

Montague Messenger

~ Spring 2017 ~

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the week of April 17th.

Water customers are advised to not do laundry during the hours 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.

Pride Days - Free Dump Coupon

Wednesday, April 19th & Saturday, April 22nd
at the White Lake Transfer Station (2100 W. Holton-Whitehall Road)

One truck load (Regular 5' X 8' Pickup) per household
NO commercial trash, NO brush or trees, NO appliances, and NO tires.

You must stop by City Hall weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM to obtain your free dump coupon. One per household address.

Montague Farmers' Market

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturdays: May 6th - October 28th

Wednesdays: June 7th - September 27th

In an ongoing effort to increase efficiency and to provide more timely information, the City will no longer be distributing this twice yearly publication and will utilize more digital avenues to distribute City news and information. If you have an e-mail and would like to receive City updates please send a note to info@cityofmontague.org or let us know via the contact form on our website. You can also follow us on Facebook for current news, events, updates, and activities.

As always, we will continue to post important information on the announcement board at City Hall, use the City sign on Dowling Street, and will provide Public Notices in the White Lake Beacon.



The City of Montague's 2016 Annual Water Quality / Consumer Confidence Report is posted online at cityofmontague.org/CCR.pdf. Hard copies are available at City Hall during normal office hours.

Election Information

The Montague Area Public Schools has placed a millage proposal on the ballot for the May 2, 2017 election. The Millage Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy states:

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Montague Area Public Schools, Muskegon and Oceana Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .90 mill (\$0.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, school security improvements, and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$311,366?

If you are not yet a registered voter in the City of Montague, the deadline to register to vote in the May elections is April 3, 2017. To verify if you are registered, go to www.michigan.gov/vote. If you are not registered, you may do so at the City Clerk's office, any Secretary of State Office, or by obtaining an application online at www.michigan.gov/vote. Absentee ballots will be available in late March .

Summer Concert Series

Once again there will be free Tuesday night concerts this summer, thanks to the Arts Council of White Lake. Concerts start a 7:30 PM and are located at the Montague Band Shell.

- June 20th Uneven Ground
- June 27th Josh Davis
- July 4th Lakeshore Big Band
- July 11th *Unconfirmed / Unknown*
- July 18th Scottville Clown Band
- July 25th Magic Bus
- August 1st The Moxie Strings
- August 8th West Michigan Winds
- August 15th Soul Syndicate
- August 22nd Shook Twins

Montague Museum

8717 Meade Street
(one block South of Dowling St. at top of hill)

Open 1:00 - 5:00PM, Saturdays & Sundays
Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day
~ Open for groups by appointment ~

Seeking new museum members! To learn more please attend the meeting on May 25th, 7:00PM at the Masonic Lodge (5425 Dowling St.)

Brush Pick Up - April Only!

The City of Montague is only able to offer one brush pick up this year. **Pick up will occur the first full week of April** and materials must be placed roadside before Monday April 3, 2017.

All materials must be placed near the edge of the street and should not be more than four inches (4") in diameter. No stumps, branches, or logs created by property owners removing mature trees will be collected. In addition, no materials created by commercial trimming, building / construction materials, or other debris will be collected.

Brush material generated after this date can be brought to the White Lake Solid Waste Authority site (2100 W. Holton-Whitehall Rd.) for disposal according to their fee schedule.

City residents may dump leaves and grass clippings at the DPW site on the corner of Cook Street and Bowen Street. Dumped materials may not include woody debris or other non-compostable material. No plastic bags.

REMINDER: All winter decorations and wreaths must be removed from Oak Grove Cemetery by April 1, 2017 or they will be disposed of by City personnel.

Water Infrastructure Projects

Over the next couple years, you will see a lot of work taking place on City streets and at water facilities. Montague is seeking to take advantage of historically low financing terms available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development loan program. This program allows the City to borrow approximately \$3 million at a very low 2.75% rate for up to 40 years to pay for critical improvements and repairs to keep Montague’s infrastructure in optimum condition. Scheduled improvements include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Replacement of old and undersized water mains. ■ Repainting of one municipal water tower. ■ Repairs to Dowling Street hill, including concrete paving (with \$375,000 MDOT grant). ■ Replacement of an obsolete well and well house. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New water main installations that will open new areas for residential development. ■ Refurbish and building addition to DPW facility on Bowen Street. ■ Street resurfacing work related to water main projects. |
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In conjunction with the loan, the City undertook an independent rate study to assess the adequacy of its water/sewer use fees - both for covering day-to-day operational costs and paying for infrastructure improvements through the new USDA loan. The rate study determined an increase of \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons used is necessary; and an increase in the water ready-to-serve (RTS) and debt (WD) rates, which vary by meter size, are needed for the operation of the water system.

METER SIZE	CURRENT DEBT CHARGE PER MONTH	NEW MONTHLY RTS and WD RATES	DIFFERENCE PER MONTH	IMPACT TO TYPICAL HOUSE USING 4,000 GALLONS
3/4"	\$9.60	\$15.28	+ \$5.68	+ \$6.28 monthly
1"	\$17.28	\$27.51	+ \$10.23	+ \$10.83 monthly
1.5"	\$38.40	\$61.12	+ \$22.72	+ \$23.32 monthly
2"	\$69.12	\$110.02	+ \$40.90	N / A
4"	\$276.18	\$440.09	+ \$163.61	N/A

The utility rate study also concluded that sewer fees do not require any increases or adjustments at this time. For more information about the projects or rate study, please contact the Dept. of Public Works.

Property Maintenance

The City will begin site reviews for Property Maintenance ordinance enforcement in April. This ordinance establishes a minimum set of standards for maintenance of building exteriors, garages / accessory buildings, outdoor storage, fences, and yards.

The City will also be enforcing its unlicensed and junked motor vehicle ordinances which requires storage of all unlicensed vehicles in an enclosed structure. Tarping a vehicle and storing in the yard is not allowed within the City.

Maple Grove Pavilion

Individuals wishing to reserve the pavilion at Maple Grove Park can file an application at City Hall. The cost for residents is \$25 for the morning or afternoon (half day) and \$50 for a full day. The cost for non-residents is \$30 for a half day and \$60 for a full day.

A cleaning deposit check for \$50 is also required to reserve the pavilion and will be held without cashing unless the facility is not cleaned at the end of the rental period.

Call City Hall to make reservations!



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City Council

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Meeting Dates

City Council

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

Planning Commission

Second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM

Downtown Development Authority

Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 AM

For additional information on meetings and cancellations, check the City's calendar at www.cityofmontague.org. You can also follow us on Facebook and view information on upcoming community events. 

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Department of Public Works

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893-2235

City Hall

info@cityofmontague.org
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Oak Grove Cemetery

cemetery@cityofmontague.org

4th of July

Parade starting at 10:00 AM
Fireworks starting 1 hour after dusk

Cruz'in Car Show

Friday, July 28th
Parade starting at 7:00 PM