

City of East Tawas
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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2022-23

Oct	Jan
8 Customer Appreciation Days	2 New Year's Day- (observed)
10 Columbus Day	(City offices will be closed)
(City offices closed to the public)	
31 Halloween Parade 4:30 pm	Feb
..... Trick or Treating 5pm - 8pm	3-5 Perchville USA
	14 Winter taxes due
Nov	20 President's Day (City offices will be closed)
14 ... Compost pickup ends	
24-25 Thanksgiving (City offices will be closed)	Mar
	1 Unpaid taxes sent to Iosco County Treasurer
Dec	
1 Winter taxes mailed	
3 Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm	
23 Christmas Eve (observed)	
(City offices will be closed)	
26 Christmas Day (observed)	
(City offices will be closed)	
30 New Year's Eve (observed)	
(City offices will be closed)	

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FALL/WINTER 2022-2023

UTILITY BILLING RATE CHANGES

Beginning this October, water and sewer bills in the City of East Tawas will include a new line item to accommodate short and long term infrastructure expenses associated with the water and sewer systems. The new line item will be designated the "Infrastructure Improvement Rate" and will be incorporated to fund improvement and replacement costs for the City's water distribution system, sanitary sewer collection system, the Huron Shores Regional Utility Authority's water treatment facility, and the Tawas Utilities Authority's sanitary sewer treatment facility.

The Infrastructure Rate for a standard ¾" diameter residential water meter will be \$4.62 per month for water infrastructure and \$21.06 per month for sewer infrastructure. Rates will vary proportionately based on the customer's water meter size.

Each utility bill will continue to include ready to serve and usage charges for both water and sewer services. The ready to serve cost has been adjusted for 2022 to accommodate Michigan Rural Water Association's recommendation of equivalency-based rates. The cost for a standard ¾" diameter residential water service will be \$9.04 per month for water (a reduction from \$12.80) and \$16.22 per month for sewer (an increase from \$13.53). Ready to serve rates will vary proportionately based on the customer's water meter size. Usage rates, per 100 gallons of water used, will increase to \$0.63 for water (an increase from \$0.62) and \$0.65 for sewer (an increase from \$0.62). Residential sewer customers that do not have a water meter will be charged the base usage rate of 4,600 gallons per month for sewer (\$29.90), the sewer ready to serve charge (\$16.22), and the new sewer infrastructure rate (\$21.06).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to help maintain and improve our City's public water and sewer systems. A public utility comparison was completed showing that the 10-year average rate change was below 1%: water is at 0.76% and sewer at 0.92%. The public utility comparison and additional Information regarding the changes are available on the City's website. Please contact City Hall with questions.

CITY OF EAST TAWAS WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT 760 NEWMAN ST. EAST TAWAS, MI 48730		RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT		FIRST CLASS MAIL U.S. POSTAGE PAID EAST TAWAS, MI PERMIT NO. 117	
CUSTOMER NAME & ADDRESS City of East Tawas		DUE DATE		ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED	
ACCOUNT NO. 000-00111-00		AFTER		AMOUNT DUE \$ 93.60	
PREV. READ DATE		CURRENT READ DATE		USAGE	
LAST PAYMENT DATE		LAST PAYMENT AMOUNT		AMOUNT	
AFTER		PAY THIS LATE AMT.		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ 93.60	
DUE DATE		MAIL TO:			
11		water usage charge		\$ 0.63 per 100 gall	
18		Infrastructure rate		\$ 4.62	
21		water ready to serve		\$ 9.04	
51		sewer usage charge		\$ 0.65 per 100 gall	
60		Sewer Infrastructure rate		\$ 21.06	
61		sewer ready to serve		\$ 16.22	

This bill total is based on the City average of 4600 gallons used per month. Your bill will only show the billing code and not the description.

Flat Sewer customers will have a total bill of \$67.18 per month, showing the codes below.

55- Flat Sewer	\$ 46.12
60- Sewer Infrastructure Rate	\$ 21.06

2022 Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments

Last Revised on 09-08-2022

Water Rates

Ready to Serve and Capital Improvement Rates

Service Size	Number of Customers	Current Ready to Serve Monthly Rate	Proposed Ready to Serve Monthly Rate	Current Infrastructure Rate	Proposed Infrastructure Rate	Proposed Customer Cost Service per Year	Proposed Revenue Totals per Year
5/8-3/4-inch	1,335	12.8	9.04	0	4.62	\$163.85	\$218,739.32
1-inch	38	14.08	16.05	0	8.20	\$291.00	\$11,058.00
1 1/2-inch	9	23.03	36.11	0	18.45	\$654.66	\$5,891.92
2-inch	12	37.1	64.20	0	32.80	\$1,164.00	\$13,968.00
3-inch	3	140.74	144.45	0	73.80	\$2,619.00	\$7,857.00
4-inch	2	179.12	256.80	0	131.20	\$4,656.00	\$9,312.00
6-inch	1	268.69	577.80	0	295.20	\$10,476.00	\$10,476.00
Total	1,400						\$277,302.24

