



# Montague Messenger

The semi-annual newsletter  
of the  
City of Montague

## City Council

Mayor Henry Roesler  
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June Schmelzer

## Meeting Dates

### City Council

First and Third Monday of  
each month at 5:30 PM

### Planning Commission

Second Monday of each month  
at 7:30 PM

### Downtown Development

### Authority

Third Thursday of each month  
at 7 AM

## City Hall will be closed on the following Holidays:

Good Friday, April 22  
Memorial Day, May 30  
Independence Day, July 4  
Labor Day, September 5

## City Staff

Laurie Robillard, Clerk  
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Steve Hammond, DPW Director  
Scott Beishuizen, DPW Foreman  
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Cherie Anderson, Police Secretary  
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Dennis Burns, Assessor  
Troy DeBrot, Building Official  
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Remember the old fire station on Water Street, around the corner from Comerica Bank? Montague's Downtown Development Authority demolished the building in 2010, after the Montague Fire District moved into its new facility on Wilcox Street. The City's Department of Public Works put a new lawn in its place, complete with underground irrigation.

This summer that lot will come to life, as the home of the new Montague Artisan Market Place. Beginning on June 4, every Saturday, in conjunction with the Farmers Market, the Artisan Market Place will be brimming with all sorts of activity from 8 AM to 4 PM. As a gathering place, there will be live music, local food, and upscale art in an outdoor market setting – just a stone's throw from beautiful White Lake. The mission of the Committee organizing the Artisan Market Place is to bolster the City's reputation as an artist community, by augmenting the creative synergy of the White River Gallery, the NuVeen Center for the Arts and the White Lake Arts Council.

A variety of food vendors will be positioned in a center aisle down the middle of this lot, with a weekly juried art show in booths all around the edges. Specific media categories include sculpture, photography, wood, stained glass, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, furniture, etc.

The Artisan Market Place will also provide booth space to area non-profit groups, so that community information can be made available to the public concerning anything from the White River Light Station Museum and Community Education to the White Lake Public Advisory Council and the Muskegon Conservation District.

Interested artists, food vendors, acoustic musicians and non-profit, community organizations are invited to contact any one of the following Steering Committee Members for more information:

Lou Ann Shaw (517) 290-2735  
Helen Allshouse (231) 557-2612  
Carol Wood (231) 893-0365

Kim Rosema (231) 893-2858  
Sharon Smithem (231) 557-2526



## Montague Farmers Market



The regular Farmers Market will begin Wednesday, June 15 and will run every Wednesday and Saturday through October. The Market opens at 8 AM and ends at 12 PM (noon). The **Annual Plant Sale** will be starting on Saturdays only in May and will continue through Saturday, June 11th. Stop by!

## Launch Ramp and Fish Cleaning Station

Seasonal Launch Ramp stickers for City residents remain \$35 and must be purchased at City Hall. Non-resident permits are \$50 and can also be purchased at City Hall, or at Johnson's Great Outdoors, Moxie Marine or Montague Foods. Daily permits are \$10 and can always be purchased right at the Launch Ramp parking lot. Senior citizen resident annual permit stickers are \$30 and anyone wishing to purchase a sticker for a second vehicle (or a replacement sticker) should come to City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

These permits are to be adhered to the vehicle's front window on the inside and low on the passenger's side. Vehicles without a seasonal sticker applied or daily permit showing in the front window will be ticketed \$35 by the Montague Police Department. Permits are required for all vehicles using the Fish Cleaning Station; parking in the asphalt parking lot or for using the ramp to launch or remove a watercraft. There is an adjacent grass parking area for those that wish to go boating with others, picnic, or park at Montague Band Shell events (that doesn't require a permit). *Go catch some fish...and be safe!*

## Brush Pick-Up and Yard Waste

Curbside pick-up of limbs and brush takes place on the **first Thursday of each month** from May through October. The Department of Public Works will be chipping normal yard waste and limbs. Brush must be placed close to the street and should not be over four feet in length or four inches in diameter. No stumps, building materials, leaves, or other debris will be collected.

Sorry... the DPW cannot collect brush deposited in alleys, nor trees or brush that were generated by a commercial trimming service. Residents that are clearing mature trees must also have their brush removed by a private company, as this City service is not for tree removal.

