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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2019-20

Oct

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

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

Nov

28-29 Thanksgiving
City offices will be closed
29Christmas parade & tree lighting 6pm

Dec

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

Jan

31-1 ..New Year's Eve Day & New Year's Day
City offices will be closed

Feb

6-9...Perchville USA
14 Winter Taxes due
17Presidents Day
City offices will be Closed

Mar

10Presidential Primary

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FALL - WINTER 2019-20

DOWNTOWN RESTROOM PROJECT

The downtown restroom project is nearing completion. We want to thank our Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) for envisioning and funding this project as part of their strategic plan for the business district. Upon completion, this facility will be turned over to the City Park department for operations and maintenance. This will be a great addition to the City.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City is looking for volunteers to serve on a City Board, Commission or Authority. This would be an experience that would be very satisfying and rewarding giving you the opportunity to learn more about city government and helping to 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 board, 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 submit a letter or email of interest to Julie Potts, City Clerk, PO Box 672, East Tawas, Michigan 48730 or jpotts@easttawas.com or call City Hall at (989) 362-6161 for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING PARADE AND CEREMONY

On Friday, November 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm the City of East Tawas will hold the annual Parade and Christmas tree lighting ceremony. This year we encourage all of our City staff and boards and commissions members to join us in the parade. After the parade, Mayor Bolen will count down the tree lighting and there will be cookies and refreshments for all to enjoy!



CENSUS 2020 TIMELINE

- January 2020 – The US Government will begin advertising that the Census is coming.
- March 2020 – An initial postcard will be mailed out to residents asking to submit forms.
- April 2020 – A final postcard will be sent out to residents asking to submit forms.
- May to July 2020 - Enumerators (Census employees) will go door to door to finalize count.
- March 2021 - The results are received by the State of Michigan.

If you are a “snowbird” and spend your winters in a southern state, you should make sure that you are counted for the Census in the state where you spend the majority of your time and your Principal Residence Exemption for property tax is established. Funding for Michigan from the Federal Government is based on the population established by the Census count in Michigan.

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To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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)

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The 2020 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Absentee ballots will be available 45 days before the election on January 25, 2020 at East Tawas City Hall located at 760 Newman Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and will also be available on Saturday, March 7, 2020 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW --- You can skip the line on Election Day and vote by mail? Voting is now easier than ever! Changes are available for Michigan voters with the passage of Proposal 18-3. ALL registered voters in Michigan are able to request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. Due to this change, you can request to be placed on the City's permanent absentee voter list to automatically receive an absent voter application prior to each election. The City is unable to automatically mail an absentee ballot to any voter but will be able to mail the application form used to request an absentee ballot. If you would like to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list, please contact the Clerk's Office to obtain a "Permanent Absentee Voter List Request Form" or visit our website at www.easttawas.com for a fillable form. Applications will be mailed to those on the permanent absentee voter list approximately 60 days prior to an election.

Please note that voters placed on the permanent absentee voter list should be aware that the permanent absentee voter list is based on an address and a voter name, therefore, any address change made to a voters registration will removed the permanent absentee voter status and the voter must re-apply to be on the permanent absentee voter list.

(Note: Election law states that a ballot can only be given to the person requesting the ballot. Applications for an absentee ballot can be presented at City Hall but only those persons appearing in person will be given an absentee ballot. Ballots for those not appearing in person will be sent their ballot by mail or hand delivered by the Clerk. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions.)

EAST TAWAS LIBRARY- SCHOOL SUCCESS

A new school year means new beginnings and challenges. As parents, grandparents, or concerned adults, we all want the kids in our lives to succeed to the best of their abilities. Libraries can help. Besides offering books on a wide variety of topics that relate to academics, including our STEM*/STEAM** collections, the East Tawas Library has a Tough Times Collection. Many of the books in this collection can assist your child with the inevitable bumps in the school year road.

Topics include: Anger, Body Image & Self Confidence, Bullying & Tolerance, Diversity & Inclusion, Fears, Jealousy, Kindness, Over-Scheduling, Special Health Needs – ADHD***, Asperger's, Autism, Color Blindness, Depression, Dyslexia, Eye Patches, Food Allergies, Glasses, Head Lice, Sportsmanship, Stage Fright, Violence and Worry.

Kids are smart, strong and resilient. With the love and support of a community of caring peers and adults, they can overcome the school year's tough times. These learning experiences will help them successfully cope with the challenges of adulthood.

Please stop by the East Tawas Library. We are always happy to assist you.