Usage Rates

Units Billed 9/21-8/22	Current Unit Rate	Proposed Unit Rate	Difference	Current Revenue	Proposed Revenue per Year
540,253.00	0.62	0.63	0.010	\$334,956.86	\$340,359.39

Total Water Revenue from Usage, Ready to Serve, and Capital Improvement =

\$617,661.63

Sewer Rates

Ready to Serve and Capital Improvement Rates

Service Size	Number of Customers	Current Ready to Serve Monthly Rate	Proposed Ready to Serve Monthly Rate	Current Infrastructure Rate	Proposed Infrastructure Rate	Proposed Customer Cost Service per Year	Proposed Revenue Totals per Year
5/8-3/4-inch	1,317	13.53	16.22	0	21.06	\$447.36	\$589,173.52
1-inch	26	14.78	28.81	0	37.40	\$794.52	\$20,657.52
1 1/2-inch	6	23.46	64.81	0	84.14	\$1,787.42	\$10,724.50
2-inch	11	37.12	115.24	0	149.60	\$3,178.08	\$34,958.88
3-inch	3	137.65	259.29	0	336.60	\$7,150.68	\$21,452.04
4-inch	3	174.88	460.96	0	598.40	\$12,712.32	\$38,136.96
Total	1,366						\$715,103.42

Usage Rates

Units Billed 9/21-8/22	Current Unit Rate	Proposed Unit Rate	Difference	Current Revenue	Proposed Revenue per Year
659,653.00	0.62	0.65	0.030	\$408,984.86	\$428,774.45

Total Sewer Revenue from Usage, Ready to Serve, and Capital Improvement =

\$1,143,877.87

Total Proposed Water and Sewer Income:

\$1,761,539.51

Total Proposed Revenue for Infrastructure Improvements:

\$497,708.19

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held in the Community Center Gymnasium at 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, Michigan on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The City of East Tawas will also be holding a non-partisan election. The purpose of the election is to elect a Mayor for a two-year term and three Council members to be elected at large for four-year terms.

REMINDER: The last day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November general election is October 24th.

If you are on our Permanent Absent Voter list, an absentee ballot application would have been mailed to you prior to the previous August Primary Election. That application was a dual application for both the August and November 2022 elections. If you requested to be on our Permanent Absent Voter list after the August Primary Election, you should have already received an absentee ballot application. Remember, you cannot receive an absentee ballot unless you have completed an application and filed it with the Clerk's office. If you believe you have completed your application and have not received your absentee ballot for the November General Election by the second week of October, please contact our office by phone at (989)362-6161 or stop in at City Hall to complete the absent voter application and we can issue you an absentee ballot if you so choose. You will need to present your Michigan Driver's License or ID card to receive a ballot in person.

For your convenience, if you are unable to return your voted ballot in person, a drop box is located under the awning in the north parking lot (basketball court side). If you plan on mailing your ballot, please allow ample time for your ballot to be delivered before election day by the post office. If you cannot bring your ballot to our office before the day of the election, we ask that you bring your ballot inside to the Clerk's office on election day.

(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. Ballots can only be returned in person to the Clerk's office by the voter, a spouse or an immediate family member.)

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Electors of the City of East Tawas will be voting in the General Election on three proposals. Two proposals are to amend the East Tawas City Charter and the third proposal would allow waterfront property owned by the City of East Tawas on Tawas Lake to be sold. Full wording of the following proposals will be available to the public to view at East Tawas City Hall.

PROPOSAL 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE EAST TAWAS CITY CHARTER TO RESTATE THE CHARTER IN GENDER-NEUTRAL TERMS

Shall various sections of the City of East Tawas Charter be amended to restate the Charter in gender-neutral terms?

YES _____
NO _____

This proposal would replace all he/him/his terminology with gender-neutral terminology.

PROPOSAL 2

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.2 OF CHAPTER IV OF THE EAST TAWAS CITY CHARTER

Shall Section 4.2 of Chapter IV of the East Tawas City Charter be amended to allow the City Council to establish the annual salary of Council members including the Mayor by Resolution following a Public Hearing?

YES _____
NO _____

This proposal would allow council compensation to be established by a Resolution after holding a public hearing.

PROPOSAL 3

PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE OF LOTS OWNED BY THE CITY OF EAST TAWAS ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF TAWAS LAKE

Shall the City of East Tawas be authorized to sell the following parcels situated along the waterfront of Tawas Lake pursuant to requests for proposals, and in the best interests of the City?