Limbs and brush must be placed out by the street no later than 7 AM on the first Thursday of each month, as the DPW collection crew will make **only one trip** through town. Please do not put brush out by the road more than one week prior to pick-up.

City residents may deposit grass clippings and leaves at the DPW yard located at the corner of Cook and Bowen Streets. Unless they are biodegradable, the bags must be removed.

**The burning of leaves or brush is prohibited at any time.**

## Trailway Campground

Trailway Campground, the City's RV Park adjacent to the Hart-Montague Bicycle State Park, opens for the season on Friday, May 1 and closes on October 15. RV sites at the campground cost: \$30 - \$32 per day; \$180 - \$192 per week; \$570 - \$618 per month; or \$1,525 for the entire season. The sites are each served by water, sewer, cable television, electricity and Wi-Fi. There are over 50 RV sites, as well as six sites for tent campers (three with water and electricity).

To reserve a site, call 231-894-4903 (after Thursday, April 28) or e-mail the park managers at: [trailwaycampgr@aol.com](mailto:trailwaycampgr@aol.com).



## Pride Days



It's that time of year again to take advantage of a free dump pass to rid our homes, yards and garages of unwanted junk. The City of Montague has designated **Wednesday, April 20** and **Saturday, April 23** as free dump days at the White Lake Transfer Station on Holton-Whitehall Road. The Transfer Station is open from 10 AM to 5 PM on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

You **must** stop by City Hall weekdays between 8 AM and 5 PM to obtain your free dump coupons. This year there will *not* be a one load per City Resident limit; haul junk to your heart's content! This pass is NOT to be used for the following items; yard waste, tires, batteries and hazardous materials.

This year, Muskegon County Solid Waste has partnered with Goodwill Industries of West Michigan to collect discarded electronic devices City residents may wish to donate in lieu of disposal to the landfill. On Saturday, April 23 you can drop off e-waste such as old televisions, computers, fax machines, laptops, printers, cell phones and other outdated electronics. For more information on the types of electronics that will be accepted, go to:

[www.goodwillwm.org](http://www.goodwillwm.org)

## Hydrant Flushing

The Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants between 9 AM and 3 PM, tentatively scheduled for the week of April 18 until April 22. Weather conditions could cause these dates to change; watch the Montague Downtown Development Authority sign board at Water Street and Dowling Street for the confirmed dates.

Water customers are advised not to do laundry during the hours that hydrants are being flushed. If a temporary discoloration of the water is noticed, you should run your cold water for about five minutes until it clears.

If you have any questions or concerns about the flushing program or the City's water, contact the DPW Maintenance Garage at 231-893-2235 weekdays between 7 AM and 3:30 PM.



## Fire Siren

The fire siren is set off each day (excluding Sundays) at 12 PM as a "noon whistle." When this occurs, the siren only cycles once.

In the event of a fire, vehicular accident, medical call or any other emergency, Muskegon County Central Dispatch will activate the siren and it will cycle three times. To minimize the disturbance for folks trying to sleep, the fire siren is set up to operate between 7 AM and 10 PM only.

In the event of a *tornado warning*, Central Dispatch will set off the siren and it will run as a steady wail for a continuous three minutes. From April through October, the tornado siren is tested every third Friday at 10 AM in both Montague and Whitehall.

## Election Day ~ May 3, 2011



The Montague Area Public Schools will have one candidate running for an open position on the School Board and the Muskegon County Museum will have a Proposal on the ballot. The Polls open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM in the Montague City Hall Council Chambers. The last day to register to vote for this election is April 4, 2011.

## Muskegon Area District Library Summer Programs

June 13	Rick Kelley, Family Music Show
June 21	Dinosaur Bones
June 27	Craft
July 11	Tom Plunkard, Magic Show
July 18	Craft: Something FUN!
July 25	Outdoor Discovery Center ~Live Animals~



*All on Mondays*

*at 3:00 PM*

## City Election

On Tuesday, November 8th, the polls will be open at Montague City Hall for the City's Election. City Elections are held every odd-numbered year.

