

NEWSLETTER

From the Manager's Desk

Thank you for reading the City of Ishpeming newsletter! This isn't the first newsletter published by the City, but it is the first since my tenure began on March 15, 2010. It has been an exciting time since my first day on the job. As we enter the height of summer, I'm looking forward to several construction projects, including the Iron Ore Heritage Trail construction. The Iron Ore Heritage Trail is one of several construction projects along the Hematite Drive area that may take place over the next few years. Others include the City of Negaunee's sewer transmission line and the diversion of Partridge Creek.

Right now City staff is working on preparing the budget for 2011. The City Council is required to approve the budget by September 30, 2010, so it's vital to begin this process early. I encourage residents and business owners to be actively involved in the process. I know city

budgets are not an exciting topic for most people, but it is a unique opportunity for the public to have input into one of the most important aspects of local governance. Please try to take time and participate as much as you can.



Mr. Jered Ottenwess
Ishpeming City Manager

Dates of Interest

- ♦ July 1—September 14, 2010 Summer Tax Collection
- ♦ Friday, July 2nd ~~ Festival of Treasures in Downtown Ishpeming
- ♦ Saturday, July 3rd @ 10:30am ~~ Independence Day Parade.
- ♦ Saturday, July 3rd @ Dusk ~~ Fireworks at Al Quaal Recreation Area
- ♦ Monday, July 5th—City Offices closed in Observance of Independence Day Holiday
- ♦ Tuesday, August 3rd Petitions Due for City Council & Board of Review
- ♦ Tuesday, August 3rd Election Day—Primary
- ♦ Saturday, August 7th Annual Renaissance Festival and Art Faire Bancroft Lake Park
- ♦ Saturday, August 14th Annual Buzz the Gut Downtown Ishpeming
- ♦ Monday, September 6th—City Offices closed in observance of Labor Day. Labor Day Parade & Festival at Bancroft Park.
- ♦ Tuesday, September 14th—Last day to pay summer taxes without penalty

2010 Elections

Primary Election

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

General Election

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Petitions are available at the Office of the City Clerk for the City Council and the Ishpeming Board of Review. Candidates must submit their completed petitions and Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

Applications for absentee ballots are available for qualified voters. Please contact City Hall at 485-1091.

City Clerk
(906) 485-1091 x201
cityclerk@ishpemingcity.org

Application for Deferment of 2010 Summer Taxes

The City of Ishpeming is currently accepting applications for 2010 Summer Tax deferments (deferments are not exemptions). Taxpayers may defer their summer property tax if they meet the following criteria. Payment may be deferred until February 14th for principal residence property owned by a taxpayer who:

1. Has a total gross household income of \$40,000 or less for the preceding tax year, AND
2. Is totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic, OR
3. Is an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, OR
4. Is at least age 62

Deferment can only be filed and dated from July 1, 2010 to September 15, 2010. Deferments must be filed annually. Postmarks will not be accepted.

If the deferment form contains any misleading or false statements, as the property owner, you may be subject to penalties and late payments on the taxes deferred.

City Treasurer
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Summer Construction Update

Iron Ore Heritage Trail Extension

Oberstar, Inc. of Marquette will begin construction after Independence Day on the next phase of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, which is a non-motorized transportation and recreation trail. This phase will connect to the end of the existing trail, near the Brownstone Property on Division Street, then north and west across the Brownstone Property to Seventh Street and then parallel to the snowmobile trail (Trail 8) to Third Street. The project resumes near Lofaro's Grocery at Lakeshore Drive and Hematite Drive and continues along Greenwood Street for a short distance. East of Ruusi-Vivian's fuel station, the trail will cross Greenwood Street and follow abandoned railroad grades to Excelsior Street and then to Washington Street. Minor impacts to traffic will occur along the project route, but traffic will be maintained throughout the project. The project is scheduled for completion at the end of September of 2010. The project is funded by the DNR Trust Fund and MDOT funds designated for non-motorized facilities. The City of Ishpeming does not have a financial obligation to this project, except for the cost of staff time.

Greenwood Bridge Replacement Project

Associated Constructors of Negaunee Township will begin construction the first week of July with an anticipated completion date of September 30, 2010. The project involves removal of three existing corrugated metal culverts and replacing them with a pre-cast, three-sided concrete box culvert. The project requires closure of Greenwood Street at the Carp River until early September, at which time partial closures will remain in effect until final completion at the end of September. The detour route will be signed by the contractor and will take vehicles along US 41 and Lakeshore Drive. The project is funded by MDOT Critical Bridge funds with a City match.

