



City of DeWitt Newsletter



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April 2016

Farmers' Market begins
Every Tues. from June 7
to Oct. 11.

Memorial Day Parade
Mon. May 30 at 10 a.m.
at the Memorial Building
to the Cemetery

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Holiday Schedule City Offices Closed

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30
Closed
Trash Service will be
Thursday, June 2nd.

Message from Mayor Jim Rundborg



What a great time of the year! Everything starts to turn green, the temperature begins to rise and once again people are seen outside enjoying our City's walkable venue.

This spring there is much more to be excited about. Downtown DeWitt is adding a new restaurant. The Bridge Street Social will open in April to give residents and guests another option for eating and socializing. Thank you for supporting our downtown businesses.

I'd like to thank Linda Kahler, our former DDA Coordinator, for serving the DDA for the past two years. Linda has decided to pursue other opportunities and her last day was March 18th. Linda demonstrated an ability to promote and serve our downtown with enthusiasm and during her time she increased vendor participation and activities for the Farmers Market and the Annual Christmas Market. The City and the DDA wish Linda the best in her new endeavors.

It has taken a while but the new roadside signs that recognize the 2015 DeWitt Golf Team's State Championship are up and located at all City entry points. Good luck to all our DeWitt teams as they enter the spring sports season.

I'd like to invite everyone to attend the Fifth Annual DeWitt Community Showcase at DeWitt High School on April 14th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. This year's theme is "A Taste of DeWitt". You will visit with local service groups, businesses and sample a taste of DeWitt from local food vendors at the same time. The DeWitt Community Showcase is a team effort provided by the City of DeWitt, DeWitt Charter Township, DeWitt Public Schools and the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce. All are welcome!

Our Boards and Commissions are an important part of our City function. If you'd like to serve on a Board or Commission, applications are available online at [www.dewittmi.org/Elected Officials](http://www.dewittmi.org/ElectedOfficials) or at City Hall.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you out and about as the weather continues to warm up. It is you, our citizens, that make DeWitt the place people love to live and visit. Thank you for keeping our town safe, friendly and moving forward.

Police Department News - Chief Bruce Ferguson



Now that the warmer weather is back in DeWitt after its long absence, people will begin to spend more time outside or inside with their windows open. I have made a list of the most frequent DeWitt ordinances that residents call to have the Police Department look into.

If you have a concern about any potential violation please call 9-1-1 (in Clinton County 9-1-1 is used for non-emergency calls as well as emergency calls) and an officer will respond to look into your concern. All Ordinances for the City of DeWitt can be viewed online: www.municode.com/library/mi/dewitt/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Sec. 34-53. Outdoor burning.

Cooking fires and camp fires are allowed. All such fires must be contained within an area four feet or less in diameter and three feet or less in height in a fire pit. The burning of leaves, building materials, tires, or petroleum products within the city is prohibited. No burning is allowed from midnight to 6 a.m. For parcels in the city with 2 or more acres, a burning permit can be issued and brush can be burned (except during the months of June, July, and August when such burning is prohibited).

Sec. 70-123. Unlawful height of weeds and grass.

It shall be unlawful to allow the growth of weeds or grass beyond the height of eight inches in the city.

Sec. 30-37. Abandoned or junk motor vehicles, unlicensed motor vehicles.

Any motor vehicle which, for a period of ten consecutive days or more, does not have an engine in running condition, four inflated tires, a battery, and current license plates, or which is in fact, abandoned by its owner, or which is not operable, shall be deemed to be an abandoned or junk motor vehicle under this section.

Sec. 62-36. Parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

No person shall leave any vehicle parked upon any city street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. If you're going to have overnight guests, please call 9-1-1 and let our officers know. We can make an exception to the 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. parking as long as our officers are aware of the situation.

Sec. 10-4. Owning or keeping of household pets.

Any animal or bird which causes frequent or loud noise that disturbs the comfort or repose of any person within the vicinity is considered a nuisance. No person shall possess, own, or have charge of more than three dogs and three cats. We do get complaints of barking dogs, so please consider your neighbors if your dog has a tendency to bark when they are let out.

Sec. 10-8. Removal of animal excrement.

A person walking a dog on property not under his or her ownership or control shall carry an appropriate device for removal of animal excrement and shall not allow any animal to leave excrement on any property not their own. We get complaints of excrement in our parks, cemetery, and sidewalks so please carry a bag with you to clean up after your pet.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, feel free to call or stop by the office. Thank you and I hope you have a great spring and summer season.