Elected positions that will be on the ballot include three, four-year City Council seats and the two-year Mayor seat. The incumbents that currently hold those positions are Leslie Chase, June Schmelzer, Tom Lohman and Mayor Henry Roesler.

Qualified residents that wish to run for one of these four offices must circulate a nominating petition and obtain the signatures of no less than 20 registered, City of Montague voters. This petition must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4 PM on August 19, 2011.

If you have any questions, contact City Clerk Laurie Robillard at 893-1155.

## Water Leaks

Now that the Department of Public Works is reading water meters every month, customer water leaks are being discovered much sooner than before. Many of the leaks that lead to high usage end up being caused by a toilet that's running. Did you know that if a toilet is running constantly, you could be wasting 200 gallons of water or more every day?

One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

A 200 gallon a day water leak amounts to 6,000 gallons per month; at the City's present water and sewer commodity rate this would add over \$25 to a customer's monthly water bill.

## Cruzin

Friday, July 29, 2011

Many food vendors are open as early as Noon, located beside the Post Office and next to the Farmers' Market.

**7 PM Parade - Cruise!!**

Disc Jockeys at both ends of downtown until **10 PM**

Come see over 400 classic cars that are from 1975 or older.



## White Lake Senior Center

Open: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays - **8 AM to 2 PM**

Tuesdays - **8 AM to 1 PM**

Fridays - **8 AM to 10 AM**

8741 Ferry St.  
Montague, MI 49437  
Tel: 231-894-9493

Website: [www.whitelakeseniors.org](http://www.whitelakeseniors.org)  
Email: [director@whitelakeseniors.org](mailto:director@whitelakeseniors.org)

## Library Summer Book Talks

**Wednesdays at 10 AM**  
in City Hall Council Chambers

- July 6 **Brooks Davis:** "A New Journey of Oz"
- July 13 **Margaret Willey:** "Giants, Moths and Gifts - The Joys and Challenges of Writing in Many Different Genres"
- July 20 **Bob Bruun:** "The Healing of America"
- July 27 **Mardi Link:** "Murder in the Stacks - Researching Michigan's Notorious True Crimes"
- August 3 **Richard Schneider:** "We Don't Need Libraries - We Have Google!"
- August 10 **Margot Haynes:** "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother?"

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Phone: 231-893-0810  
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**Public Works Dept.**

Phone: 231-893-2235  
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**Oehrli Streets Project**

In July and August, the City will be coordinating a street reconstruction project with Montague Public Schools as facility modifications are being completed on the Oehrli Elementary School, including the shifting of the Oehrli front entrance to the Williams Street side. Street work being planned by the City includes resurfacing: Blaine Street from Knudsen Street to Williams Street; Williams Street from Cook Street to Blaine Street; Knudsen Street from Blaine Street to Grant Street; and Grant Street from Knudsen Street to Williams Street.

The City's 2010-11 budget has approximately \$285,000 appropriated for this project.

**Arts Council of White Lake  
White River Gallery  
and the Nuveen Community  
Center for the Arts**

(231)893-2524

[www.artscouncilofwhitelake.org](http://www.artscouncilofwhitelake.org)

**Montague Museum**

The Montague Museum is located at 8717 Meade Street on the corner of Meade and Church Streets, one block south of the top of the Town (Dowling Street) Hill.

The Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm, from Memorial Day to October 1. The Museum is also open for groups by appointment; call Henry Roesler at (231) 893-3055 for group tours or more information.

**Arts Council of White Lake  
Summer Concert Series**

at the Montague Band Shell

The Arts Council of White Lake sponsors free concerts throughout the summer. All concerts are on Tuesdays from 7 PM to 8:45 PM.

- June 14 Lakeshore Big Band
- June 21 An Dro
- June 28 Aardvark Stew
- July 5 Scottville Clown Band
- July 12 Sweet Adelines
- July 19 The Carl Webb Band
- July 26 Dennis Stroughmatt and Creole Stomp
- August 2 Bluegrass Echoes
- August 9 White Lake Community Park Band
- August 16 M & M Big Band

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**~Parades and Fireworks~**

Memorial Day Parade - May 30, 9:30 AM

4th of July Parade - July 4, 10 AM

4th of July Fireworks - July 4 at Dusk