



City of Otsego Agenda

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ANNUAL SCHOOL VISITS TO CITY HALL Washington Street & Dix Street 3rd Graders



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Tues., Aug. 2, 2016 - State Primary Election
Tues., Nov. 8, 2016 - State General Election
The polls will open at City Hall at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Remember to bring Photo ID to the Polls!

If you are not Registered to Vote, visit City Hall.

Call the City Clerk if you want to verify your Voter Status!

Absentee Applications are available at City Hall

Please be prepared for longer lines at these Elections. Please plan accordingly

If you have any questions, contact the City Clerk, Angela Cronen at 692-3391.



FREE GARAGE SALE DATES ANNOUNCED

June 10 & 11, 2016

IMPORTANT GARAGE SALE INFORMATION

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Free Garage Sale Days. Call the Chamber for details 694-6880. A permit is not required for these dates only.

Information For Garage Sales (Excluding the Chamber Event) - Each residence is permitted two sales per year with a maximum duration of three days each. Signs shall not exceed 480 sq. inches, shall NOT be placed on any public property (including utility poles), commercial property, on any curb lawn, or at any public parking area. Legal signs must be removed within 24 hours of the sale. A sign placed illegally will be removed and a \$50.00 citation may be enforced. If you have questions, please call 692-3391.



CITY COMMISSION PETITIONS AVAILABLE

Petition forms are now available at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 117 E. Orleans St., for election to the Otsego City Commission. The City Election will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Three City Commission seats will be open for election this fall.

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to four year terms and the third candidate will be elected to a two year term.

In order to qualify for the Office of City Commissioner, a candidate must be: A resident of the city for not less than one year immediately preceding his or her election and a Registered Voter.

Nominations for office are determined by petition signed by not less than 40 registered voters of the City of Otsego. Petitions need to be submitted to the City Clerk's office no later than Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

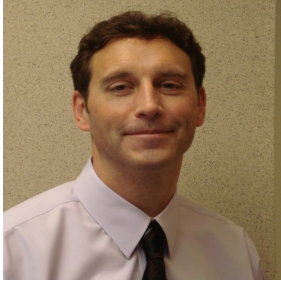


Watch for the **NEW City of Otsego Website** coming in **July 2016!** Visit us at - www.cityofotsego.org
Visit us also on Facebook - **City of Otsego Michigan.**



**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
JULY 4 & SEPTEMBER 5**

CITY MANAGER'S VIEW



City Manager, Thad

SOUTH FARMER STREET IMPROVEMENTS: The City of Otsego was fortunate enough to be awarded \$375,000 in funding for the reconstruction of South Farmer Street. This funding is made available through Michigan Department of Transportation Small Urban Program. The reconstruction project includes replacement of water main, sanitary sewer main, storm sewer and sidewalks, besides the street surface from Orleans to Hammond. We expect this project to begin the first week of August and be completed the first week of October. With this total reconstruction and replacement of all utilities, we will have detours available on Fair and Kalamazoo Streets. The entire project is estimated to be \$940,000, with the following breakdown of costs:

Curb and Gutter:	\$38,000	Major Street Fund and Special Assessment
Water-main:	\$170,000	Water Fund
Sewer-main:	\$162,000	Sewer Fund
Sidewalk:	\$57,000	Major Street Fund and Special Assessment
Drainage:	\$58,000	Major Street Fund
Street Costs:	\$455,000	Major Street Fund and State Grant



ALLEGAN STREET PAVING: The Michigan Department of Transportation will be working on their State Highway this summer. They are currently replacing all sidewalk crossings to make them ADA compliant. After the sidewalk work is complete, they will begin resurfacing the highway from 12th Street to Kalamazoo Street. The resurfacing project includes milling a section of the road and then returning to replace new Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) where they milled, before they restripe the entire highway. The resurfacing work is scheduled to occur from June 13 through July 9. Once MDOT is done, the downtown will be a much smoother drive, it will certainly look much better as well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



CAMPING SEASON IS FINALLY UPON US! WITH THAT IN MIND, HERE ARE SOME CAMPFIRE SAFETY TIPS.

1. Build your fire away from vegetation.
2. Make sure to surround your fire with stones, bricks, or some other barrier.
3. Have a water source nearby in case the fire gets out of control.
4. Never leave the fire unattended.



WE ALSO HAVE ENTERED THE SEASON OF FIREWORKS. HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR SAFE USE OF FIREWORKS.

1. Read cautionary labels before using.
2. Light one firework at a time.
3. Do Not relight a dud.
4. Have a water source nearby.
5. Light them in an open area, away from structures, and wooded areas.



When extinguishing your campfire, make sure to drown the entire fire with water. It is important to make sure there aren't any hot embers, or coals. If water is not available, you may substitute with dirt.

THANK YOU



In the next issue... Introduction of New Firefighters & Recognition of Lifesaving Awards
Thank you Volunteer Firefighters!

SALE - 1/2 Priced
CITY LOTS FOR SALE



The City of Otsego has several lots remaining in the improved Eley Acres Residential Subdivision. Choice single family residential home sites are for sale in this restricted plat. Regular lot prices range from \$23,000 to \$37,000. For additional information please contact the City Clerk's Office, 692-3391.

