

City of East Tawas
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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2021-22

- Oct**
31 Halloween Parade 4:30 pm
..... Trick or Treating 5pm - 8pm
- Nov**
8 Compost pickup ends
25-26..... Thanksgiving (*City offices will be closed*)
- Dec**
1..... Winter taxes mailed
Dog Tags available
4Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm
24Christmas Eve
(*City offices will be closed*)
27Christmas Day (observed)
(*City offices will be closed*)
31 New Year's Eve
(*City offices will be closed*)
- Jan**
3New Year's Day- (observed)
(*City offices will be closed*)
- Feb**
4-6.....Perchville USA
14**Winter taxes due**
21President's Day (*City offices will be closed*)
- Mar**
1Unpaid taxes sent to Iosco County Treasurer

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FALL/WINTER 2021-2022

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Department of Public Works will be flushing hydrants September 27th – October 1, 2021. You may experience rusty water or low water pressure during this flushing period. Flushing the hydrants is necessary to provide better water quality long term. Please watch our website or the Iosco County News Herald for our flushing schedule.

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses sold for Iosco County will be available for sale beginning December 1, 2021, at the City Clerk's office located in City Hall at 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, Michigan until March 1, 2022. Iosco County fees are as follows: non-fixed dogs - \$20.00; fixed (neutered or spade) dogs - \$10.00. After March 1, 2022 dog tags can be purchased at the County for either non-fixed or fixed dogs for \$30.00. You must provide proof of rabies vaccination.

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.

EAST TAWAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police, Frank Anthony, has built a solid team of officers and equipment to serve East Tawas. We welcome him aboard along with Sergeant Dekun, Officer Kirby, Officer Snyder, and reserve Officer Finley. The East Tawas Police Department (ETPD) services include regular vehicle patrol of the City and foot patrol of our downtown business district and Harbor Park area. The new police facility is located at 214 W. Westover Street (corner of Westover and Church) and is open to the public. The facility is not staffed with a receptionist so feel free to leave a note or call dispatch at (989) 362-1430 if an officer is not there when you arrive. All emergencies are to use 911 for assistance. All non-emergencies are to use (989) 362-1430 for assistance. Central dispatch will route 911 calls to the officer on duty or the Michigan State Police. They will route non-emergencies to the ETPD which will be prioritized and followed up. The City thanks our residents and businesses for your support and welcomes questions or input at our City Hall by calling (989) 362-6161.

NEW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Our Department of Public Works (DPW) facility now has the capacity to keep all of our equipment out of the weather. The addition of our new 80' x 120' equipment building has been a great addition to the DPW and will help to protect and lengthen the life of our City's equipment assets.



IN MEMORY OF RON LESLIE



The City Council and Park Board purchased a park bench in memory of our friend and colleague, Ron Leslie. The bench is beautiful and was created and placed at the corner of Harbor Park near the intersection of US-23 and Newman Street by John Bolen, Tawas Bay Etchworks. The City misses Ron and thanks his wife Laura and children, Jason and Britta, for sharing him with the City for so many years.

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 evaluates board members each year and appointments will be made by the end of December 2021. The City's boards, commissions and 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 visit our website at easttawas.com to complete a Boards and Commissions Application and view information on skills required, or 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 for more information.

TAWAS LAKE

In collaboration with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the Lake Association's lake ecology consultant, Progressive AE, it has been decided not to pursue aquatic plant harvesting along the shoreline this season due to the effect it has had on invasive plant species in the cutting area. There will, however, still be work done in the lake this year utilizing a different approach. EGLE has approved a permit to remove invasive species with the Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) method. This method removes invasive species through a less disruptive method that reduces the potential of spreading the plant. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has purchased and outfitted a DASH boat system for the lake and plans to remove invasive species from the lake annually for the next five years to help improve the ecology. These efforts are at no cost to the residents or municipalities. We welcome this partnership and appreciate their efforts and desire to help improve and care for the lake.

*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, 2022. 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

On Saturday, December 4, 2021 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.

