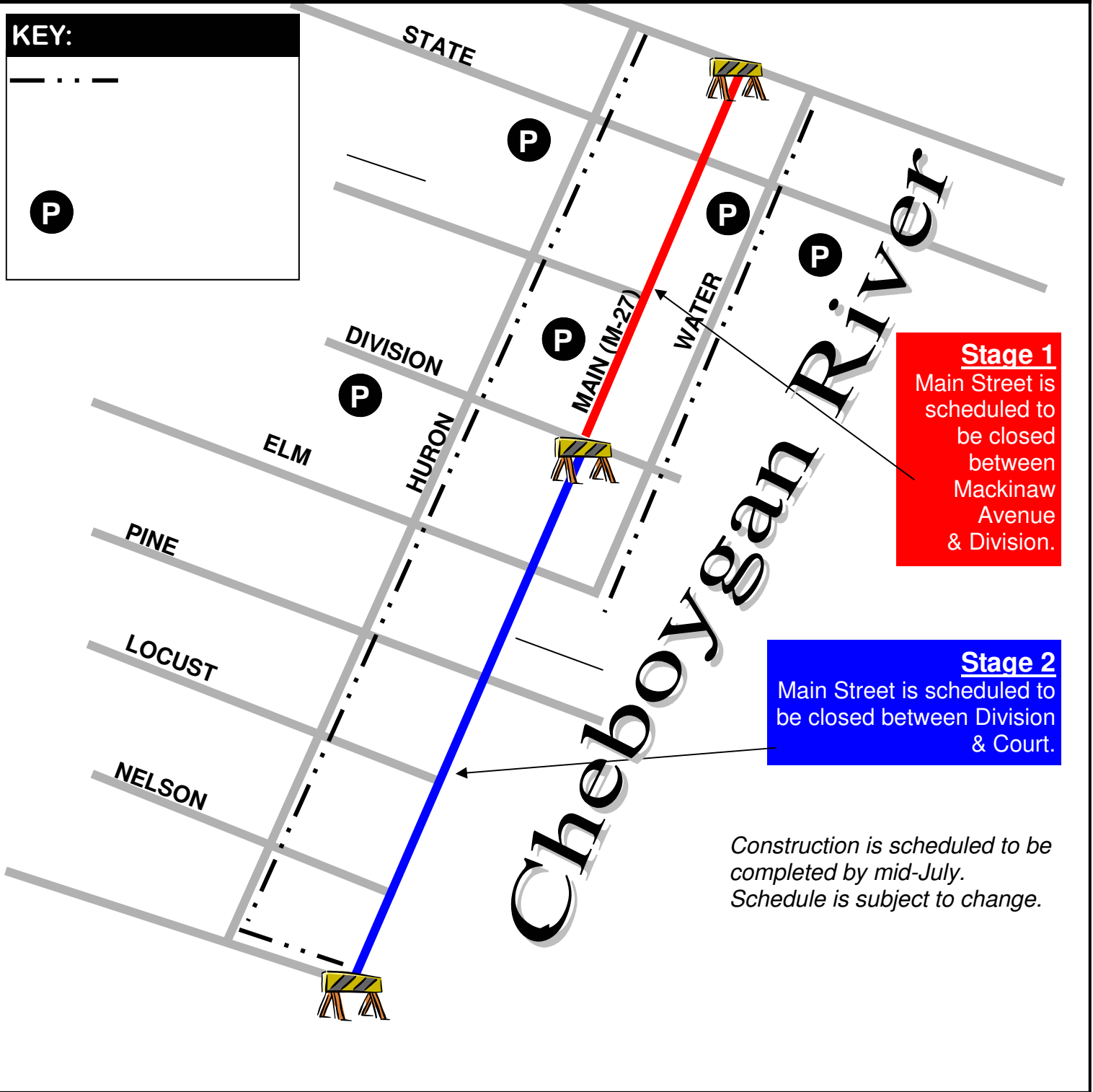
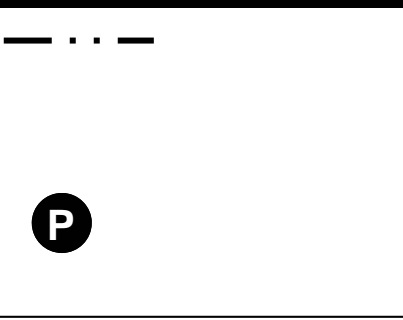
**[www.cheboygancounty.net](http://www.cheboygancounty.net)**

**Please display your recycling permit on right dash of vehicle.**



# Recommended Route to Get to Downtown Cheboygan:

KEY:



## Stage 1

Main Street is scheduled to be closed between Mackinaw Avenue & Division.

## Stage 2

Main Street is scheduled to be closed between Division & Court.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by mid-July.  
Schedule is subject to change.



