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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2018-19

Oct

8.....Columbus Day
City offices will be closed

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

Nov

3..... City Hall Open 8am-2pm
6General Election
22-23 Thanksgiving
City offices will be closed
23Christmas parade & tree lighting 6pm

Dec

1Winter taxes mailed
24-25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
City offices will be closed

Jan

1New Year's Day
City offices will be closed

Feb

1-3 ..Perchville USA
14 Winter Taxes due

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FALL - WINTER 2018-19

UPCOMING PROJECTS

EVANS STREET PROJECT

We will be improving the water and storm sewer system on Evans Street between Bay Street and Lincoln Street in the Spring of 2019. Our crews will be diligent in informing residents of potential temporary water shut-offs. Residential access is planned to be maintained throughout the project and the road will be re-paved as part of the improvements. If you have a particular medical or access need, please contact City Hall so we can try to make accommodations.

DOWNTOWN NEWMAN STREET

The City's staff wants to thank everyone for their patience throughout the downtown watermain repair project. Our Department of Public Works has completed the replacement of 28-30 faulty water service connections. This project will improve the stability of our commercial water service and reduce the City's water loss. Newman Street will remain a bit of a patchwork of paving until 2019 when it is planned to be re-paved. Our current schedule is to complete the paving project in the spring before the start of tourist season. A big "Thank You" to John Henry Excavating, Bolen Asphalt Paving and our Department of Public Works staff for all of their hard work and efforts.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a City Board, Commission or Authority? It can be a very satisfying and rewarding experience to learn more about city government and help make our City a better place to live. The City Council reviews board members this time of year and appointments are made by the 1st of the year. The City's boards, commissions or authorities currently include: Board of Review, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Housing Commission, Park Board, Planning Commission, Tax Increment Finance Authority, Urban Development Action Grant Reuse Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are interested in serving on any of our boards, please notify City Hall at cityhall@easttawas.com or (989) 362-6161.

WINTER TAX BILLS

2018 Winter Tax bills will be mailed on December 1, 2018 and are due February 14, 2019. 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, 2019, all delinquent tax amounts will be forwarded to the Iosco County Treasurer for collection.

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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 (Gubernatorial) Election will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 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 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 7th) and General (November 6th) 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 to receive a ballot. City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd 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 5th. If you have any questions on whether you will be receiving an absentee ballot automatically, please contact City Hall at 989-362-6161.

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.

****The last day to register to vote for the November General Election is October 9, 2018.****

SMALL BUSINESS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Business owners, the following changes have been made regarding claiming a personal property exemption.

All taxpayers must file Form 5076 in 2019 to claim the exemption. Once granted they will continue to receive the exemption until they no longer qualify for the exemption. Once they no longer qualify, the taxpayer is required to file a rescission form and a personal property statement no later than February 20th of the year that the property is no longer eligible. Failure to file the rescission form will result in significant penalty and interest as prescribed by P.A. 132 of 2018: "An owner who fails to file a rescission and whose property is later discovered to be ineligible for the exemption is subject to repayment of any additional taxes with interest at a rate of 1% per month or fraction of a month and penalties computed from the date the taxes were last payable without interest or penalty."

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.

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.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Department of Public Works will begin flushing fire hydrants October 1-5, 2018. 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.

EAST TAWAS LIBRARY NEWS



STEM / STEAM Book Collections

The East Tawas Library has reorganized some of our book collections so our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) books will be easier to locate.

Both STEM and STEAM work to promote not just these individual topics, but also various skills and attributes which are so very important for our world today. These include: analyzing, collaborating, creativity, critical thinking, designing and re-designing, imagination, learning from failure and mistakes, logic, perseverance, problem-solving, questioning, and a thirst for knowledge.

All of the above words can make the books in this collection sound boring and dull, however, our STEM / STEAM collection is actually the opposite. There are books for all ages, from pre-school through high school and adult. There are books on many different interesting topics, including ancient people, architecture, art, biographies, computers, crafts (maker crafts), dinosaurs, disasters, forensics, gaming (Minecraft), nature, trivia, and weather.

Stop by the East Tawas Library. We are always happy to show you our various collections of books and other materials, including our newest STEM and STEAM collections.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am – noon

REMINDER

Garbage pickup for East Tawas residents is Thursday, unless following a holiday 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 2018
4th of July

ZONING PERMITS

Please remember that the City of East Tawas is a zoned community and you are required to obtain a zoning permit for any construction (including decks, pools, fences, sheds, garages, additions, houses, etc.) or tearing down any structures. Permits and guidelines are available at City Hall. 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.

Any commercial permits must be approved by the Planning Commission which meets at City Hall 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.

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!"



COMMUNITY CENTER RECREATION PASS RATES

RESIDENT

Single:	\$15.00
Two Person, Same Family:	\$25.00
Family:	\$30.00 (includes children under the age of 18)

NON-RESIDENT

Single:	\$35.00
Two Person, Same Family:	\$50.00
Family:	\$60.00 (includes children under the age of 18)

Day Passes did not increase and still remain \$3.00 per day.

Also increasing for the first time since 2005 is the hourly gym rental rates for athletic use rentals. The new rates are:

Full Gym:	\$40.00 per hour
Half Gym:	\$30.00 per hour

Evening Rentals will be allowed from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. only

CITY PARK BATHHOUSE PROJECT TO BE RE-BID

Due to what is believed to be a tremendous upswing in the construction industry, bids for the City Park Public Bathhouse Project came in way over bid. So, in moving forward, the East Tawas Park Board has retained the services of the construction management firm of R. C. Hendrick & Son, Inc. They will put together individual bid packages and the project will be re-bid in September 2018. It is hoped that bidders will be looking for projects for the 2019 construction season and will submit bids closer to the engineer's construction estimate for the project. We are now looking at a spring 2019 construction start date.

In the meantime, MDOT has offered to assist in the project. In exchange for permanently closing the old drive-ways that accessed US-23, MDOT will pay to remove and replace the curbing in these areas. That will save the City several thousand dollars on the bathroom project. This work is scheduled to start in October this year. It is possible that parts of the bike path in those areas may only be compacted gravel through the winter months until construction starts up in the spring.

