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IMPORTANT DATE IN 2014

April

18..... City offices close at noon- Happy Easter!
19 Recycling Day 9am-11am

May

5 Compost Pickup Begins
17 Recycling Day 8am-11am
26 Memorial Day
City offices will be closed

June

21 Recycling Day 8am-11am

July

1.....Summer taxes mailed
4Fourth of July
City offices will be closed
19Recycling Day 8am-11am

Aug

3-10.....Sesquicentennial Celebration
16Recycling 8am-11am

Sept

1Labor Day
City office will be closed
15Summer taxes due
20.....Recycling Day 8am-11am

Oct

13.....Columbus Day
City offices will be closed
18Recycling Day 9am-11am
31Trick or Treating 5pm-8pm

Nov

15Recycling Day 9am-11am
27-28Thanksgiving
City office will be closed
28Christmas parade & tree lighting 6pm

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SPRING 2014

SAWDUST TO SAND CASTLES - EAST TAWAS CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF HISTORY

Plans for the week-long Sesquicentennial celebration, August 3-10, 2014, are well underway. The downtown area and a tent at Harbor Park will be the focal points for the celebration which will begin with a parade down Newman Street on Sunday, August 3rd. This will be followed by recognition of the family of our founding fathers at Harbor Park and a chicken barbeque prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus. Old-fashioned games will be played at Harbor Park. Later that evening residents and visitors will be offered the opportunity to watch a performance of the play, *The Logging Legacy*, written and produced by our own Michael Jacot.

The performance of the Community Band at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4th will take place at Harbor Park.

A special "Tuesday Night Live" will be held on Newman Street on Tuesday, August 5th.

Wednesday, August 6th will feature a Model A and Model T car show on Newman Street. Another performance of *The Logging Legacy* will be held at the tent at Harbor Park on Wednesday evening.

Old-fashioned sidewalk sales will take place on Newman Street Thursday, August 7th through Saturday, August 9th. The Friends of the East Tawas Library will be hosting their popular Booked for Lunch program at Harbor Park beginning at noon. The story time will be followed by other children's activities including a Magic Show and Puppet Show. Grace Lutheran Church will be hosting an evening of music at Harbor Park on Thursday evening.

A teen dance featuring a local DJ is being planned for Friday evening at Harbor Park.

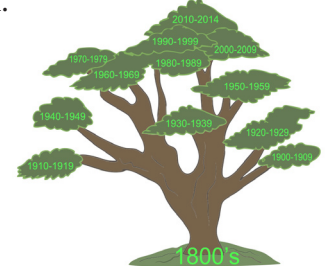
Saturday, August 9th will be a pig roast at Harbor Park prepared by Klenow's Market. The singing group, Old Time Connections, will be performing from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a family dance under the tent in the evening.

The celebration will conclude on Sunday with Praise by the Bay under the tent at Harbor Park. Praise bands from various churches in the area will be providing music.

Many other events are in the works so stay tuned for more information. A flyer detailing opportunities for community sponsorships and the opportunity to order Sesquicentennial mementoes is included in this newsletter. Please visit our website: www.ET150.org for more information. Anyone who would like to be part of the planning committee can contact City Hall at 989 362-6161 for more information.

YOU NEED TO BE ON THE COMMUNITY TREE!

(See flyer insert for details)



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1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD)
Or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-replay)

UPDATE ON NEW LIBRARY

The East Tawas City Council decided that if a new library is built, it will be located adjacent to the East Tawas City Hall and Community Center at 760 Newman Street. A committee appointed by Mayor Bruce Bolen recommended that a 5,000 square foot library be built at this site. The City is looking at funding sources for the library and it is anticipated that planning will continue once full funding for the project is achieved. An anonymous donor came forward offering to match new donations up to \$100,000. Since then there has been another anonymous donation of an additional \$50,000 separate from the matching \$100,000 donation. Members of the Friends of the East Tawas Library have offered to conduct a capital campaign to raise the \$100,000 to match the first anonymous donation. They plan to continue the capital campaign to raise whatever additional funds are needed. The City Council has already committed \$250,000 to this project and the Friends of the East Tawas Library have another \$100,000 in a library building fund in the Iosco County Community Foundation. Anyone interested in making a donation toward the new library can contact City Manager Ron Leslie or Clerk/Treasurer Blinda Baker. All donations to the library are tax deductible.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

WEST STATE STREET SEWER PROJECT: The West State Street sewer cured-in-place lining project that began last fall will continue in April and we expect completion by early June. The work includes lining the old sewer main and lateral lines to the homeowner's property line. The project area includes: State Street from Church Street to Bridge Street but also includes parts of Bridge Street, Huron Street from State Street north, and West Lincoln Street from Huron Street to Washington Street. This work will be completed by LiquiForce which is a company from Romulus. The cured-in-place lining work is completed from the surface using existing manholes to install the liner. Generally this process is completed with minimal digging and inconvenience to residents. However, last fall when LiquiForce was cleaning and televising the sewer lines, they identified five areas on State Street that will require excavation before the main pipe can be lined. This work will require portions of the street to be closed for short periods of time.

