



Frequently Requested Info

City Hall Hours:
Monday -Thursday,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fridays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Police Department: 893-0810
Chief: Rick Johnson
Sergeant: Tom Walicki
Secretary: Rebekah Pawlowski

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

Assessor:
Shirley Wyatt 724-6153

Building Inspections:
Permit Coordinator:
Hannah Cross

Building Official:
Val Jensen 638-0529

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

Montague Branch Library:
893-2675

City Council Meetings:

Council Room: 8778 Ferry St.
3rd Mondays - 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

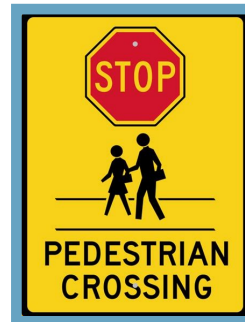
**Downtown Development
Authority Meetings:**
3rd Thursdays - 8 a.m.

**Planning Commission
Meetings:**
2nd Mondays - 6 p.m.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety—Update:

At the December 2025 Council meeting Ordinance No. 314 was passed, updating Section 62-68 on Pedestrian Crossings City Streets. Pedestrian crossings in the City can be challenging, particularly during the warmer months. Violation of Ordinance No. 314 can now **result in a civil infraction ticket** by the Montague Police Department.

Outline of Ordinance No. 314—Pedestrian Crossings City Streets: A driver of a vehicle shall stop before entering a marked crosswalk and yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or bicyclist waiting to cross, and to any pedestrian or bicyclist within a crosswalk. At marked pedestrian crosswalks, whenever flashing red or yellow signals are used, the signal shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows: flashing red is a stop signal and flashing yellow is a yield signal. When a vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk, any vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle. *The full ordinance is available online at www.cityofmontague.org or stop by City Hall for a copy.



Pedestrians also have a responsibility at these crossings! Individuals should not automatically enter the crosswalk, but also yield to cars and only proceed if a vehicle has sufficient time to brake and yield. A helpful safety tip: always make eye contact with an individual driver to be sure they intend to stop before proceeding.

Primary Election, August 4, 2026:

There will be an election on August 4, 2026 for various State and Federal elected positions. 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/>. In-person voting will proceed as usual in the council room the day of the election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Pre-election weekend hours for this election will be held Sunday, August 2, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Montague City Hall offices.
- Nine Days of Early Voting for the August Primary will be held at the Muskegon County Marquette Campus, 1903 Marquette Avenue, Muskegon, 49442. Early Voting for the August Primary begins Saturday, July 25 and ends Sunday, August 2.

- IMPORTANT DATES -

- Hydrant Flushing: week of April 6
- Pride Day / Dump Coupon: April 11
- Opening Day for Farmers Market & Artisan Village: May 9
- Spring Brush Pickup: week of May 17
- Memorial Day Parade: May 25 at 11 a.m.
- Electronics Recycling at Farmers Market: May 30, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Independence Day Parade: July 4 at 10 a.m.
- Independence Day Fireworks: July 4 at dusk.
- Walk The Beat: July 18 at 1 p.m.
- Cruz'In: July 31
- Pre-election Weekend Hours: August 2, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- August Election: August 4, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Maritime Festival: August 6, 7, & 8



Montague Messenger

Farmers Market and Artisan Village:

Market and Artisan Village season is coming! Church Street will be closed to traffic on Saturday market mornings, a new tradition that is appreciated by vendors and customers alike. Check out the Montague Farmers Market and Artisan Market Village Facebook pages for weekly updates.

2026 Farmers Market Hours:

Saturdays, May 9—October 31, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2026 Artisan Village Hours:

Saturdays, May 9—October 31, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Senior Vouchers:

City Council has once again allocated funds for the popular Senior Voucher program at the Montague Farmers Market! The funds for this program come from the Muskegon County Senior Millage, which was approved by voters on the August 2024 ballot. City residents, age 60 and up, are eligible to receive \$20 worth of vouchers per month during market season. The vouchers will continue to be issued at the market, but on an expanded schedule for the 2026 season. The dates to receive vouchers are:

June 27 - July 11 & 25 - August 8 & 22 - September 12 & 26

Montague Pride Day/Dump Coupon:

Pride Day is back! Pride Day for City of Montague residents will be held on Saturday, April 11, at the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority, 2100 W. Holton-Whitehall Road. **One \$25 coupon** per household address. No recycling, commercial trash, brush or trees, appliances, or tires may be disposed of using the coupon. **You must stop by City Hall to obtain your coupon**, Monday—Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Fridays, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Brush Pick Up Schedule:

The City of Montague will offer brush pick up the **week of May 18**. Materials must be placed roadside by Sunday, May 17 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 or commercial trimmers removing mature trees 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.

