

City of East Tawas
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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2021

April

19.... Cemetery Clean up starts

26-30.... Hydrant Flushing

May

3 Compost pickup begins

31 Memorial Day

City offices will be closed

June

July

1.....Summer taxes mailed

5Fourth of July

City offices will be closed

10-11 Summerfest 2021

Aug

1 Tawas Uncork'd Wine, Ale and Food Festival

28-30..... Blues by the Bay Festival

Sept

6Labor Day

City offices will be closed

15**Summer taxes due**

Oct

31Downtown Halloween Parade 4:30 p.m.

Trick or Treating 5pm-8pm

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SPRING/SUMMER 2021

EAST TAWAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The East Tawas Police Department has been re-established and began operations this month. Our policing team includes Sergeant Mike Dekun, Officer Branden Kirby and myself.

We are proud to serve East Tawas and will continue to work together with our City Council, management, staff, and our local public safety agencies to develop a responsive community policing department for the citizens of East Tawas. We look forward to meeting everyone and building beneficial relationships to serve the community.

Frank Anthony, Chief of Police



NEW GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The City of East Tawas has contracted with American Waste for garbage collection. Below are details regarding collection. Thursday is still your trash pickup date and garbage tote locations will remain the same. More information is available at www.easttawas.com.

- ▷ You are allowed one 95-gallon tote (supplied by American Waste) and two 30-gallon bags outside your tote. The 30-gallon bags must be tied and cannot exceed 35 pounds or 30-gallon capacity.
- ▷ Garbage will be collected from one side of the street so you may have to place your garbage across from your house.
- ▷ To ensure timely service, please have your tote curbside the night before your scheduled pickup day.
- ▷ One bulk item per week to be removed on Thursdays.
 - ◆ Couches, chairs, benches
 - ◆ One bundle of construction/building material
 - ◆ One bundle of dry carpet that is bundled in lengths no longer than 3 feet and weighing no more than 35 pounds.

For further questions regarding your service with American Waste you can reach the Harrison office at 989-588-6000 or the Customer Service Call Center at 231-943-8088.

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS FOR ASSESSING PURPOSES

In early 2014 the State Tax Commission sent a bulletin that gave assessing offices guidelines for property inspections. These recommendations, when implemented, preserve the property owner's rights. The East Tawas assessing office notifies the owners of those properties that are scheduled for a property visit for the current year. This year's notice was printed boldly on the Change of Assessment Notices that were mailed in February. The property owner always has the option of contacting the assessing office if they do not want the inspection to take place.

If the property owner doesn't want to grant access to the property, it is still important that the information used to value the improvements on the property is current and accurate. The property owner that asks to opt out is asked to complete an updated record card questionnaire. This questionnaire is available online at www.easttawas.com or the owner can review their records with the assessor by simply calling the assessing office.

If you have further questions, please email rsells@easttawas.com or call (989)362-6241.

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.

MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT

The City of East Tawas Mosquito Management program was implemented in July 2011. APM Mosquito Control (APM) performs the mosquito control program for the City of East Tawas. The program will consist of all phases of an Integrated Pest Management strategy against mosquitoes in the city.

1. Adult mosquito monitoring/ Disease Testing.
2. Breeding site inspections and larviciding.
3. ULV Adulticide applications.
4. Perimeter Barrier Adulticide applications.

Detailed information about the program is available at City Hall or online at www.easttawas.com, or contact APM at (810)766-9423.

*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, 2021. 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.

Holiday Schedule

Collection will be delayed one day when the holiday falls on a weekday.

Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

“CURB APPEAL” ...IT BENEFITS ALL OF US.

After a long, cold winter, spring is the season of rejuvenation. Spring is a great time to venture back out in the yard and dispose of unwanted items. Getting rid of yard clutter will quickly increase the curb appeal of your home, possibly making better neighbor relations and will certainly benefit the character and livability of our City.



VALVE TURNING HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Department of Public Works will be turning water valves beginning April 12th through April 23rd and flushing fire hydrants starting April 26th through April 30th. You may experience rusty water or low water pressure during this flushing period. Valve turning and flushing of the hydrants is necessary to provide better quality water. Please watch the Iosco County News Herald for the flushing schedule.