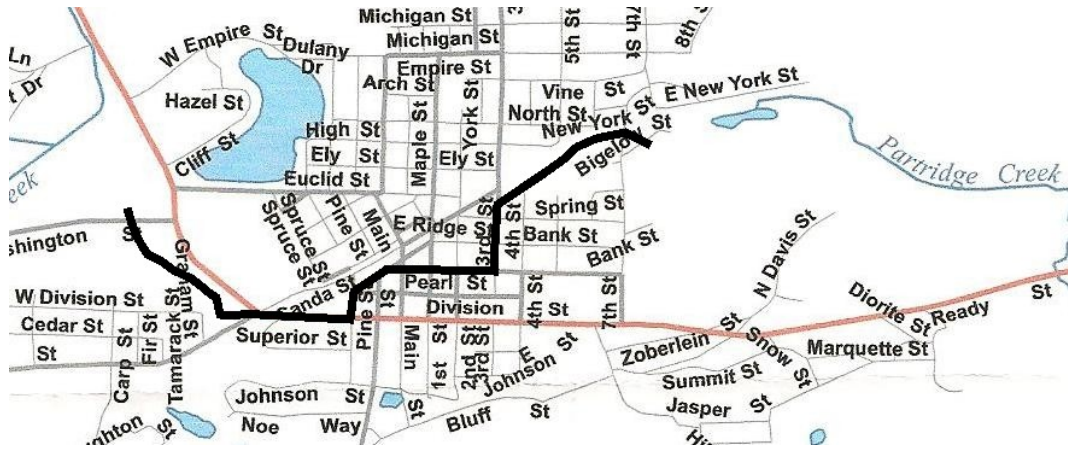
DPW Office
(906) 486-9371

Emergency Number:
1-877-656-1406
After Hours, Weekends, &
Holidays

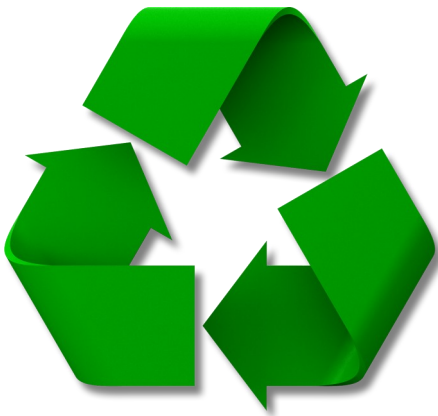
South 2nd, 3rd & 4th Street Water and Storm Sewer Improvements

The City of Ishpeming has acquired an MEDC Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant to provide storm sewer and water main improvements on the streets mentioned, south of Division Street. The project includes upgrading existing storm sewers and drainage, upgrading existing water main, road paving and sidewalks. This project is currently in the design phase and is not yet ready for construction. The City hopes to complete the project yet this year, but we are awaiting final construction documents and a formal bid process. The ICE grant requires a local match in funds, to be provided out of the Water Utility Fund.

Partridge Creek Diversion Project



Pictured at left is the current configuration of the Partridge Creek Diversion.



Recycling Center Summer Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed.
Friday	8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.—noon
Sunday	Closed

Accepted Items

Corrugated Cardboard

Most types accepted
Boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.

Paper Material

Newspaper, magazines, advertisements, shredded paper, etc.

Glass

Clear & colored, please keep separate
Remove metal or plastic caps
No auto glass or light bulbs

Plastic Bottles

Milk jugs, beverage bottles, laundry detergent jugs
Clear & white, please rinse clean & keep separate. Caps need not be removed.

Tin and Aluminum

Includes all metal food containers; please rinse clean

Scrap Metal

Most metals accepted
Check with attendant before discarding
NO refrigerators

Compost/Brush may be disposed of at the City Composting site off of Lakeshore Drive during the same hours as the Recycling Center.

Yard clippings
Brush—small branches
Larger trees—branches must be cut up
Empty all containers of clippings

We DO NOT recycle oil, building materials, TVs, tires, refrigerators, foam peanuts, garbage, furniture, or plastic bags.

NOTE: Compost and brush disposal is for City residents only.

Please have curbside recyclables in clear plastic bags or brown grocery bags and sort according to product.

Recyclables must be on the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on your respective garbage pick-up day.

Ishpeming 4th of July Celebration: Parade and Fireworks

Notice: There will be no Al Quaal Community Picnic this year due to declining resources. Some of the money usually targeted for the community picnic will now be used to improve the parade and the fireworks show.

Schedule of Activities

Made possible by the:



Friday, July 2nd

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.— Open House in the I.H.S. gymnasium.

10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.— Festival of Treasures. Antiques, collectibles, activities, games and more located on Main Street.

7:30 p.m.— Blue Notes Concert in Downtown Ishpeming.

Saturday, July 3rd

8:45 a.m.— Firecracker 5k Race/1 Mile Walk at the Al Quaal Recreation area. Registration from 7:15-8:30.

10:00 a.m.— Kids Parade. It begins in the Mather Inn parking lot, proceeds south on Main Street from Canada to Division. It ends with a balloon launch and goody bags. Kids of all ages are welcome.

10:30 a.m.— Ishpeming 4th of July Parade. This year the parade will begin at Empire and Third Streets, turn on Hematite Drive, then on Main Street, ending at the old Bell Memorial Hospital on Division Street.

Dusk— The Fireworks Show at the Al Quaal Recreation area.

Note: Vehicles with handicap tags will be offered parking in the Birchview School parking lot beginning at 8:00 p.m. Please use the Hickory Street/Poplar Street entrance.

**The Parade and Fireworks
will be held on Saturday,
July 3rd this year.**

District Library

A district library is a library in which municipalities join together to provide library services to area residents. District library boards govern district libraries and they are separate taxing entities. Most district libraries require voter approval for some kind of operating millage or bond. Currently the residents of the City of Ishpeming represent 50 percent of the library's service area and are paying for 75% of the expenses. Library use has increased dramatically while funding has continuously decreased. If the municipalities in western Marquette County created a district library, library hours and services could increase and there would be consistent funding for services and programming. A District Library Committee was formed in 2006 to explore the benefits of a District Library for our community. Members of the Committee represent the City of Ishpeming, City of Negaunee, Negaunee Township, Ishpeming Township, Humboldt Township, Ely Township, Champion Township, Michigamme Township, Republic Township, Richmond Township, & Tilden Twp.

Did you know....

that the City of Ishpeming offers a 13 station fitness trail in the Al Quaal Recreation Area? The trail is located in the southeast corner of the park and the trail-head is located off of the Mather Street entrance near the south parking lot. The weather is great, so put on your sneakers, grab a friend and check out the trail. Don't forget your water bottle!



This project was funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Marquette County Active Living Task Force.

Additional copies of this newsletter may be obtained at Ishpeming City Hall, the Ishpeming Carnegie Library, the Ishpeming Senior Center and our website at www.ishpemingcity.org