Hydrant Flushing:

The Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week of **April 6**. Water customers are advised to not do laundry during the hours hydrants are being flushed. If a temporary discoloration of the water is noticed, run your cold water for about five minutes until it clears.





The City of Montague is creating a database that will allow City staff and departments to better assist our residents in an emergency. When you file this information sheet with the City, it will allow us to pinpoint possible needs and have appropriate contacts for your household. In the event of a citywide outage or crisis, the City will use this information to share important updates and coordinate assistance.

All information provided is confidential and will only be used for emergency purposes.

Outage & Emergency Preparedness Contact Information Sheet

Property Address: _____

Primary Name: _____ **Emergency Contact Phone #:** _____

E-mail: _____

Second Name: _____ **Emergency Contact Phone #:** _____

E-mail: _____

Household Members (Names):

Elders: _____

Adults: _____

Youth/Children: _____

Infants: _____

Pets: _____

(Additional information on back)



Individuals' w/ Disabilities: _____

Name

Disability

Name

Disability

Yes, I have medications that need to be kept cold during a power outage.

Yes, I have electrical medical equipment that needs to operate during a power outage.

Equipment Description: _____

Does your household have emergency power? (e.g., generator, battery) Yes No

Does your household have an emergency heat source (e.g., fireplace, wood stove) Yes No

Other information emergency personnel should know:

Please sign me up to receive additional Emergency Preparedness information; including worksheets, flyers, brochures, notices for upcoming preparedness workshops /events.

Please add my phone number to the City's Emergency Text Alert System. Use the following phone #: _____

Date completed: _____

Prepared by the City of Montague ~ Stay safe and stay connected!

Return this form in the dropbox in front of City Hall, or mail to:

City of Montague
ATTN: Emergency Preparedness
8778 Ferry Street
Montague, MI 49437

Are You Prepared For A Weather Emergency?

The City continues to work on emergency preparedness within our operations to make sure the City can quickly respond and provide needed services during and after severe weather. This also means making sure our residents are prepared and the City can effectively communicate with you. Households can fill out the enclosed *Contact Information Sheet* to make sure the City has your current contact information and can coordinate assistance if needed. Besides being informed, residents should also make a shelter in place plan, build an emergency kit, and prepare a vehicle.

Shelter-In-Place

Shelter in Place can be done at home, school, and work.

Call 911 for emergencies ONLY. For non-emergency issues in Muskegon County, call [\(231\) 722-3524](tel:2317223524).

- Store water in closed containers for drinking and cooking.
- Close and lock all windows and doors, including fireplace dampers.
- Select an interior room for shelter.
- Limit outdoor time.
- Children in affected schools will be sheltered; parents should not pick them up unless instructed.
- Bring everyone, including pets, inside and stay sheltered until authorities declare it safe.
- Listen to radio or television for instructions.



Build a Kit

Assemble a “Shelter in Place” kit for local emergencies, including:

- Battery-operated radio with extra batteries, tuned to the local Emergency Alert Station (EAS). In our area it is **106.9 WOOD FM**.
- Bottled water and snack food
- Duct tape and flashlight
- Visit www.ready.gov for more information.
- Check the kit every six months to ensure supplies are fresh and complete.
- Pack an Emergency Food Bucket for longer term emergencies - include bulk dry staple foods with a 25+ year shelf life. Each bucket should contain enough food to meet the basic caloric needs of an average adult for two weeks.

Prepare Your Car

- Build an auto emergency kit including: jumper cables, flares, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, non-perishable food items, drinking water, basic toolkit, shovel, ice scraper, warm clothes and blanket in the winter months, and a charged cell phone.
- Keep your gas tank full, especially in the winter.
- Do not drive through flooded areas. A foot of water will float many cars.
- If poor weather is forecasted, only drive when absolutely necessary.

4 Steps to Preparedness:

be informed ~ make a plan ~ build a kit ~ practice and maintain your plan and kit



Caluwaert Park:

This past winter the City of Montague took ownership of 14.49 acres of land through a generous donation by the previous owner for the creation of a public park. The City Council formally dedicated the property as a “City Park” in December and officially named the site as Caluwaert Park in honor of the donor. The City also purchased 25.97 acres surrounding the park for future residential housing, but there are no immediate plans for either property and Caluwaert Park will remain as public open space for the time being.

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.