AUTOMATIC TAX AND UTILITY PAYMENT AND ELECTRONIC BILLING

The City of East Tawas offers an automatic payment option for both water and sewer billing and taxes. You may also have your water and sewer bills electronically mailed. For more information contact City Hall at 989-362-6161 or visit our website at www.easttawas.com.



SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT

Eligible taxpayers can defer the payment of the summer taxes on their principal residence until February 14, 2022 by completing an Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes and submitting the application by September 15, 2021. Because income changes from year to year, the application form must be submitted every year to request deferment of your taxes. Additional information is available at City Hall or on the Michigan Department of Treasury website at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

CLEANING GREENWOOD CEMETERY

We will begin the spring cleanup at the Greenwood Cemetery on Monday, April 19th (weather permitting). If there are any grave blankets, flowers, flowerpots, wreaths, etc. on graves that you would like to keep, the items **must be removed prior to April 18th**. Any items remaining after April 19th will be removed and disposed of. Decorations may be returned to the cemetery beginning May 10th. Please contact City Hall at (989) 362-6161 or cityhall@easttawas.com if you have any questions or concerns.



Photo courtesy of Jay Samuels Photography

REQUEST FOR TURN ON AND TURN OFF

When requesting a water turn on or off please contact City Hall at 989-362-6161 to schedule an appointment, please make sure to give a 24-hour notice. This service costs \$10 each time the water is turned on or off and is applied to your monthly water bill.

COMPOST

The East Tawas Compost facility will only be available to East Tawas property owners. No commercial drop off is allowed. Regular Monday curbside collection will begin on Monday, May 3, 2021 and will run through November 8, 2021. If you wish to make an appointment to deliver yardwaste to the compost site, a 24-hour notice must be made by contacting City Hall at 989-362-6161.

In addition to regular Monday pickup, American Waste will be providing a Spring and Fall compost pickup. They will only accept biodegradable bags no heavier than 30 pounds and will not take wet bags. Spring pickup will be the last two Fridays in May and Fall pickup will run every Friday in October.

SUMMER TAXES

Summer tax bills will be mailed on July 1st and will be due on Monday, September 15, 2021. Interest will be added at 1% per month after the due date. Summer taxes may be paid at East Tawas City Hall, 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, by mail addressed to City of East Tawas, 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, Michigan 48730, by credit or debit card over the phone, online or at City Hall. If paying by a debit or credit card, you will be charged a 2.75% service fee for this convenience. If you would like to have your taxes paid by an automatic payment initiated by the City at no cost to you, please contact our office or visit our website (www.easttawas.com) to complete the required form.

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

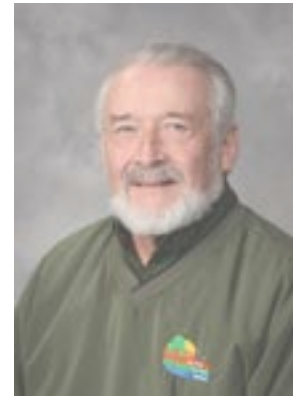
We have experienced many obstacles over the past year, but brighter days are ahead of us. My heart goes out for those affected by the pandemic and I thank our community for their patience and understanding throughout this journey together. We look forward to a great 2021 summer season and will continue to serve our residents in the best interest of the community and our City.

May God's blessings be with us.