Administrative Tidbits - City Administrator Dan Coss



With spring and the start of construction season upon us, I wanted to take this time to inform residents of the upcoming road construction projects:

SHAVEY ROAD will be resurfaced this summer. The project is being completed in conjunction with the Clinton County Road Commission and DeWitt Township. The entire stretch of Schavey Road will be resurfaced from Howe Road to Clark Road. Construction is slated to start at the beginning of summer break, June 12. Traffic is expected to be maintained throughout the entire project, but drivers may see delays in traffic during paving operations.

LOCAL ROADS: This year several local streets will be getting resurfaced as well. The following is a list of local street construction: Logan Street from West Main Street to Scott Street. Madison Street from Wilson Street to Bridge Street and North Scott Street from Madison Street to Jefferson Street. In addition to resurfacing on Logan Street the project will also consist of a sanitary sewer replacement from Madison Street north to Scott Street and a new sidewalk will be installed from Scott Street to West Main Street.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

CITY HALL: The Mayor and City Council are exploring the possibility of building a new City Hall on the current site of the existing City Hall, 414 East Main Street. The current City Hall is deficient in meeting space, storage space and facilities for the Police Department. City Hall is a major asset to the community and as such City Council would like your input on the needs of the community. You can submit your comments to info@dewittmi.org; please place "City Hall" in the subject line of the email. All comments will be forwarded to City Council.

Constructing a new City Hall **would not** require additional taxes to be levied and could be paid for in the existing budget. The preliminary budget for a new 7,500-8,000 square foot City Hall is approximately \$1.5 million. The City of DeWitt would issue a 20-year bond to cover the costs of construction. Currently the City has \$0.00 of debt in the General Fund.

BIKE PATH: The City of DeWitt and DeWitt Township are partnering to create a non-motorized 10-foot path along Herbison Road from the DeWitt Public School entrance to USBR-27. The City and Township have secured Federal Funding for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 to off-set the costs of the non-motorized path. The path will be constructed in three phases, with engineering design expected to start in 2016. As the engineering design progresses the City and Township will hold public meetings to keep residents apprised of the progress.

Please contact City Hall at 669-2441 if you have any questions regarding any of these projects, or email me at dcoss@dewittmi.org. Have a great spring!



Clerk's Corner - Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Grysen

TAXES: 2016 Summer Taxes will be mailed out July 1

In the event there is a **School Election on May 3rd** you will need to Register to Vote by April 4th by 4 P.M.

Anyone interested in running for the following Mayor & Council openings will need to pick up their nominating petitions at City Hall and have them returned by April 19, 2016 by 4 p.m. To withdraw your nominating petition you have until April 22 by 4 p.m. **There are: Three—4 year terms for Council One—2 year term for Council and One—2 year term for Mayor**

CEMETERY DECORATION GUIDELINES MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS are allowed one week prior and one week after the holiday. If such decorations are not removed by the specified guidelines, they shall be considered abandoned and may be disposed of by the City.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

BRUSH PICK UP is Monday, April 11, 2016. Brush must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. The purpose of this program is to remove brush that is too large to be removed as part of the weekly yard waste-composting program. Brush must be neatly stacked with the large ends towards the street. Only brush that measures between 2" and 8" in diameter is accepted. Shrubs with roots still attached (non-woody vegetation and vines) are not accepted. Leave brush in as large of pieces as possible so it can be safely fed into the brush chipper by City Employees.

A GLASS RECYCLING CONTAINER is located at 907 W. Main Street between the Department of Public Services and the Fire Station. Please do not throw glass in your recycle container.

GRANGER YARD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM begins Wednesday, April 6th and ends Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

STORM DRAINS: When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. While mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn NOT the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain. Grass clippings contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways. Leave grass clippings on the lawn area to decompose and recycle nutrients back to the turf area.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL DEWITT COMMUNITY SHOWCASE will be held on April 14, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the DeWitt High School. You can read more about the event by visiting www.dewittschools.net and click on "Community Showcase".

THE CLINTON COUNTY CLEAN COMMUNITY EVENT 2016 is a service offered to Clinton County residents to assist in the safe disposal of household hazardous waste to encourage recycling and reuse where possible, and to ensure proper disposal of bulky waste items and trash. Minimal fees may apply. Go to recycle@clinton-county.org for more information and to make an appointment.

SCCMUA OPEN HOUSE Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA) will be holding their 4th Annual Open House. The event is open to the public and will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 3671 W. Herbison Rd. in DeWitt.

This free event will host facility tours, information booths, demonstrations, games for the children with prizes, a poster contest, and snacks. Please join us for a fun event and learn what happens at the Cleanwater Plant. We have more information on our website at: www.sccmua.com or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sccmua.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

DDA Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 A.M.
at City Hall , 414 E. Main Street 669-2441

DDA IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP!