121-P20-001-026-00 Maple Drive
121-O30-999-001-00 Warren Avenue
120-017-400-024-25 Clifford Street
121-P10-001-001-00 Lakewood Drive
121-P10-001-015-00 Lakewood Drive

YES _____
NO _____

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City is always looking for volunteers to serve on a City Board, Commission or Authority. Participation in these areas can be a rewarding experience, 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 positions this time of year and appointments will be made by the end of December 2022. The City's Board, Commissions and Authorities consist of the 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 these boards, please visit our website at www.easttawas.com to complete a Boards and Commissions Application and view information on suggested skill requirements. If you need assistance, additional information, or are ready to send your information, please contact Julie Potts, City Clerk, 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, Michigan 48730 via email at jpotts@easttawas.com or call City Hall at (989) 362-6161.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

On Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm the City of East Tawas will hold the Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. We encourage you to join City staff and officials to help Mayor Bolen count down the tree lighting. There will be cookies and refreshments for all to enjoy.



SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

The Tawas Utilities Authority (TUA) is responsible for treating the City's sanitary sewer and is in the planning and engineering process of improving the plant. The plant's last major improvement was in the late 80's and it is in need of revitalization to improve efficiencies and to ensure the outfall into the Tawas River continues to meet regulatory requirements. The estimated cost of improvements is still being developed and is planned to be included in the annual operations budget and amortized through the state revolving fund. These expenses are being shared with Tawas City and incorporated into our resident's sanitary sewer fees. More information will be provided as the project continues to evolve.

2022 WINTER TAXES

Winter tax bills will be mailed on December 1st and will be due on February 14, 2023. A 3% penalty will be added to all taxes unpaid after February 14, 2023. Winter taxes may be paid at the East Tawas City Hall until March 1, 2023, after which all remaining unpaid taxes 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.

DOG TAGS

The City will no longer be selling dog licenses for Iosco County since they have recently obtained a new computer program for storing and tracking dog license purchase information from all municipalities in the County. Dog licenses can now be purchased through the Iosco County Treasurer's Office, 422 West Lake Street (US-23), Tawas City, Michigan and will be available for sale beginning December 1, 2022. The fees for purchasing a dog license through March 1, 2023, will be \$20 for a non-fixed dog and \$10 for a fixed (neutered or spade) dog. After March 1, 2023, all dog licenses will be \$30. You will still be required to provide proof of rabies vaccination even though the County may have that information already in their database.

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!"



WATER TURN ON AND 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 \$25 every time the water is turned on or off and is applied to your monthly water bill. Contact City Hall if you have any questions or concerns.

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

The Department of Public Works takes pride in its street maintenance throughout every season. In the winter, decisions are made to determine the time and appropriate methods needed to handle a given snowfall. With each occurrence, variables such as temperature, surface, snowfall rate, actual/predicted accumulation and time of day are considered before the City implements the plowing/salting plan for a particular storm event. Snow removal and plowing occurs in two waves to ensure the safety of motorists and the Department of Public Works crew.

1st Wave: Major residential streets used by emergency vehicles and those with the heaviest traffic.

- US-23
- Tawas Beach Rd
- Robert Elliott Blvd.
- Newman Street
- Pine Street
- Bridge Street
- Westover Street
- W. State Street (Newman to City Limits)
- Wadsworth Street
- Sawyer Street (US-23 to Lincoln)
- Main Street (US-23 to Lincoln)
- Church Street (first block)
- W. Washington (Newman to Bridge Street)
- Lincoln Street (Newman to Cemetery Rd.)
- Cemetery Rd.



2nd Wave: All local residential streets.

- Residential streets, intersections, and dead ends
- Removal of snow piles

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is done on a rotational basis through the spring, summer, and fall. The Department of Public Works asks that you do not sweep your grass clipping and leaves into the streets during this time.

RECYCLING

City recycling is for residential recycling and for East Tawas residents only. The bins are in the North parking lot at City Hall, 760 Newman St., East Tawas (basketball court side) and are emptied on Fridays.

COMPOST

The Department of Public Works will continue to collect yard waste every Monday until November 14, 2022. If you wish to take your compost to our site, please contact City Hall for an appointment. Our new garbage collector, GFL will be providing additional yard waste collection during the month of October every Friday morning.

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

AUTOMATED PAYMENTS

You can pay your water and sewer bills and tax bills through an automated payment program

FREE OF CHARGE!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact City Hall or visit us online at www.easttawas.com.

*Have you moved recently?
Has your primary residence changed?*

Please be sure to file the Principal Residence Exemption forms with the Assessor's Office by June 1, 2023. If you're not sure if you have filed the forms or if you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at 989-734-3555.