AT & T UNDERGROUND WORK: AT & T will be installing new underground service to replace the old overhead service on West State Street. The project from Sawyer Street to Huron Street will take place this spring with completion in late summer. Service problems are not expected, however, anyone experiencing problems in this area should call AT & T repair service at 1-800-288-2020. Once the underground work is completed the old poles and lines will be removed.

COMPOST PICKUP

Employees of the Department of Public Works will begin their compost (yard waste pick up) on Monday, May 5, 2014 through November 10, 2014. Compost must be contained in paper composting bags or a plastic trash bin specifically marked "Compost". Weight restriction for pick up is a maximum of 40 pounds. Plastic bags will no longer be picked up and will be tagged for this reason.

If you would like to take your yard waste to the compost area, a key is available at City Hall for East Tawas residents only. No building materials or junk may be taken to the compost area.

Please Contact City Hall at 989-362-6161 or

cityhall@easttawas.com if you have any questions or concerns.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Department of Public Works will begin flushing fire hydrants the first part of May. You may experience rusty water or low water pressure during this flushing period. Flushing of the hydrants is necessary to provide better water quality. Please watch our website or the Iosco County News Herald for our flushing schedule.



RECYCLING



Recycling is available to East Tawas and Tawas City residents and property owners the third Saturday of the month at our DPW garage located at 810 West Westover Street. Winter months, October through April, will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and May through September from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You must show a recycling card, which can be obtained at City Hall, before entering the recycling location.

THE EAST TAWAS LIBRARY & THE MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS PROGRAM

The East Tawas Library is again taking part in the Michigan Activity Pass program. The MAP program offers discounts to over 70 different cultural attractions around the state and has more than 400 libraries and 32 new venues taking part. This year the program will begin on May 24, 2014.

Each site decides what type of discount they will offer. Some places may have a buy one, get one free price for admission, others may offer a discount in their gift shop. Be aware the various attractions have the option of changing their discount from one offer to another during the course of the year.

Some of the sites participating include: the Besser Museum in Alpena, the Flint Institute of Arts, the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum in Mackinaw City, the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw, and the Saginaw Art Museum. There are also historic villages, railroad, fire, car, snowmobile, and lighthouse museums, plus theaters, art centers, and much more.

In order to obtain an offered MAP pass a valid library card is required. If you do not have a current Iosco-Arenac District Library card, please stop by the East Tawas Library with proof of your address (driver's license, utility bill, or piece of current mail) and obtain a library card. Patrons under 18 years of age, must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian in order to obtain a library card. The paper passes are only valid for 7 days so consider the date of your visit prior to printing.

The East Tawas Library will be happy to assist patrons without computers and/or printers to print out their passes. The District Library's fee of 10¢ per page for black and white printing or 50¢ for color printing will apply, otherwise there is no cost for the MAP program. Patrons may also use library computers to print out their own passes with the same printing fees.

After May 24th library patrons with computers and printers can access the program on their own by visiting the following website:
www.michiganactivitypass.info.

EAST TAWAS LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8-11:30am & 12:30-5pm

Tuesday: 12-4pm & 5-8:30pm

Wednesday: Closed

Saturday: 8am-12pm

Luann may be contacted at: libraryet@yahoo.com or 989-362-6162



GARAGE SALES

Garage sales are a big activity beginning this time of year. The City of East Tawas does not require you to obtain a permit for a garage sale, however, our City Ordinance states that a garage sale may last no longer than three days at one time and you are allowed only two garage sales in a calendar year.

The City also has an ordinance prohibiting signs attached to meter posts, trees or along any street right-of-way (City property), as well as on any building, wall or fence without first obtaining consent from the owner. State Law also prohibits attaching signs to utility poles. Signs in these locations will be removed. To advertise your event, the City has provided a kiosk in the Tawas Bay Players parking lot, located at 401 Newman Street.

Have you moved recently?

Has your primary residence changed?

Please be sure to file the Principal Residence forms with the Assessor's Office by June 1, 2014. If you're not sure if you have filed the forms or if you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at 362-6241.

REMINDER

Garbage pickup for East Tawas residents is Thursday, unless following a holiday. If you need to put your garbage out the night before, please do so after 7 p.m.

Waste Management Holiday Schedule

Collection will be delayed one day

Memorial Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

New Year's Day 2014

COMMUNITY CENTER IS STILL A BARGIN FOR AREA RESIDENTS

The East Tawas Community Center continues to provide recreational opportunities for area residents at very reasonable rates. With a full size gymnasium, the Center is ideally suited for basketball, volleyball and myriad other recreational activities. If walking is your exercise of choice, then the facility's elevated synthetic walking track is for you. Many residents and visitors use the track on a daily basis to keep in shape, especially during our cold and inclement winter seasons.

