



Montague Messenger

The semi-annual newsletter
of the
City of Montague

City Council

Mayor Kevin Erb
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Steven Mayberry

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:

Memorial Day, May 27
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 2

City Staff

Laurie Robillard, City Clerk
Susanne McGee, Treasurer
Steve Hammond, DPW Director
Scott Beishuizen, DPW Foreman
Robert Rought, Police Chief
Cherie Anderson, Police Secretary
Tina Ramthun, Utilities Clerk
Dennis Burns, Assessor
Troy DeBrot, Building Official
Matt Miller, Zoning Administrator
John French, City Manager

Infrastructure Projects

...In the Works, or
on the Drawing Boards...



Cook Street (between Hancock Street and Old Channel Trail) – Beginning on or about April 15, just over a mile of the existing asphalt on Cook Street will be removed and replaced. The intersections of crossroads within this stretch will get curbed radiuses, and driveway approaches will be hard surfaced.

The Replacement of Well #1 – Located out in the White River wetlands along with Wells #2 and #5, the 'old' Well #1 (built in 1961) has been demolished and is being replaced. The former Well #1, in its heyday, produced 430 gallons per minute. The City is in hopes that the new Well #1 will produce 600 gallons per minute, or more.

The Downtown Alley (between Ferry Street and Water Street; and Spring Street and Dowling Street) – The Downtown Development Authority is tackling a major infrastructure 're-do' involving water main replacement and new water services to the businesses; installation of a storm drain; the elimination and rearrangement of many of the overhead wires, etc. Other utilities within this 16'-wide alley that are involved in this congested project area include Charter Communication, DTE, Frontier and Consumers Energy. Once it's completed, the alley and the various parking areas will all be re-paved and striped for customer parking. The DDA has been working with many of the property owners/merchants within this block with special incentives to encourage façade improvement, signage and aesthetic enhancements of one of the main blocks in the City's downtown. This project should start around the end of April and is hoped to be completed in June.

Maintenance Dredging at the Launch Ramp – Presently the City will be working cooperatively with Ellenwood Landing to improve the depth at the Launch Ramp while using property near the Band Shell temporarily to stage, drain and process the dredging spoils from both the Launch Ramp and Ellenwood's boat slips.

Extending the Ramps Further into White Lake – The unusually low lake level has resulted in some boat trailers backing off the end of the concrete ramps while launching boats, or folks having trouble getting a boat on and off their trailer. Currently the City is seeking permits (and eventually bids) to extend these concrete ramps some 20' further out into White Lake. Spawning regulations might push this into July.

Trailway Campground Driveway & Overflow Parking – Since the City purchased the RV campground in 2001, updates and improvements have been made every year. The electrical service has been entirely replaced, as has been the entire water distribution system to the individual sites. More than half of the cement pads have been removed and replaced, and each site's picnic table is new. The park is served by wireless Internet, and the office/showers building has been re-sided and sports new windows. The fence that separates the Campground from the businesses on the causeway, was replaced a few years back by a "wall" of arborvitaes, which seemed like a good idea until the deer ate the bottom six feet of it; a traditional wooden fence was installed in its place. This year the City intends to pave the driveway into the Campground back to the bridge, as well as the overflow parking area next to the office building.

Launch Ramp and Fish Cleaning Station

The cost for using the ramp and facilities remains the same as it has been for the last several years. Seasonal stickers for City residents are \$35 and must be purchased at City Hall. Non-resident permits are \$50 and may be purchased at Johnson's Great Outdoors, Moxie Marine, Montague Foods, and also at City Hall. Daily permits are \$10 and may always be purchased at the Launch Ramp parking lot. Senior 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. Permits are required for all vehicles using the Fish Cleaning Station, parking in the asphalt parking lot or using the ramp to launch or remove a boat. There is an adjacent grass parking area for those that wish to go boating with others, picnic, or park at Band Shell events (that doesn't require a permit).

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 more than four inches in diameter. No stumps, building materials, leaves, or other debris will be collected.

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.



Montague Farmers Market

The regular Farmers Market will begin Wednesday, June 12th and will run every Wednesday and Saturday through October 26th. The Market opens at 8 AM and ends at 12 PM (noon). The Spring Plant Sale will be starting on Saturdays only in May and will continue through Saturday, June 8th.

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 17** and **Saturday, April 20** 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 coupon. The limit is two loads per City Resident. This pass is **NOT** to be used for the following items; yard waste, tires, batteries and hazardous materials.