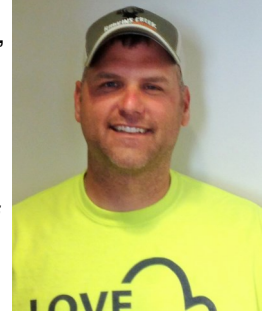
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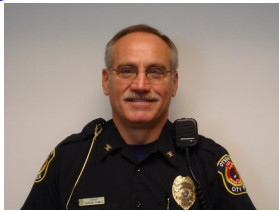
WELCOME!

NEW DPW EMPLOYEE

Jason Emig joins the City of Otsego after 4 years of experience as a Municipal Worker with the City of Kalamazoo. Aside from working at the City of Otsego, Jason is a Captain with the Cooper Township Fire Department. Jason is married to Michelle and they have a son, Michael, who is attending college. Outside of work, Jason enjoys spending time camping and attending different race venues.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS - The City has many Ordinances that you might not be aware of, here are a few that may be of interest to you: Barking Dog Ordinance, an ordinance specifying how long your trash bin can be at the side of the road, a tall grass ordinance, no open burning ordinance, and front yard parking ordinance, to name just a few. Ordinances can be found in detail on the City's website www.cityofotsego.org. The City also asks now that mowing season is here to please not blow yard clippings into the road, as they can plug the street drains and increase pollution in the rivers. Please feel free to contact City Hall if you have specific questions.



Police Chief, Gordon Konkle

OTSEGO POLICE DEPT.

Finally, a change in the weather and with it the hopes of more summer like days ahead. We see more and more people out walking, running, and just enjoying the nice temperatures. Please drive carefully as a lot of people are exercising either before work or afterwards. This can put them out right at a time when they are hard to see either because of the low sun in the mornings or the limited light during both the early morning and evening hours. If you are one of several people enjoying this weather walking, running, or biking please try to remember some very basic rules of road usage that could very easily save your life. First, reflective clothing is wonderful and if you have it please wear it. It makes you so much more visible especially in low light. Next, if you are walking or running you should be facing vehicular traffic, not going with it. Obviously, sidewalks are best, but I understand how much better the road surface is as compared to the unevenness of some sidewalks or that in some places there are no sidewalks available.

If you prefer bike riding, then you must ride in the same manner as other vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles). Remember you have all the same basic rights as a car, but you also have the same responsibilities. Yes, yielding to pedestrians, stopping at stop signs, and staying as close to the right hand edge of the road as possible unless making a turn. You must stop for stop signs and signals and no you can't stop and then go through them just because everyone else does. There are no laws requiring you to wear a bike helmet, but let's be real your head and brain are well worth the expense. Learning to ride a bike is a new found freedom for a young child, but you have got to watch them like a hawk. They just don't have the experience or control to avoid a tragic accident and think nothing of dodging out into the road while riding. And while speaking of a young child and their new bike, how about bringing it down to the Otsego Police Station and getting it registered. Every year hundreds of bikes are sold at auction because Police Departments pick them up abandoned and have no way of knowing who owns them. We will list the make, model, and serial number of your bike and put a sticker on the post so if it is lost and recovered somewhere else there will be means

to get it back to you. By the way, we encourage all ages of people to do this, not just the young kids. If you register it with us and then misplace your information on the bike, we will have it here on the computer.

Recently we have hired a new part time police officer. Officer Brandon Kueppers is completing his training and will be on his own by the time you read this newsletter. Brandon is a graduate of Byron Center High School and Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He also works for the Allegan County Sheriff's Office as a Court House Security Deputy. We are pleased to have him and believe he will be a wonderful addition to our staff.

Welcome



CITY OF OTSEGO CALENDAR

JUNE, 2016

2	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
6	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
6	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
7	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
13	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
20	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
20	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
27	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

JULY, 2016

4	CITY HALL CLOSED	
5	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
5	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
5	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
7	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
11	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
18	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
18	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
25	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

AUGUST, 2016

1	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
1	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
2	ELECTION	POLLS OPEN 7AM - 8PM
2	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
4	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
8	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
15	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
15	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
22	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

SEPTEMBER, 2016

1	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
5	CITY HALL CLOSED	
6	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
6	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
6	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
12	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
19	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
19	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
26	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

OCTOBER, 2016

3	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
3	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
4	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
6	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
10	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
17	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
17	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
24	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

NOVEMBER, 2016

1	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
3	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
7	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
7	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
8	ELECTION	POLLS OPEN 7AM - 8PM
11	VETERANS DAY SERVICE	11:00 A.M.
14	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
21	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
21	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
24	CITY HALL CLOSED	
25	CITY HALL CLOSED	
28	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

CITY CONTACTS

Police & Fire Emergency.....	911
Fire Non-Emergency.....	694-4390
Police Non-Emergency.....	692-6111
Chief of Police.....	692-6111
City Manager	694-6146
City Clerk	692-3391
Finance Director	692-2741
Main Street Office.....	692-2336
Dept. Public Works	694-6636
Treatment Plant.....	694-9194

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