

City of Montague
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Montague Messenger

Boat Launch Permits Available Online:

Beat the spring rush and receive your launch sticker in the mail! It's safe and simple to take care of your payments online at www.cityofmontague.org. The City has waived all credit/debit card processing fees for launch permits purchased online.

Brush Pick Up Schedule:

The City of Montague will offer brush pick up the **week of May 16th**. Materials must be placed roadside before Sunday, May 15th, as only one trip will be made through the City. All materials must be placed near the edge of the street and **should not be more than four feet (4') long and 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 can also be brought to the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority, 2100 Holton-Whitehall Rd., and disposed of according to their fee schedule.

Montague Pride Days/Free Dump Coupon:

Dump Day is **ONLY** on Saturday, April 23rd, at the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority, 2100 W. Holton-Whitehall Road. **One \$25 coupon** per household address. **NO** recycling, **NO** commercial trash, **NO** brush or trees, **NO** appliances, and **NO** tires. **You must call or stop by City Hall to obtain your coupon, Monday—Friday, 8am to 5pm.**

New Voter I.D. Cards:

Registered voters in the City can expect to receive a new Voter ID card by mail in the coming weeks. These new cards are being issued because of the recent redistricting changes within Muskegon County and the State of Michigan.

Election, May 3rd, 2022:

There will be a county-wide election May 3rd, 2022 in the City of Montague for the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD). If you are a registered voter in the City and would like to vote by mail, stop by City Hall for an Absentee Voter (AV) Application or submit one online at <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/>. City residents on the Permanent AV list will automatically be sent an application in the mail. An AV application must be filled out before **EVERY** election to receive a ballot in the mail. Filling out an AV Application for every election ensures signature and residency verification and keeps our City elections safe and secure! Applications are submitted to the Deputy Clerk via drop-box, mail, or email at clerk@cityofmontague.org. In-person voting will proceed as usual in the City Council Room the day of the election.



Frequently Requested Info

City Hall Staff: 893-1155

City Manager: Jeff Auch
Deputy Clerk: Kelly Markley
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Police Department: 893-0810
Chief: Robert Rought
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Superintendent: Scott Beishuizen
Foreman: Alan Weesies
Cemetery Sexton:
Steve Lohman 855-1617

Assessors:
Dennis Burns 329-5165
Cory Burns 329-3841

Building Inspections:
Permit Coordinator:
Tina Ramthun

Building Official:
Val Jensen 638-0529

Electrical Inspector:
Jeff Johnson 329-4465

Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector
Jim Callender 206-6563

Montague Fire Dist. 893-3311
Fire Chief: Ron Anderson

Montague Branch Library:
Heidi Gatzke, Librarian 893-2675

Montague Museum
8717 Meade Street, Montague

City Council Meetings:

Council Room: 8778 Ferry St.
1st and 3rd Monday of the month
@ 5:30 p.m.

Mayor:
Tom Lohman, 893-5545
tomlohman@yahoo.com

City Councilmembers:
Lisa Kiel Susan Newhof
Jeri Wonders Robert Hires
Laura LaGuire Paul Schultz



Montague Farmers Market:

Market season is coming! The Farmers Market opens on Saturday, May 7th, and will be open 9am-12:30pm every Saturday until October 29th. Church St. will continue to be closed to traffic on Saturday market mornings, a new tradition that is appreciated by vendors and customers alike. The Farmers Market will also be open on Tuesday nights, 5pm-7:30pm from June 14th to August 16th, to coincide with the Artisan Market Village hours and the popular Tuesday evening ACWL Summer Concert Series at the Montague Band Shell. Check out our Facebook at City of Montague Farmers Market for market news and updates!

Artisan Market Village:

The City is excited for the third season of the Artisan Market Village this summer! Cottages begin opening the first Saturday in May, just in time for Mother's Day. The artisans at the Village are White Lake area residents using the space for their small businesses. Come down and check out some of our new vendors this summer and support your neighbors!

Regular Village hours for 2022:

Saturday's, May— October, 9am—2pm

Tuesday's, June 14th— August 16th, 5pm—7:30pm

Also happening at the Artisan Market this year...

ACWL-Nuveen Artisan Pop-Up Events: June 11th, July 9th, and August 13th from 9am—2pm. ACWL Pop-Ups are held on the Village green during regular Saturday hours and bring a greater variety of artisans to the Village.

Movies in the Moonlight is once again being planned for this summer, but the City is in need of movie sponsors, as well as volunteers for operation of sound and movie equipment. This family-friendly movie series is free, plus popcorn provided by Montague Foods.

Calling all local musicians! The City is looking for musicians to donate performances at the Village or the Farmers Market. Contact City Hall for more info.

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.

Winter Wrap-up:

The City opened up the ice skating rink at Buttermilk Creek Park for its' third season this year thanks to some consistent cold weather, and a dedicated group of volunteers. The City thanks John Hansen, Steve Salter, The Jensen family, and Joel Mikkaelson for regularly shoveling of the rink. Volunteers and donations make the Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Rink possible! The City also purchased a warming hut with the generous donation from the Whitehall-Montague Rotary Club and it has been appreciated by park visitors all season. **The City is still looking for additional donations!** If you have an old pair of skates, sleds for the sledding hill, or even an old broom for broomball, please drop those items off at City Hall.



Spreading Holiday Cheer Fundraiser:

The City would like to sincerely thank all of the donations to assist in the replacement and upgrading of our holiday decorations in the downtown. Look for donation opportunities again in 2022 to continue spreading the holiday spirit.

Streetlight Decoration Sponsors

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