The White Lake Solid Waste Authority 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 both Wednesday, April 17 and Saturday, April 20 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

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 8 until April 12. 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.



Trailway Campground

Trailway Campground, the City's RV Park adjacent to the Hart-Montague Bicycle State Park, opens for the season on 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 (Starting Friday, April 26)

or e-mail the park managers at:

trailwaycampgr@aol.com

State Law Requires

Reminder: City water customers, specifically those with irrigation systems, must have their systems inspected and tested by a certified, Master Plumber, prior to January 1, 2014. This Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regulation requires that customer's pressure vacuum breaker (known as the backflow preventer) be tested every three years, and a copy of that test report be filed with the City's Water Department. This test can only be performed when your irrigation system is activated; please schedule this inspection this spring after you've had your irrigation turned back on.

Muskegon Area District Library

- June 17 Maciek Biezunski, Magic Show
 June 24 Readers of the Lost Book
 July 8 Paleo Joe - Dinosaur Fossils!
 July 15 Bat & Animal Conservation
 July 22 Arnie, Dig Into Donuts
 July 29 Outdoor Discovery Center
 ~Live Animals~



All on Mondays

at 3:00 PM

Mayor and Council Seat Election

The City General Election will be held November 5, 2013. Positions that will be on the ballot include three City Council seats, each a four year term and the Mayor seat which is a two year term. The incumbents that currently hold those positions are Councilmembers Calvin "Hap" Cederquist, Randy Lydens, Steve Mayberry and Mayor Kevin Erb.

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 City of Montague registered voters. This petition must be filed with the City Clerk **no later than 4 PM** on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

If you have any questions, contact City Clerk Laurie Robillard at 893-1155 or email at: clerk@cityofmontague.org

New Dog License Renewal Deadlines

Muskegon County has gone to year round dog licensing based on the month in which your dog's rabies shot is due. The County Health Department will be sending out your dog's license renewal form the month before their license expires. City residents can now purchase their dog licenses year round at City Hall. Licenses must be purchased yearly by the end of the same month in which your dog received its rabies vaccination to avoid a late fee. If your dog has just received its three-year rabies shot, you can purchase a *three-year license* at a discounted price. For more information call or stop in at City Hall.

Cruz'in

Friday, July 26, 2013

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 1978 or older.



Cruz'in, underwritten by Montague's Downtown Development Authority, is financed entirely with donations and major sponsorships (\$500). The Committee sends out solicitation letters to businesses and individuals that have generously donated in the past. Please consider making a contribution to support the free, family-friendly annual event, and send to or drop off at Montague City Hall. Thank you!

White Lake Senior Center

OPEN - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

8 AM to 2 PM

Friday Coffee 8AM - 10 PM

8741 Ferry St.

Montague, MI 49437

Tel: 231-894-9493

Website: www.whitelakeseniors.org

Email: director@whitelakeseniors.org

Library Summer Book Talks

Wednesdays at 10 AM

in City Hall Council Chambers

- July 10 **Mardi Link:** "Bootstrapper"
From *Broke to Badass on a Northern Michigan Farm*"
- July 17 **Tom Tissue:** "Books by two former Directors-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency"
- July 24 **Rosalie Riegle:** "Doing Time for Peace" and "Crossing the Line"
Two oral history collections of nonviolent resisters against war and nuclear weapons
- July 31 **Barbara E. Bull:** "A Point in Time"
50 years at Cherry Point Farm and Market, including the process of self-publishing

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Montague Artisan Marketplace

Every Saturday
June through September
From 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

July 22 & August 17
Childrens Artisan in Residence~Create and Sell

July 13
Christmas in July

South Water Street - kitty-corner from
the Montague Farmers Market

Interested Artists call Helen: 231-557-2612

Arts Council of White Lake

White River Gallery

and the Nuveen Community
Center for the Arts

(231)893-2524

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 Saturday and
Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm, from
Memorial Day to October 1.
The Museum is also open for
groups by appointment; call Sally
McClouth at (231) 894-9267 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 25 To Be Announced
- July 2 Detour - Bluegrass
- July 9 Scottville Clown Band
- July 16 Rachel Davis - Swing/Folk
- July 23 MacPodz - World Music
- July 30 To Be Announced
- August 6 Three Men and a Tenor
Pop Vocals/Humor
- August 13 To Be Announced
- August 20 Community Band Contest!

www.artscouncilofwhitelake.org

~Parades and Fireworks~

Memorial Day Parade - May 27, 9:30 AM

4th of July Parade - July 4, 10 AM

4th of July Fireworks - July 4 at Dusk