

# Montague Messenger

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## ***Water and Sewer System Evaluations***

In order to meet the State's most recent water system requirements, the City recently completed a 5-year Water Asset Management Plan and an associated Capital Improvement Plan. These plans ensure that ongoing maintenance, improvements, and operational activities are appropriately funded and scheduled. With increasingly stringent standards established by the State to address lead lines, and guarantee water quality standards, the City has been proactive in ensuring that our annual activities and capital improvements safeguard the water quality and water system supplies for its users. The City also continually monitors and evaluates the City's sewer system to ensure that necessary maintenance and operational upgrades provide efficient and effective service. Improvements may include sewer main replacements, sewer line cleaning, and system expansions.

The ongoing management of both the water and sewer systems are financially demanding activities. Therefore, to evaluate the City's ongoing funding obligations, and appropriately plan for the immediate future, the City contracted with Michigan Rural Water Association to perform an independent rate study for the water and sewer systems. The rate studies determined that an increase was necessary for both water and sewer to meet current and future needs. The City has adopted the rate changes as determined by the independent study. The rate changes will go into effect on July 1, 2018, and apply to water / sewer readings in August (bills due at the end of September).

### **Water Rate**

\$2.45 increase to \$2.85  
per 1,000 gallons

### **Water Ready-to-Serve (RTS)/ per month**

¾" line - \$4.15 increase to \$4.80  
1" line - \$7.47 increase to \$8.64  
1 ½" line - \$16.61 increase to \$19.21  
2" line - \$29.89 increase to \$34.57  
4" line - \$119.57 increase to \$138.30

### **Sewer Rate**

\$3.50 increase to \$3.93  
per 1,000 gallons

### **Sewer Ready-to-Serve (RTS)/ per month**

¾" line - \$4.50 increase to \$6.00  
1" line - \$8.10 increase to \$10.79  
1 ½" line - \$18.00 increase to \$23.99  
2" line - \$32.40 increase to \$43.18  
4" line - \$129.60 increase to \$172.71

## **Montague Museum**

8717 Meade Street

(one block south of Dowling St. at top of hill)

Open 1:00-5:00 PM, Saturdays & Sundays  
Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day

~Open for groups by appointment ~



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