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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2016-17

Oct

10.....Columbus Day
City offices will be open

31 Halloween Parade 4:30p,
Trick or Treating 5pm-8pm

Nov

24-25. Thanksgiving
City offices will be closed
25.....Christmas parade & tree lighting 6pm

Dec

1Winter taxes mailed
23-26 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
City offices will be closed

Jan

2New Year's Day
City offices will be closed

Feb

3-5 ..Perchville USA
14 Winter Taxes due

Mar

Apr

14Good Friday
City offices close at noon

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FALL - WINTER 2016-17

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a great success! We are so proud of our new library and were very pleased to have so many community members attend our celebration. We had a dream to build a new library and it has taken so many years, but that dream is now a reality! We have been so impressed by and grateful for all of the donations from the Friends of the East Tawas Library, the community, former community members and visitors who just love libraries. These donations have added up to more than \$700,000. The commitment from the City Council to contribute \$600,000 to the Library Construction Fund enabled us to construct the new 5,000 square foot library.

Our Librarian, Luann Elvey, and her volunteers, Patti Casey and Sue Freel, did a fantastic job setting up the new library once everything was moved from the old library by Make Way Move All. This was a monumental task and one they accomplished in just two weeks. Stephanie Mallak Olson and John Cargo from Iosco-Arenac District Library took care of all the information technology needs of the library and were also instrumental in getting the library opened so quickly. There is still work to be done to totally complete the new library including interior and exterior signage, the donor wall and landscaping including the installation of the commemorative bricks. Donations are still being accepted and commemorative bricks are still available for purchase.

If you haven't visited the new library yet, please stop in to view our newest gem!



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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)

ELECTION NEWS

The GENERAL (Presidential) Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in the East Tawas Community Center gymnasium. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please remember to bring your valid Driver's License or other valid Michigan identification in order to receive your ballot. Absentee ballots are now available. You must complete an absentee ballot application before receiving a ballot. If you completed a dual absentee ballot application for both the Primary (August 2nd) and General (November 8th) elections, you will automatically be mailed your ballot for the General Election. Voters requesting an absentee ballot in person at City Hall must present a valid Driver's License or other valid Michigan identification in order to receive a ballot. City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5th and the deadline for requesting a ballot by mail is 2:00 p.m. on that day. All absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on election night. Voters eligible for an absentee ballot may vote in person at City Hall until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7th. If you have any questions on whether you will be receiving an absentee ballot automatically, please contact City Hall at 989-362-6161.

STRAIGHT PARTY (TICKET) VOTING WILL REMAIN ON THE NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT. Voters will have the option to vote the partisan portion of the ballot by voting for either the Republican Party or Democratic Party. The non-partisan and proposal portions of the ballot will still need to be voted separately.

The last day to register to vote for the November General Election is October 11, 2016.

The City of East Tawas will also have on the ballot six candidates running for three City Council positions and one candidate running for Mayor. A proposal to continue mosquito control in East Tawas is also included in the proposal section of the ballot. The proposal reads as follows:

CITY OF EAST TAWAS PROPOSAL MOSQUITO CONTROL AND SUPPRESSION MILLAGE

Shall the City of East Tawas be authorized to levy a tax annually upon the taxable value against all property in the City of East Tawas, County of Iosco, State of Michigan for an amount not to exceed .4100 mills (\$.4100 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2018 through 2022, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing mosquito control and suppression in the City of East Tawas?

The .4100 mills consists of a renewal of a previously authorized millage of .3994 mills (as reduced by the Headlee Amendment reductions), which expires following the 2017 tax levy. The renewal millage rate of 0.3994 mills will be subject to Headlee Amendment reductions, if any, in 2017 prior to the first year of the levy in 2018. The requested .0106 millage is a new additional millage. The renewal millage of .3994 and the new additional millage of .0106 are projected to provide \$31,676 in the first year of the levy.

If this proposal is adopted, the Mosquito Control and Suppression for the City of East Tawas would continue through 2022. The increase in the millage rate is minimal levy the amount needed to continue the program.