-Brent Barringer, City Manager

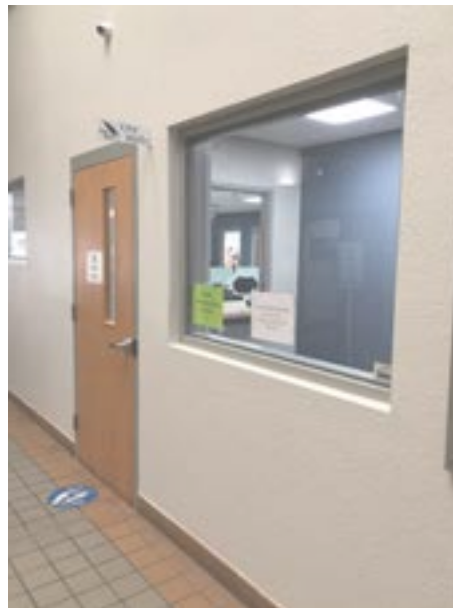
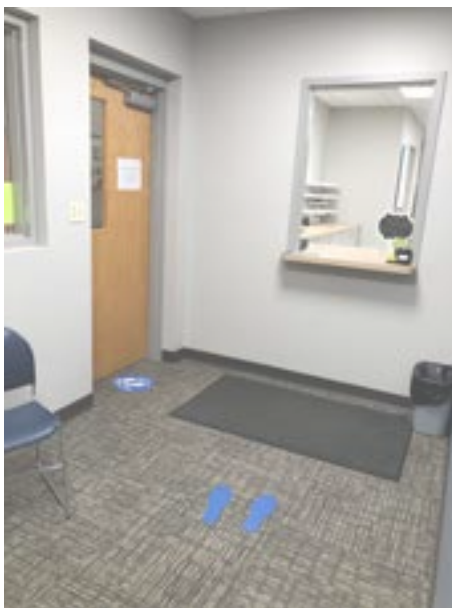
HAPPY RETIREMENT KEITH FRANK

The City of East Tawas would like to recognize Keith Frank and thank him for his 46 years of service to the East Tawas Parks. He started his career with the City as the Assistant Park Manager on May 15, 1975. One year later he was promoted to Park Manager. He has shown outstanding service and dedication to our community and we wish him a happy retirement!



EAST TAWAS HOUSING COMMISSION RENOVATION PROJECT

East Tawas Housing Commission (ETHC) plans to convert the Bay Park Tower South from the public housing program to Section 8 rental assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). RAD is a voluntary program run by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under RAD, HUD will change the way it provides rental assistance to the community from public housing to a long-term Section 8 assistance contract. During the RAD conversion upgrades will take place to each apartment and common areas along with the boilers and HVAC.



CITY HALL RENOVATIONS

City Hall has been undergoing renovations and has a new look! When entering City Hall you will now notice we no longer have our window facing the hallway. You will enter our new waiting room and proceed to the window. We have also updated our workstations and added a new meeting room just off our waiting area. These changes allow for more privacy and the elimination of extra noise from the Community Center gym.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the final stages.



BECOME A FRIEND

The Friends of the East Tawas Library (FOETL) is a group of fun individuals who are passionate about their local library and work to support the library staff, promote literacy through programs for children and adults and help fund capital needs that arise in the library itself. Although the past year has been quieter due to COVID, recent projects included automatic ADA compliant entry doors into the building and new signage and lettering for the building and parking lot. Each winter the Friends, in cooperation with Iosco-Arenac District Library, have a “Cabin Fever” series and host regional author presentations. Summer brings the annual “Booked for Lunch” storytime in the park, with each child in attendance receiving a new book to take home. They have many more ideas that they would love to introduce to support the library and community, but need help from YOU to make that happen. If you are interested in joining the FOETL, please stop by the library for a membership form.

FOETL was scheduled to host Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha last April as part of the Michigan Humanities, Great Michigan Read program. Unfortunately that event had to be cancelled due to necessary precautions, but we are pleased to announce she is doing a virtual program in affiliation with the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library on Tuesday, April 6th at 6:30 pm.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is a Flint pediatrician who worked tirelessly to bring to light the Flint Water Crisis. “Here is the inspiring story of how Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, alongside a team of researchers, parents, friends, and community leaders, discovered that the children of Flint, Michigan, were being exposed to lead in their tap water—and then battled her own government and a brutal backlash to expose that truth to the world. ... At the center of the story is Dr. Mona herself—an immigrant, doctor, scientist, and mother whose family’s activist roots inspired her pursuit of justice.” – Penguin Random House, publisher of *What the Eyes Don’t See*.