FARMER MARKET DATES:

June 7, 14, 21, 28

June 7 - Opening Day Celebration Kid's Activity Day! Theme: Farming Fun Day—Meet a Farmer!

Also in June: **The 13th Annual Downtown Car Cruise-In.** June 21st, 2016 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

July 5, 12, 19, 26

July 5 Kid's Activity Day - Theme: 3rd Annual Bike Parade

Farmers Market is every Tuesday until October 11th.

CITY HALL MEETINGS: All meetings below take place at City Hall, 414 E. Main Street— Be sure to note the time of day.

April 12	DDA— 7:30 AM
April 12 & 26	City Council Meeting -7:00 PM
April 13	Park, Recreation, Cemetery & Tree Commission - 7:00 PM
April 28	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM
May 10	DDA— 7:30 AM
May 10 & 24	City Council Meeting— 7:00 PM
May 26	Planning—7:00 PM
June 14	DDA— 7:30 AM
June 14 & 28	City Council Meeting—7:00 PM
June 23	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM

Program Name	Actual Dates	Time of Program Operation	Registration Dates	Age or Grade	Cost (Res/Non-Res)
Adult Golf Lessons	4/6-4/28 Wed or Thurs	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Hawk Hollow)	2/29-3/27	18 yrs. & Up	\$60 straight fee
Men's & Women's 3 v 3 Basketball Leagues	4/11-5/17 Mondays-Men's Tuesdays-Women's	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3/4-3/27	18 yrs. & Up	\$100/team + individual and referee fees
Sports Starter Spring Session	4/13-5/18	Wed. 5:30-6:15 pm & 6:30-7:15 pm or Wed. 10:00-10:45 am	3/14-4/3	3-5 yrs.	\$34/res \$49/non-res
Basketball University	4/14-5/5 session 1 OR 5/12-6/2 session 2 Thurs. Nights	5:45 pm - 7:45 pm (times vary by grade)	3/14-4/3 session 1 4/11-5/1 session 2	1-7 grades	\$35 per session straight fee
Little Kickers Soccer League	4/16-5/21 Sat. Games	9:00 am -1:00 pm (time varies within)	3/4-4/1	4yrs - K	\$34/res \$49/non-res
1 st Grade Soccer League	4/16-5/21 Sat. Games	9:00 am - 1:00 pm (time varies within)	3/4-4/1	1 st grade	\$34/res \$49/non-res
2 nd -6 th Grade Soccer League	4/16-5/21 Sat. Games	9:00 am - 1:00 pm (time varies within)	3/4-4/1	2 nd -6 th grades	\$40/res \$55/non-res
Mid-Michigan Family Theatre: Fairy Tale Theatre	4/9-5/14	10:00 am-10:45 am	3/4-4/3	4-8 yrs.	\$35
Mid-Michigan Family Theatre: Actor's Workshop	4/9-5/14	11:00 am-12:00 pm	3/4-4/3	9-14 yrs.	\$45
April Drop Your Kids Off (evening)	4/22	6:00 pm-11:00 pm	3/21-4/18	4-12 yrs.	\$15/one child \$10/each additional
May Drop Your Kids Off (evening)	5/20	6:00-11:00 pm	4/18-5/16	4/12 yrs.	\$15/one child \$10/each additional
Adult Softball Spring/Summer League	First week of May-late July 12 games +tourney	Evenings Men's Upper/Lower & Co-Ed Leagues	Begins 3/1 until full	18 yrs. & Up	\$325/team + Ump Fee Individual Player Fees: \$5 Res./\$20 Non-Res.
Summer Fun Club & Double Digit Day Camp	6/13-9/2 (12 weeks)	7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Begins 4/4 & open until full	5-9 yrs. 10-14 Yrs.	\$115/res per week \$130/non-res per week
T-Ball	6/6-7/13	Mon. & Wed. night games 6:00-8:00 pm (times vary within)	4/18-5/25	4-5 yrs	\$44/res \$59/non-res
Boy's PeeWee Baseball	6/7-7/14	Tues. & Thurs. night games 6:00-8:00 pm (times vary within)	4/18-5/25	5-7 yrs	\$44/res \$59/non-res
Girls' Softball	6/6-7/13	Mon. & Wed. night games 6:00-8:00 pm (times vary within)	4/18-5/25	5-7 yrs	\$44/res \$59/non-res
Adult Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun Ongoing	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Drop in	18 yrs. & Up	\$2 per visit

Register for most DARA programs online by visiting our website at www.dewittrecreation.org. DARA accepts Visa and MC payments for online registration only. Call the DARA office at 517-482-5117 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

Executive Director: Chad Stevens, CPRP **Program Coordinator:** Crystal Smith **Program Specialist:** Mitch McClintock