## For More Information:

Call 231-627-9931

or visit

[downtowncheboygan.com](http://downtowncheboygan.com)

## Public Notice

Any citizen having experienced an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, must file a written claim with the City of Cheboygan within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. Notice should be mailed to Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at the City of Cheboygan, PO Box 39, 403 N. Huron Street, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721. Telephone: 231-627-9931. **Failure to provide the required notice will prevent recovery of damages.**

Contact Scott E. McNeil, City Manager at PO Box 39, 403 N. Huron Street, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721 or telephone 231-627-9931 immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

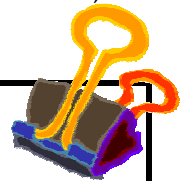


**SPRING CLEAN UP TIME.** Again this Spring, the City's Street Department will provide free pick-up service for yard rakings, brush, small tree limbs, etc. The dates for the clean-up are **April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. April 27<sup>th</sup> on the **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 **cannot and will not** 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!** **Do Not** place anything on the streets other than during these dates. *If you have any questions, please contact the Dept. of Public Works at 627-2582 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.*



### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

Administration - Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm - 627-4321; Emergencies for Police & Fire - 911  
 Personal office contact: The main entrance to the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety is off the City Hall parking lot at 403 N. Huron Street. Enter using the west set of glass doors. The Department of Public Safety is the first door on the right upon entering the hallway. If the door is locked, the administrative assistant is either off duty or out of the office. In that case, pick up the phone on the wall on the left side of the doorway. This will connect you immediately to a CCE/911 dispatcher and, if needed, they will call a police officer into the office to assist you.



### Telephone Numbers for City Offices

City Hall 403 N. Huron Street	627-9931	Street Department 1003 N. Huron Street	627-2582	Mayor	627-9931
Assessor	627-9931			Parks & Rec. Dept. (Recreation Center) 400 Cleveland Avenue	627-2151
Clerk/Treasurer	627-9931	Ice Rink/Pavilion 480 Cleveland Avenue	627-3255	Utility Billing	627-3592
Police & Fire <b>Non-Emergency</b> 403 N. Huron Street	627-4321	Manager	627-9931	Water & Sewer (inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant) 975 N. Huron Street	627-2582
		Marina	627-4944		
		<b>Hearing Impaired Only</b> <b>TDD 597-0315</b>			



# Recreation Center

400 Cleveland Avenue  
627-2151

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



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN UMPIRING FOR LITTLE LEAGUE or MEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL, PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT HANCOCK AT 627-2151.**







Scott Hancock, Recreation Director, has announced the following schedule for the Recreation Center open for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

The Center offers basketball,  foosball, ping-pong,  bumper pool, pool,  air hockey and two (2) weight rooms  (**weight rooms for high school students & adults only**).

New!! Mini Bowling and Mini Hoops

**Soccer Players: Work out with Mr. "B" (Tom Brcic) Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Please call the Recreation Center for more information at 627-2151.**



**Sign up for Little League - Call Judy Reiter @ 625-8134 or pick up a form at the Recreation Center.**



**For Men's Fast Pitch Softball Sign-up contact the Recreation Center.**



Do you want to warm up for your arm? Men's Fastpitch players are throwing the ball around at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Note: If you work nights and are unable to use our schedule, call the Recreation Center at 627-2151 and they will try and work you into a time that fits your schedule. Also, if you would like to use the facility for basketball or volleyball, contact Scott Hancock at 627-2151.



**Special Olympic Area 33 News:** Soccer team won the Division 3 State Championship brought home a gold medal. State winter games were held in Traverse City in February with 8 athletes participating in 16 events winning 15 medals; also tying for first place in the "mock rock" competition. In March the athletes traveled to Escanaba for the State Regional Tournament with the women's team finishing third with a bronze medal and the men's team finishing second with a silver medal. The annual bowling banquet was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and now the athletes are busy getting ready for the summer games. Special thanks go out to the City of Cheboygan Recreation Center and its staff, Scott Hancock, Bill Dunn and Mike Juillet.   For more information on Special Olympics please call Mike Duvall at 597-8015 or 1-800-644-6404 or go on-line at [www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org).

**Mayor:** Richard B. Sangster, 627-5807  
**Mayor Pro Tem:** Theo Lepp, 627-5830  
**Council:**  
Mark Bronson, 597-8234  
Nicholas C. Couture, 420-3644 (cell)  
William K. Jewell, 597-8032  
Roger Kopernik, 627-9546  
Michael J. VanFleet, 627-3126

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City Assessor: Thomas Eustice  
Fire Chief: Thomas Bancroft  
Recreation Director: Scott Hancock

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Homestead Exemption** – If you have not filed for or already receive a homestead exemption on your property taxes, you may stop at the City Hall and complete the necessary form. (There is no need to re-file if you already receive the exemption.) To be eligible, you must own and occupy the home prior to **May 1<sup>st</sup>** as your principal residence.