



Ishpeming Newsletter

C I T Y O F I S H P E M I N G

DATES OF INTEREST

- Sun., October 24th—
Halloween Party at the
Country Lanes
- Sun., October 31st—
Halloween—Trick or Treat
from 4pm-7pm
- Tues., November 2nd—
Election Day. Polls open
from 7am-8pm
- Tues., November 16th—
Ladies Night Out—City wide
store specials
- City Offices closed on
Thurs., November 25th &
Fri., November 26th
- Thurs., November 26th—
Downtown Christmas
parade and tree lighting at
6pm.
- Wed., December 1st
Winter Tax bills mailed to
property owners.
- Thurs., December 2nd—
Santa & sleigh rides at Old
Ish Park at 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs., December 9th—
Santa & sleigh rides at Old
Ish Park at 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs., December 16th—
Live Nativity, Santa &
sleigh rides at Old Ish Park
at 5:30 p.m.
- City Offices closed on Fri.,
December 24th & Mon.,
December 27th and Fri.,
December 31st & Monday,
January 3rd.

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Fall is here and winter is around the corner. There is a lot happening in the City as the construction season winds down. This summer's construction projects are complete or nearing completion—including the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and the Greenwood Street bridge. We still plan to complete a water, sanitary sewer and storm project for the South 2nd, 3rd and 4th Streets prior to winter.

Our DPW Staff is also preparing for snow and colder weather. There has been extraordinary effort lately to locate and repair water valves throughout the City. I know this can be an inconvenience because of water boil notices, but it is vital to the condition of our water system.

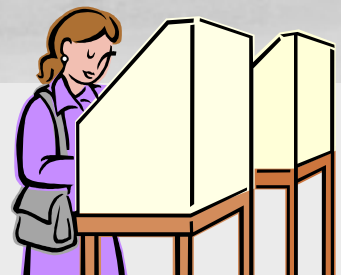
The Ishpeming City Council approved a budget for the 2011 fiscal year at a recent meeting on September 22nd. I encourage everyone to access the City's budget at City Hall or online at our website—

www.ishpemingcity.org.

The budget includes a reduction in property taxes of approximately 2.7 mills that results from eliminating the tax for garbage collection. 2.7 mills in equivalent to \$2.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value. For example, if your property has a taxable value of \$50,000, your tax bill in 2011 will be \$135 (\$2.70 x 50) less than in 2010. Residents can expect to pay for garbage service on their monthly utility bill instead—more on that

later in the newsletter.

2010 is a big election year. The Ishpeming City Council has two open seats and will see a new Mayor. Michigan will have a new Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General. US Congressional Representative Stupak will be replaced in addition to our State Senator Mike Prusi who cannot run due to term limits. Please take time to vote on Tuesday, November 2nd. It is one of our most important duties as American citizens.



Winter Tax Bills will be mailed to property owners on December 1, 2010. Payments are due by Monday, February 14th, without penalty.

Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the office of the City Clerk.
Please contact us at 485-1091

W I N T E R P A R K I N G B A N A N D P A R K I N G R U L E S

Overnight parking in all designated parking lots and in the south Senior Citizens Center parking lot is prohibited from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. during the period of NOVEMBER 1 to APRIL 30 unless a parking permit has been purchased.

Parking permits allowing overnight parking in designated parking lots are available for purchase at City Hall. The permit fee is \$25.00 per month. Permits must be hung on the inside rear view mirror and be visible through the windshield of the vehicle.

Any vehicle parked between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in said parking lot during the period of

NOVEMBER 1 to APRIL 30 without a permit, or with an expired permit, may be towed away at the direction of the Ishpeming Police Department, and the owner, operator or person in charge of such towed vehicle shall be required to pay all costs associated with the towing and storage. In addition, the owner, operator or person

in charge of the vehicle shall also be subject to a \$50.00 fine. Overnight Parking Permit Applications are available at City Hall, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



P A R T R I D G E C R E E K

The EPA received more than 1,000 proposed projects from state, tribal, and municipal agencies, non-governmental organizations and other eligible entities aimed at restoring and protecting the Great Lakes through a \$475 million grant program. The City of Ishpeming was one of 270 finalists invited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Great Lakes Na-

tional Program Office to submit a final application for a grant to restore Deer Lake.

The City of Ishpeming anticipates receiving the full grant award of \$2 million for construction to begin in 2011. The grant requires a \$700,000 match from the City, which will most likely be provided by a loan from the US Department of Agriculture–Rural Devel-

opment office. Therefore, construction costs for Phase I of this project will total \$2.7 million. Phase I extends approximately from Seventh Street on the east to the intersection of Cleveland and Main Streets on the west. For more information about the Partridge Creek project, please contact the City Manager's office at 485-1091.

G A R B A G E C O L L E C T I O N

The City of Ishpeming recently approved a new contract with North Country Disposal for garbage collection services that will take effect on January 1, 2011. North Country Disposal is locally owned and operated out of Marquette and they will take over service provision from Waste Management. There will be many changes to the way service is provided in the City. The new contract will provide a much higher level of service at a very similar price to what residents currently pay. Final costs will not be available until the contract begins in 2011, but the estimated cost per household will be approximately \$8-\$9 per month, plus landfill charges—currently \$6.85 per month added to utility bills. Highlights of the new contract include:

- Cost for garbage collection will no longer be part of property taxes—rather on monthly utility bill.
- City's contract will not include pickup for commercial customers, which includes multi-family residential over 4 units.
- Recycling will be provided by contractor, not the City. Recycling will be single-stream; customer will not have to sort recyclable items. City's Recycling center will no longer provide recycling services.
- Two (2) 5-day autumn bagged leaf pickups
- Two (2) separate Friday through Saturday Spring Cleanup containers at compost site
- Dumpster available at compost site once (1 time) per month for household rubbish collection.