Dr. Mona will participate in a virtual conversation with Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Katie Wolf beginning at 6:30 pm, followed by an audience Q&A.

This event will be conducted live via Zoom. Registration is required and can be done by visiting www.alpenalibrary.org.

Please consider attending the program to learn more about this amazing physician and her book, *What the Eyes Don’t See*. The East Tawas Library has a limited supply of free books, readers’ guides, bookmarks, and other supplemental materials for the public. Books, e-books, and audiobook versions are also available for checkout at the Library.

Library Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Hours may vary due to COVID. Contact the library at (989) 362-6162 or library@easttawas.com.

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ZONING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ZONING PERMITS

Please remember that the City of East Tawas is a zoned community and you need a zoning permit for any construction including, but not limited to, decks, pools, fences, sheds, garages, additions, houses, etc. or tearing down any structures regardless of size. Permits and guidelines are available at City Hall or online at www.easttawas.com. Incomplete permits will delay approval, so please be sure to allow yourself enough time to get all the necessary information and for the Zoning Administrator to review and approve the application. Permits received will require 24-48 hours for review.

Any commercial permits must be approved by the Planning Commission which meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Plans must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the meeting to be included on the agenda. If a site plan review is required, two weeks notice prior to a meeting is required for review.

EAST TAWAS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

AND

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Are you a new business in town, or may have been here and want to learn how to become more involved with your local business events and decision making? The East Tawas Business Association and Tax Increment Finance Authority assist in the efforts to maintain the vitality and beautification of our US-23 and downtown business districts.

The East Tawas Business Association (ETBA): The objective of the East Tawas Business Association, Inc. is, without limitation, to facilitate cooperative efforts regarding marketing, promotion and communication with the member businesses, and coordinate and maintain projects of beautification and decoration of Downtown streets, including but not limited to, the Central Business District in East Tawas. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

If you should have any questions regarding our association, please feel free to contact Allen Tubbs at 989-362-7728 or tubbsall@gmail.com.

Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA): The purpose of the Authority is to re-establish and maintain the vitality of the TIFA District. Any revenues captured as a result of the TIFA Plan are generated from the base year of 1983 and are used to continue to develop the downtown area and will be used to develop the TIFA area over the period of the TIFA Plan. The TIFA Plan was Amended in October 2004 and extends for 30 years.

The TIFA District consists of waterfront properties along US-23, the first three blocks of Newman Street, the first three blocks of West Bay Street and the first two blocks of East Bay Street. TIFA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November) and any special meetings will be called by the TIFA board or City Clerk.

If you should have any questions regarding TIFA, please feel free to contact City Hall at 989-362-6161 or at cityhall@easttawas.com.

SPRING/SUMMER LOCAL EVENTS

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions in place, all event dates and times are to be announced at a later date. Check the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce or our City of East Tawas Facebook page for further details prior to each event.

Tawas Point Birding Festival (May)

Memorial Day Parade (May 31)

Tuesday Night Live (June through August)

4th of July Parade and Fireworks (4th of July)

Summerfest 2021 (2nd weekend in July)

Tawas Uncorked & Untapped Beer & Wine Festival (1st weekend in August)

Tawas Bay Waterfront Fine Arts Festival (August)

Sidewalk sales on Newman Street (2nd weekend in August)

Blues by the Bay (August)

Labor Day Arts & Craft Show (September)

Tawas Point Haunted Lighthouse (October)

East Tawas Customer Appreciation Days (October)

Halloween Parade on Newman Street (October 31)

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade (December)

Perchville USA (February)

Other Community Events:

Community Band Concerts in the Park

Tawas Bay Players

Tawas Bay Triathlon

Turkey Trot 5K Run & Walk

NEW BUSINESSES

We would like to welcome the businesses below to the City of East Tawas!

Salty Jo's

101 Newman Street

Natures Whims Boutique

129 Newman Street

Ana's Treasures and Boutique

127 Newman Street



TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

The East Tawas Business Association will be hosting Tuesday Night Live every Tuesday starting June 22nd through August 10th from 7:00- 8:30 pm. More details will be available online through the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce at www.tawas.com.