

City of Montague
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Montague Messenger

TextMyGov:

The City of Montague is excited about the new, smart text messaging service, TextMyGov, that launched earlier this summer. Residents can use the service to text and search the interactive system for specific city information, and receive important notifications, updates, and alerts. The alerts feature was first used in June during the aftermath of the devastating storm that hit the White Lake area.

To opt in to City of Montague alerts on your mobile phone, text MONTAGUEALERTS to the number 91896, then reply YES to the initial message to confirm opt-in. Opt-out at anytime by texting STOP to that same number. Residents may also receive on-demand information by texting 1 or 2 keywords (such as, taxes, zoning, parks, etc.) to the City's TextMyGov number, 231-638-4803. You'll be able to get quick answers for frequently asked questions and general information. Please sign up to stay informed and stay engaged from the comfort of your home!



City Hall Office Hours Change:

Starting September 9th, 2024, City Hall office hours will be:

Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In order to serve residents outside of these hours, the City offers multiple forms and online payment options on the website (www.cityofmontague.org), provides enrollment for auto-payments of recurring bills, and offers a drop-box outside of the City Hall front doors. If residents need in person assistance, but city staff hours conflict with schedules, please call or e-mail the appropriate staff member who will be happy to accommodate! City Hall office hours have been reconfigured to maintain current staffing levels and employee hours.

Brush Pick Up Schedule:

The City of Montague will offer brush pick up the week of October 14th. Materials must be placed roadside by **Sunday, October 13th**, 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.

Wilcox Street Update:

The street portion of the Wilcox project is complete. The sidewalk portion of the project will be bid out this fall and construction will commence next spring. The connecting sidewalk will run along the north side of Wilcox and link Old Channel Trail and Cook Street.



Frequently Requested Info

City Hall Staff: 893-1155
City Manager: Jeff Auch
City Clerk: Kelly Markley
Utility Billing: Hannah Cross
Treasurer: Melissa Beegle
Zoning: Steve Coverly
Assessing: Cory Burns

Police Department: 893-0810
Chief: Rick Johnson
Sergeant: Tom Walicki
Secretary: Jennifer Wildfond

DPW Maintenance: 893-2235
Superintendent: Scott Beishuizen
Foreman: Alan Weesies
Cemetery Sexton:
Steve Lohman 855-1617

Building/Trade Inspections:
Building Official:
Val Jensen 638-0529
Electrical:
Jeff Johnson 329-4465
Mechanical & Plumbing:
Jim Callender 206-6563

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

Montague Branch Library:
Librarian: 893-2675
Christina Le Vey-Rowland

City Council Meetings:
3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

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

City Councilmembers:
Lisa Kiel Susan Newhof
Ken Mahoney Robert Hires
Laura LaGuire Paul Schultz

Downtown Development Authority Meetings:
3rd Thursday of the month at 8 a.m.

Planning Comm. Meetings:
2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Hydrant Flushing:

The City Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week of **September 23rd**. 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.

Oak Grove Cemetery:

All spring and summer flower decorations are to be removed from gravesites by October 15th or they will be disposed of by City personnel. Winter decorations and wreaths may be placed on gravesites after November 15th.

Election News:

In case you haven't heard, it's a Presidential Election year! The November General Election in-person voting will be held on November 5th with 9 days of Early Voting and Absentee Voter options in advance of election day. Take care of all your election needs before election day during regular office hours or pre-election weekend hours, held at Montague City Hall on November 3rd from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In-person voting is in the Council Chambers at Montague City Hall on election day as per usual. 9 days of Early Voting is facilitated by the County Clerk's Office at the Muskegon County Campus, 1903 Marquette Avenue in Muskegon. Please contact the clerk at 332-6755 or stop by City Hall with any questions about these voting options.

Farmers Market and Artisan Village:

The Montague Farmers Market and Artisan Village had another excellent season and are still open through the fall season! The farmers market is open Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through the last Saturday in October. The Senior Voucher program had another popular year and all vouchers have been disbursed for 2024—stay tuned for an announcement on their return in 2025! If you still have 2024 senior vouchers for the farmers market make sure to use them this season as they will not be valid next year.

The Artisan Village is open Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through September 14th, with special hours for Pumpkinfest and Holiday Walk. Many artisan village vendors are open more hours throughout the week, which are posted at the village or on the Artisan Market Village Facebook page.

Electronics Recycling:

For the past several years, City staff have facilitated electronics recycling events at the Montague Farmers Market, 4511 Church Street. The next event will be held on Saturday, September 28th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event is open to all White Lake area residents and businesses. All batteries and portable electronics are accepted including: computer screens, computers, keyboards, TVs, mobile phones, small appliances/equipment, equipment supply cords, electrical wires, printer cartridges, and household LED and CFL lightbulbs. Items **NOT** accepted include: cathode ray tube or projection TVs/monitors, large appliances, or air conditioners.

For a full list of accepted materials visit <http://bit.ly/goodwillewaste.com> or inquire at City Hall. The suggested donation is \$2 for the first 10 items and \$5 for a single load with more than 10 items. Donations will also be accepted at the event for ongoing sustainability initiatives in the community. Volunteers will be there to assist with curbside drop-off!

- IMPORTANT DATES -

- City Hall Office Hours Change: beginning September 9th
- Hydrant Flushing: week of September 23rd
- Electronics Recycling: September 28th
- Fall Brush Pickup: week of October 14th
- Pumpkinfest: October 12th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Halloween Trick-or-Treating: October 31st, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Pre-election Weekend Hours: November 3rd, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- November General Election: November 5th, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tree lighting/caroling at Artisan Village: November 22nd, 5 p.m.
- Holiday Walk: November 22nd, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. &
November 23rd, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 71st Annual Christmas Parade: December 7th, 2 p.m.