* STEM = Science/Technology/Engineering/Math

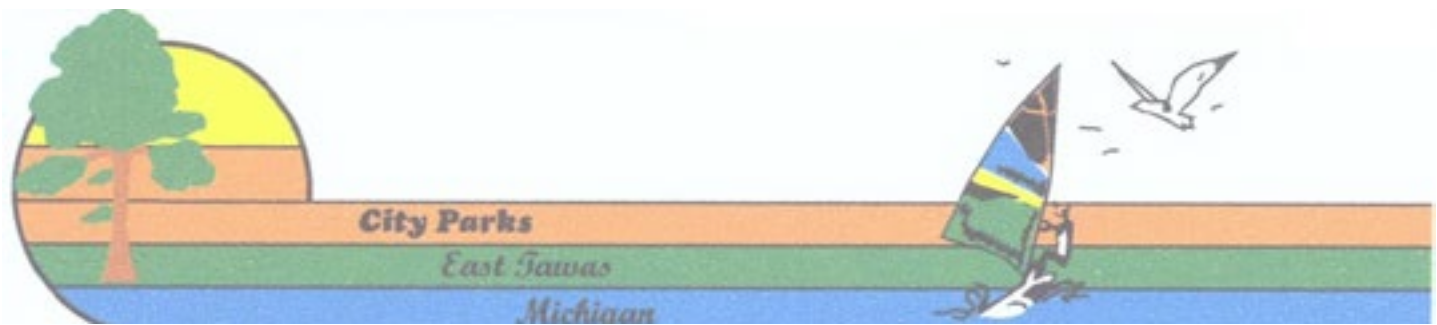
** STEAM = Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/Math

*** ADHD = Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

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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



CITY PARK HIRES NEW ASSISTANT MANAGER



The East Tawas City Park has hired a new Assistant Park Manager. Eric Braun was chosen from a field of eleven applicants and began work on October 1, 2019.

Eric grew up in Hale and attended Hale Area Schools, graduating in 2005. After high school he attended Alma College where he received his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. He then moved on to Central Michigan University, earning a Master of Science degree in Sports Administration. Through all of this time, Eric also worked for the Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Division at Rifle River Recreation Area for six seasons. After grad school, he accepted a Ranger Position at Harrisville State

Park where he remained for five years. Most recently Eric has been employed by Isabella Bank in Mt. Pleasant where he served as the Facilities Manager since 2015.

Eric is married and has two children. He enjoys spending time with his wife and children, spending time at the lake, hunting and hiking.

Be sure to give Eric a big welcome when you see him out and about in the parks.

CITY PARK CAMPGROUND TO CLOSE FOR ELECTRIC UPGRADE

For the first time since 1965, the East Tawas City Park will be closed to camping beginning October 16, 2019. On that date, electrical contractors will begin upgrading the City Park's electrical system from 30 to 50 amps. Although campers will be allowed to leave their trailers in the park this winter for winter storage (they will have to have their trailers on a site by 5:00 p.m. October 15th), there will be little or no admittance to the campground itself during the construction period. Power to the campground and all buildings will be terminated shortly after October 16 and will remain off until the project is completed. The described construction period during which time the campground will remain closed runs from October 16, 2019 to January 15, 2020. However, the contractor (McKerchie Enterprises, Inc.) has informed Park Manager Keith Frank that he plans to be done with the project by November 15, 2019. Whenever the project is completed and electricity is re-established to the campsites and buildings, the campground will reopen for camping and business as usual.

CITY PARK BATHHOUSE PROJECT MOVES TOWARD COMPLETION

Despite some unanticipated delays due to the discovery of some underground storage tanks, the East Tawas City Park bathhouse project continues to move forward. Construction crews have been onsite and working week-ends to try to get the project back on schedule and completed by the completion date of December 31, 2019. When completed, the project will provide free restrooms and showers to the general public, an additional 50 parking spaces which will increase the total number of available spaces to 113, an outside shower and foot wash station so that beach goers can rinse off before going into the building and a dish washing station for picnickers to rinse off and clean their dishes before going home.

WINTER TAX BILLS

Winter tax bills will be mailed on December 1st and will be due on February 14, 2020. A 3% penalty will be added to all taxes unpaid after February 14, 2020. Winter taxes may be paid at the East Tawas City Hall until March 2, 2020 after which all taxes remaining unpaid will be turned over as delinquent to the Iosco County Treasurer. 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.

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. to 6:00 a.m. allowing our Department of Public Works to efficiently plow snow off the City streets and downtown parking spaces. Please refrain from blowing and pushing the snow from driveways into the City streets. Keeping it on your property could decrease the amount placed back into the end of your driveway during the plows second passing.

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.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Department of Public Works will begin flushing fire hydrants October 7-11, 2019. 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.

Compost Facility

Thank you for your patience as we refine our City's composting program. An increase in commercial use has driven us to modify access to better manage our space and resources. Curbside pickup of compost will continue on Monday's starting May 1st through the second Monday in November with direct access options being defined for the spring.

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.

IOSCO COUNTY MUSEUM

Regular hours end in September but the museum is open throughout the fall and winter by appointment. The annual membership meeting is Thursday, October 10th at 6 pm at the museum. Please come and learn about volunteering opportunities and other ways to support such a great asset to our community.

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

4th of July

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!"