All that is required to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Community Center is a City of East Tawas recreation pass. Recreation passes are good for the City of East Tawas fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) annually. An annual pass for an individual resident is still only \$12.50. A two member family can purchase an annual pass for \$20.00 while a pass for an entire family is only \$25.00. Non-residents of the City of East Tawas can purchase annual passes as well. The rates for non-residents are double the price listed for an East Tawas resident. Daily passes are available for \$3.00 each.

So come on in and get your pass today and start taking advantage of the facilities offered in your Community Center.

TAWAS BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Tawas Backpack program is a community effort to make sure that less fortunate children have something to eat on the weekend. Backpacks are sent home with approximately 190 children each week.

City employees are once again helping this program by collecting items for the end of the school year backpack that will be sent home with eligible students in June. The Tawas Backpack program organizers are requesting plastic 16-18 oz. jars of peanut butter and 20-22 oz. plastic containers of jelly. Because the children take the backpacks home with them and many ride the bus, no glass jars are allowed. Donations can be brought to the East Tawas City Hall or Community Center any time the building is open. Our goal is 190 16-18 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter and 190 20-22 oz. plastic jars of jelly so that each child can be given one jar of peanut butter and one jar of jelly. All donations will be greatly appreciated and must be received by June 1, 2014.

CLEANING GREENWOOD CEMETERY

The East Tawas Department of Public Works will begin cleaning Greenwood Cemetery on Monday, April 28th (weather permitting). If there are any grave blankets, flowers, flowerpots, wreathes, etc. on the grave that you would like to keep, the items must be removed prior to April 28th. Any items remaining after April 28th will be removed and disposed of by the Department of Public Works. Decorations may be returned to the cemetery beginning May 19th. Please contact City Hall at (989) 362-6161 or cityhall@easttawas.com if you have any questions or concerns.

WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T!

Before you purchase, sketch and build, consult with your Zoning Administrator and avoid costly penalty fees, unnecessary delays and potential litigation.

Contact James Miner to schedule an appointment.

989-362-6161 or zoning@easttawas.com



UPDATES TO WATER AND SEWER METERS

On January 4, 2011, President Obama revised the definition for "lead free" within the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This act pertains to "pipe, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures" and is designed to protect the quality of drinking water in the U.S. The changes are due to go into effect on January 4, 2014. With these new regulations in place, any meters replaced after January 4, 2014, MUST be lead free. In August 2010 our Department of Public Works began replacing existing meters, with plans to have all meters updated by 2018. Because we do not have outside access to all meters, arrangements with the home owners may need to be made.

Please contact the City Hall at (989) 362-6161 or email us at cityhall@easttawas.com to update contact information or set up an appointment.



PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

City Parks

East Tawas

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City Trust Fund Grant Update

As reported in our last newsletter, Park Manager Keith Frank wrote and submitted a grant request for \$406,400 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. The grant was for the purchase of 605 W Bay Street and 601 W Bay Street properties located on US-23 in East Tawas. The City would be required to provide matching funds totaling \$180,400. The City's matching funds would come from the UDAG Fund.

On December 6 2013, the City was notified that their grant application received the highest score among all acquisition grants for the year and that the grant request had been recommended for funding. We are now in a "holding" pattern of sorts while we wait for the Governor to sign the bill into law, thus approving the funding.

Once funding is awarded, the existing structure at 605 W Bay Street would be converted to restrooms with shower facilities and a small meeting area/room for groups of 15-20 people. The properties at 609 & 617 W Bay Street were purchased by the City in 2012 and both the gas station and house have been demolished. These properties will be used to expand the Day-Use Area and be the location for future camper cabin development. The property at 601 W Bay Street would be used for expanded Day-Use Area and parking. Improvements would include parking, picnic tables, benches; grills and a bird hide to accommodate viewing of waterfowl and other migratory birds.



CITY PAVILIONS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Are you having a graduation party, family reunion, etc. but aren't looking forward to having guests track through your house? Then you may want to consider renting one of the East Tawas City Park pavilions for your event. The pavilions are located in Durant, Bolen and Dillon Parks in East Tawas. Each pavilion comes with a covered picnic area, picnic tables, two gas grills, and a kitchen with stove, refrigerator and Bunn Coffee Maker. Rental rates for all three pavilions for residents of the Tawas Area School District is \$50.00 Mondays through Fridays and \$75.00 for weekends and holidays. A \$50.00 security deposit is also required which will be refunded if everything is cleaned up and no damage is done.

The park begins taking requests for reservations on January 1 annually. The park offers the local Little League and Softball organizations until April 30 each year to submit their schedules for games and tournaments. On or around May 1, park staff will call to confirm your reservation at which time, you will have two weeks to come in and make your payments.

If you prefer to be on the beach for your event, you may want to consider the Day-Use Area gazebo. Located in the East Tawas City Park Day-Use Area adjacent to the Museum, this facility rents for \$50.00 per day. The gazebo comes with a minimum of six picnic tables and there are charcoal grills located throughout the Day-Use Area. You can also bring your own gas grills if you prefer.

Hours for all of the park facilities are from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. To reserve one of the facilities, contact the Park Office at 989-362-5562.