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

DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPING

The City would like to thank everyone involved with planning, improving, and caring for our City's downtown landscaping. Our mission is to provide robust, consistent landscaping throughout our Newman Street and US-23 corridor. The partnership and collaboration of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, East Tawas Business Association, Tawas Bay Garden Club, Northwoods Landscaping and Nursey, Flynn's Landscaping, Harger's Nursey, City Park, DPW, and our very own green thumb, Brenda Allen, has been very successful and we look forward to continuing to grow and create an East Tawas experience that our residents can be proud of and our visitors will remember.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGE REPORTING TOOL

www.consumersenergy.com/outages/street-light

When reporting a street light outage, you may use this link to the Consumers Energy map of street lights. Simply select the light that has issues and report the outage. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at (989) 362-6161 for assistance.

DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY DURING MICHIGAN LIBRARY APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Michigan Library Appreciation Month and the East Tawas Library invites everyone in the community to discover the wonderful services and resources offered through our local library.

While safety is still a top priority, book shelves can be browsed in person, reading recommendations and reference answers can be provided face-to-face, and public computers and printing services are available.

With your Iosco-Arenac District library card, you also have 24/7 access to digital ebooks, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, movies, music, games, crafts and more. We also offer a great selection of puzzles and DVDs.

Whether you prefer to remain online or venture back inside the library, all of these services are free! Don't have a library card? It's easy to sign up. Simply bring identification. Children under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian present (with ID) to sign as the responsible party.

Stop by the library, or contact us with any questions at (989) 362-6162. Our current hours of operation are:

Monday	9:00am – 6:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9:00am – 6:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm

For more information and a complete list of upcoming programs and events, visit the District Library's website at <https://www.ioscoarenaclibrary.org/>.

Michigan Library Appreciation month is a statewide observance sponsored by the Michigan Library Association (MLA) and libraries of all types across the state each October.



FRIENDS OF THE EAST TAWAS LIBRARY

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! National Friends of Libraries Week is October 17-31, 2021.

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.

If you are interested in joining this fun group of volunteers, please stop by the library circulation desk for a membership 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 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.

COMPOST

The Department of Public Works will continue to collect yard waste every Monday until November 8, 2021. 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.

EAST TAWAS FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYS TRIBUTE ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

On the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, members of the East Tawas Fire Department climbed the fire escape steps at both Bay Park Tower North and Bay Park Tower South. Although these towers are only five stories, the emotion was felt climbing up thinking of that day. Residents in both towers had the stairways lined with thank you posters and greeted the firefighters with refreshments and personal gratitude when the climb was completed.

EAST TAWAS SWIM ASSIST TEAM

On August 24, the East Tawas Fire Department joined forces with the East Tawas Police Department and put into service a swim rescue team. The eight-person team is equipped with basic swim gear, including a mask, snorkel, fins, and if needed an all-sports neoprene suit. The team would assist in reports of a person in distress in a swim area. The team is trained to quickly find a person down or assist a swimmer in distress. A local donor paid the entire cost of outfitting the team.

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 submit all of the necessary information for the Zoning Administrator to review before the application can be reviewed.

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.

EAST TAWAS COMMUNITY CENTER

The East Tawas Community Center is open Monday through Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. All annual passes are valid for the current fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Annual Pass Rates

Resident Rates:

Single	\$15.00
Double	\$25.00
Family	\$30.00

Non-Resident Rates:

Single	\$35.00
Double	\$50.00
Family	\$60.00

(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.

CITY HALL MAILING ADDRESS

The City of East Tawas will be discontinuing our PO Box. Please send all payments, invoices and correspondence to 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, MI 48730.

CITY PARK RESTROOMS

You may have noticed two new restroom facilities available in East Tawas during the summer of 2021.

Beginning in the fall of 2020, the downtown restroom was opened in the second block of Newman St. This facility provides guests to the downtown area with clean public restroom facilities. This restroom is open from 9am to 9pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and 9am to 5pm the remainder of the year.

Additionally, a new bathhouse facility was opened in the spring of 2021 on the west end of the East Tawas City Park day use area. This restroom allows us to better serve the users of this popular beach area. This restroom is open from 9am to 9pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and 9am to 5pm in May and October.



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!"



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.