C O N S T R U C T I O N U P D A T E S



**Flood Control Project
South 2nd, 3rd & 4th Streets**

This project is primarily funded with an MEDC Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement grant. Upon completion, this area will see a reduction or elimination of drainage problems and improved water service as well. The existing 6" water main will be replaced with an 8" water main, immediately followed by storm sewer replacement. As with all projects of this nature, we fully understand the inconvenience this causes to the everyday life of residents in the area. We recognize that we are under a tight construction schedule to beat Old Man Winter. We ask for your patience as we strive to improve the infrastructure in this neighborhood. As always, please be courteous and respect the contractor's work zone, for the safety of all!

Parking Lot at Corner of Cleveland and First Streets

This project is a DDA-funded project aimed at providing additional off-street parking downtown. The project began on September 13, 2010 and is expected to be completed by October 8th. You will see that the sidewalk along the perimeter of the parking lot has been replaced and the dangerous light pole at the corner has been eliminated.

F R O M T H E L I B R A R I A N ' S F R O N T D E S K



This Fall will bring about many new and exciting changes to the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library. Through the Federal Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program we will be receiving six new computers for the public's use and two additional laptops for our computer classes. The library will also begin using an automated calling system for patron holds and overdue notices.

As technologies are introduced to provide better services, the library will continue to provide access to excellent traditional library resources and services. Please stop by the library to check out our fiction and non-fiction collections, along with DVD's audio books and our excellent magazine collection.

The library's website also has links to a great collection of downloadable audio books and e-books and a multitude of other resources. Remember, you can even place holds and renew items through our web-site!

www.uproc.lib.mi.us/ish

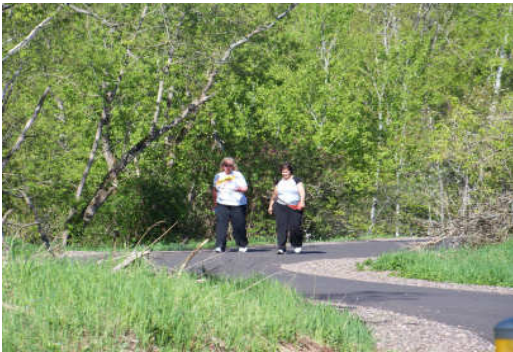
The library staff has also planned many great children's and teen programs, along with computer courses for adults this fall. You may even notice some cosmetic changes to the building as we add more electrical/data outlets to accommodate the additional computers, etc. and update patron areas. The staff of the Carnegie Library strives to provide you with a great library experience.



IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL
BY: CAROL FULSHER

On September 25, 2010, fifty people joined in the celebration to officially open the Ishpeming section of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

Stretching from the Brownstone Buildings at the eastern end (where it intersects with Phase I connecting Ishpeming to Negaunee), the paved trail follows along mining pits including the Cleveland, Incline, and New York, and rises up to 7th Street. Following the Partridge Creek route from 7th to 3rd Street, the trail continues westward along Hematite Drive to Lakeshore Drive. The trail crosses over Lakeshore for a short distance before crossing south of Greenwood and following an old railroad grade behind Ruusi-Vivian to Stone Street. The trail then veers south



and up along a bluff providing a great view of the Cliffs Shaft before heading around a corner and continuing south to Excelsior hugging the Section 21 pit (where there is now a fishing pier) to Washington Street.

Ishpeming's mines, businesses and residents played a major role in plying the raw resource from the ground that shipped to steel mills throughout the Midwest. The ore built arsenal crucial for winning wars, built railroad grades, cars, factories, farm equipment and spurred on the industrial revolution. There are great stories to be told here and the Recreation Authority is working to bring these stories to the trail.

Plans for next year include adding interpretive elements along the trail, providing a kiosk at the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum as a trailhead facility, and providing a connection from the Ishpeming/Negaunee portion to Marquette and Harvey. Also, residents will notice that bridges are being repaired along the Greenwood Grade to the west. Moose Country Snowmobile Club has secured funding to repair the bridges and put in a culvert to open this section for snowmobiles this winter.

See you on the trail!

C O N T A C T I N F O R M A T I O N

Ishpeming City Hall
 Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City Manager: 485-1091 x203
 Manager's Secretary: 485-1091 x203
 City Clerk: 485-1091 x201
 City Assessor: 485-1091 x206
 Utility Billing: 485-1091 x207
 Rental Inspector: 485-1091 x208
 City Treasurer: 485-1091 x211
 Cemetery: 486-6181
 Park Reservations: 486-6181
 Public Works: 486-9371
 After Hours Water &
 Sewer Emergencies: 1-877-656-1406
 Web-site: www.ishpemingcity.org

City Announcements can also be found at
 Channel 19 on the Charter Cable Network

Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency Police: 486-4416
 Non-Emergency Fire: 486-4426

Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library
 486-4381

	Adult Library	Children's Library
Monday:	9am –5pm	1pm—5pm
Tuesday:	9am—5pm	1pm—5pm
Wednesday:	9am—7pm	1pm—7pm
Thursday:	9am—7pm	1pm—5pm
Friday:	9am—5pm	1pm—5pm
Saturday:	9am—4pm	12:30pm—4pm