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, 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. Please be sure to allow yourself enough time to get all of the necessary information to the Zoning Administrator for review. Permit applications received will require a minimum of 24-48 hours for review. Please contact City Hall to make an appointment to speak with the Zoning Administrator for additional information.

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.

NEW ASSESSING SERVICES

As of June 2022, the City of East Tawas has new assessing services through a partnership with Allen Berg and Berg Assessing & Consulting, Inc. Our City Assessing Department is now off-site and can be reached during normal business hours by telephone, email, or mail via the address below.

The Assessing Department has the responsibility of appraising and determining the true cash value of all taxable properties located within the City. They also serve as a source of information for the public by maintaining subdivision plat maps and property record cards for each parcel of land located in the City of East Tawas. The Assessing Department is constantly reviewing and updating records to reflect changes that occur to the individual properties.

Please use the contact information below if you should have any assessing questions and please visit <http://www.assessingoffice.com> to view assessing forms.

Contact Information

Phone: 989-734-3555

Fax: 989-734-9901

Email: info@assessingoffice.com

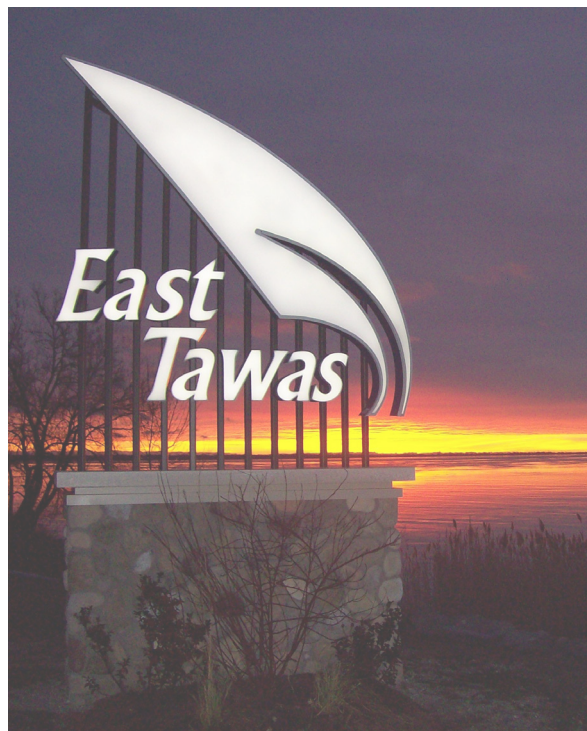
Address: City of East Tawas

Assessing Department

PO Box 25

CITY HALL MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE

Please update our mailing address to 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, MI 48730. The City is phasing out the use of PO Box 672 and will soon be closing the PO Box. If you are using your personal online banking program to pay your utility bill or tax bill, please make sure that the address is changed to our street address in place of the PO Box to ensure that we receive your payments in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (989) 362-6161.





Monday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Days closed: Wednesday and Sunday
(989) 362-6162

The winds of change are in the air at the East Tawas Library! We have some new faces to introduce and want to let you know what we have in the works for you; because, after all, this is YOUR library and we want you to use AND enjoy it!

Kari Besancon is delighted to head this East Tawas Library crew. She moved here from the Las Vegas Valley this past June where she had been a certified elementary school librarian for nearly 20 years. She is an expert in information needs of youth and has extensive knowledge in technology. If you are wondering if she happens to be related to the Besancons you maybe already know, the answer is yes. They are her in-laws.

Courtney Wellnitz is our veteran library assistant having been with the City of East Tawas since June of 2020. She has lots of great ideas and is very knowledgeable about the innerworkings of the procedures in the library. She previously worked as a CPhT at the local Medicine Shoppe and Neiman's Pharmacy.

Renée Powell has only been with the library since April, but she brings with her 20 years of library experience having previously worked at Lapeer District Library in the reference department and the Mott Community College Library in the circulation department. In her free time, she cares for her three cats and eight chickens.

This staff has been working very hard revamping the all areas of the library. They are in the process of clearing out old, uncirculated books that clog the shelves, reorganizing sections so that material is easier to find for both patrons and staff members, and adding plenty of signage to make it easier for everyone. It is definitely a work in progress, but they are all there to help you through these changes.

They are also working diligently to figure out how to open for some evening and nighttime hours to better serve our working families and school-aged children. Keep your eyes peeled for a probable Wednesday opening as well, AND programing for both adults and children to help us all get through these long winter months!

We are SO excited for these changes and would love any of your input! Feel free to email us at library@easttawas.com, call us at (989)362-6162, OR better yet, pay us a visit! We'd love to see you!



Kari Besancon (left)
Renee Powell (middle)
Courtney Wellnitz (right)

