

# MONTAGUE MESSENGER

SPRING 2015

## Cost of Annual Launch Ramp Permits Reduced

In October of 2014, the City Council approved several modifications to the cost of permits for use of the Montague Launch Ramp and Fish Cleaning Station. This new pricing will be effective beginning April 1, 2015.

Annual permits for City residents have been lowered from \$35, to \$30. For non-City residents, the cost for an annual permit has been lowered from \$50, to \$40.

Daily permits have been raised from \$10, to \$15. The City is hopeful that these changes will lead to more boat owners buying annual permits instead of daily permits. In fact, if one buys a daily permit for \$15, afterwards within the next 10 days they can bring that daily permit to Montague City Hall and have the \$15 applied toward the cost of an annual permit.

Annual permits can be purchased at Montague City Hall weekdays 8 to 5; or from Johnson's Great Outdoors or Montague Foods. Permits are required between April 1 and November 1. Violators will be ticketed \$50 by the Montague Police Department.

This is the first change in the cost of Launch Ramp permits in over a dozen years. Every summer the City sells approximately 500 annual permits and the revenue is used to maintain the fish cleaning station, restrooms, the parking lot, lighting and the ramp itself. In 2013 when lake levels were extremely low, the City spent \$79,059 extending the concrete ramps out further into White Lake. Dredging the ramp area when the lake level is low, can be both extensive and expensive and cost over \$60,000 back in 2003.



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### City Council

Mayor James Neubauer  
Claude Babcock  
Bruce Froelich  
Lisa Kiel  
Tom Lohman  
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 7:30 AM

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

Memorial Day, May 25  
Independence Day, July 3  
Labor Day, September 7

### City Staff

John French, City Manager  
Tim Paul, Finance Director/Treasurer  
Robert Rought, Police Chief  
Steve Hammond, DPW Director  
Matt Miller, Administrative Assistant  
Laurie Robillard, City Clerk  
Steve Lohman, Cemetery Sexton  
Scott Beishuizen, DPW Foreman  
Tina Ramthun, Utilities Clerk  
Dennis Burns, Assessor  
Troy DeBrot, Building Official  
Cherie Anderson, Police Secretary

# Sesquicentennial 2017



2017 will mark the City's Sesquicentennial, when Montague turns 150 years old. Tim Todd and Lisa Kiel are currently reaching out to service organizations and clubs to enlist volunteers and collect ideas for celebrating this milestone anniversary. If you wish to be included in future Sesquicentennial planning meetings, please send an email to [cityofmontague@aol.com](mailto:cityofmontague@aol.com) with your contact information.

## Parades and Fireworks



Memorial Day Parade	May 25, 9:30 AM
4th of July Parade	July 4, 10 AM
4th of July Fireworks	July 4 at Dusk



Bring your bill in when you come to pay at City Hall! We now charge a One Dollar duplication fee for copies of bills.

## Pride Days - Free Dump Pass

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 15** and **Saturday, April 19** 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 passes per City Resident. This pass is NOT to be used for the following items; yard waste, tires, batteries and hazardous materials.

## Trailway Campground



Open May 1 through October 15

Contact Managers at 894-4903

or Email:

[trailwaycampgr@aol.com](mailto:trailwaycampgr@aol.com)

## Upcoming Elections



A Special Election will be held on May 5, 2015 for State Proposal 15-1. The last day to register to vote for this Election is April 6, 2015.

On November 3, 2015 the City Election for the Mayor and three Council Seat positions will be held. The Mayor is a two year term and Council Seats are all four year terms. These positions are currently held by Mayor James Neubauer and Councilmembers Tom Lohman, Lisa Kiel with a vacant seat previously held by Jeff Auch.

Qualified residents that wish to run for one of these four offices must circulate a nominating petition and obtain the signature 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, July 21, 2015.

Please contact City Clerk Laurie Robillard at 893-1155 or email at [clerk@cityofmontague.org](mailto:clerk@cityofmontague.org) if you are interested in running for any of these positions or have any questions.

Hydrant Flushing will take place during the week of April 6-10

# Cruzin



Friday, July 31, 2015

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.

## Muskegon Area District Library Summer Programs



All on Mondays at 3:00 PM

June 15	Rock and Roll Hero's
June 22	John Ball Zoo Animals
June 29	Hero's Mask
July 6	Magician, Tom Punkard
July 13	Science Hero's
July 20	Hero Journal
July 27	Outdoor Discovery Animals

### Cemetery Decorations

A reminder that all winter decorations and wreaths should be removed from the cemetery by April 1st each year or they will be disposed of by City personnel. Please carefully consider the type of flowers and planting times for spring and summer decorations since the City is not responsible for damage caused by frost and wildlife.

### "Run Water" Credits

If you were one of many residents that followed the Run Water request and your meter reading shows greater usage than your previous two month average, you will receive a credit on your April and May Water and Sewer bill.



The regular Farmers Market will begin Wednesday, June 17th and will run every Wednesday and Saturday through October 24th. 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 6th.

### White Lake Senior Center

OPEN - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

**8 AM to 2 PM**

Friday Coffee 8 AM - 10 PM

231-894-9493

## Brush Pick-Up and Yard Waste



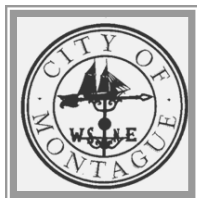
Curbside pick-up of limbs and brush takes place on the **first Thursday of each month** from May through October. The Department of Public Works will be chipping **normal** yard waste and limbs. Brush must be placed close to the street and should not be more than four inches in diameter. No stumps, building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



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**FREE CONCERT SERIES**

All concerts are on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM  
at the Montague Band Shell.

Rain location is the Montague High School  
Auditorium - 4900 Stanton Blvd.

For more information call 231-893-2524

or visit [www.artswhitelake.org](http://www.artswhitelake.org)

**Artisan Marketplace**

The Arts Council of White Lake has  
agreed to coordinate and spearhead  
the Artisan Market, located on Water  
Street next to Comerica Bank. **Look  
for new scheduling this summer!**

If you or an artist/craftsman you know  
is interested in learning more, please  
contact the ACWL's Director, Kim-  
berly Harsh, at 231-893-2524

**Friends of the Montague Library Summer Book Talks**

Talks are on Wednesdays  
at 10 AM with the exception  
of July 1 which will be at 7:30 PM,  
in the City Hall Council Chambers

- July 1** - Lorenn Niewenhuis: *A 1000-mile Great Lakes Island Adventure -7:30 PM*
- July 8** - Tim Prosch: *The Other Talk*
- July 15** - Marsha Redd: *Favorite WWII Fiction*
- July 22** - Literary Library Ladies:
  - Jean Miller: *Books About Books*
  - Tricia Laminman: *No Man is an Island; Every Book is a World*
  - Sandy Winger: *The Boys in the Boat*
- July 29** - Margaret Willey: *Writing Fiction for Children about Bullying*

**Regular Library Hours**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 - 7:00  
Friday 9:30 - 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 1:00  
Closed Thursdays and Sundays

**893-2675**