EAST TAWAS COMMUNITY CENTER

Rates for Recreation Passes

Resident:

Individual	\$12.50
2-Member Family	\$20.00
Family	\$25.00

Nonresident:

Individual	\$25.00
2-Member Family	\$40.00
Family	\$50.00

Day Pass: \$3.00

(All recreation passes expire on September 30th)

*Family Pass includes any children under the age of 18

For Hall rental availability and pricing please call 989-362-3537

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Department of Public Works will begin flushing fire hydrants October 3-7, 2016. 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.



NEW FACES AT THE NEW LIBRARY

Joining Luann and longtime volunteers Sue and Patti are part-timers Kim and Kelly.

Kim likes dogs and has a yellow Labrador Retriever named Jenny.

Kelly enjoys music, cooking, and HGTV.

We will be happy to show you around the new library, so please feel free to ask us for a tour or assistance in locating library materials.

EAST TAWAS LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS:

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

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

Wednesday: Closed

Saturday: 8am-noon

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

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



Santa Claus will be making his annual trip to the East Tawas Fire Hall to visit with area children on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

Santa will be arriving by sleigh in an undisclosed wooded area somewhere north of East Tawas where he will be picked up by members of the East Tawas Volunteer Fire Department. From there, he will be transported to the Fire Hall in an East Tawas fire truck. Following a brief trip through the downtown business district, Santa should arrive at the Fire Hall around 7:00 p.m. where he will remain until the last child has had an opportunity to visit with him.

Coffee, cookies and hot chocolate will be available to all who visit and each child who talks with Santa will receive a bag of goodies to take home.

Santa's visit each year is sponsored by the East Tawas City Park and the East Tawas Volunteer Fire Department.

SNOW PLOWING

With winter drawing near, we are asking for your cooperation in keeping the City streets and parking lots cleared of vehicles from 3:00 a.m.-6:00 a.m. allowing our Department of Public Works to efficiently plow snow off the City streets and downtown parking spaces.

CLEAR SNOW FOR READING

During the winter months, the Department of Public Works would like to remind all homeowners and landlords to maintain a path to your meter pad for monthly meter readings. If your meter pad becomes buried with snow or ice, an estimate will be used to compute your monthly bill.

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses may be purchased at City Hall from December 1st to March 1st. The fee is \$10.00 for male and female dogs, and \$5.00 for unsexed dogs. Proof of Rabies Vaccination is required. After March 1st dog licenses may be purchased at the County Treasurer's Office.



FIRE PREVENTION

East Tawas Fire Chief Bill Deckett wants to remind you that your smoke alarms should be checked monthly and the batteries changed twice a year. A perfect time is when you change your clocks for daylight savings time. You are more than twice as likely to survive a house fire if you have working smoke alarms. So, remember,

"CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!"



WINTER TAX BILLS

2016 Winter Tax bills will be mailed on December 1, 2016 and are due February 14, 2017. If you would like your tax payment made by automatic payment initiated by the City of East Tawas, please contact our office at 989-362-6161 or visit our website www.easttawas.com to complete the required form. After February 28, 2017, all delinquent tax amounts will be forwarded to the Iosco County Treasurer for collection.

WATER METER MAINTENANCE

We are asking for the cooperation of residents in maintaining water meters in the upcoming winter months. The Department of Public Works has been hard at work this summer updating water meters. The initial meter is free of charge to the home owner, but a replacement meter due to any damages will be at the cost of the homeowner. The cost of a new meter is a minimum of \$150.00.

Our main concern is keeping meters and water lines from freezing and breaking. The first step would be to locate your water meter. (Water meters are normally located in a crawl space or basement.)

Suggestions for homeowners are listed below:

- ▶ Make sure that there are no drafts of cold air hitting the meter. Meters that are located in a crawl space can sometimes be located in direct relation to the crawl space access door. If there is any air leaking through the access it could result in freezing the meter.
 - Insulate around the meter or around the access door to keep the cold draft away.
 - Make sure to shut any crawl space vents around the house.
- ▶ Summer homes and cottages that aren't in use during the winter, or not used as often:
 - If the home is not in use during winter months have it properly winterized.
 - If only used on occasion, make sure you take the proper steps to keep the meter clear of cold drafts. Keeping your heat up, keeping it insulated, or, during extreme temperatures keeping a pencil lead size stream of water running at one faucet will help prevent meters and lines from freezing.



← What your new meter looks like

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. 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.

REMINDER

Garbage pickup for East Tawas residents is Thursday, unless following a holidays listed below. 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 2016
4th of July