



City of DeWitt Newsletter



SPECIAL NOTES

- Park Rentals begin January 4, 2016
- Spring Ahead! Saturday, March 13th. Move an hour ahead

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Holiday Schedule City Offices Closed

New Years Day:
Friday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr.
Day Monday, January
18

No Trash Interruption

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 15
No Trash Interruption

Good Friday—March 25
City Hall Closed

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Message from Mayor Jim Rundborg



The Downtown area of the City of DeWitt is about to get busy. Hopefully, if they build it the people will come. With Family Tree Café, Relli's, and in the near future, Bridge Street Social, people will have further choices for sit-down dining. As a community it will be up to us to support the local businesses with our continued patronage. Now that the vacant buildings of our town are becoming occupied, I am truly excited for the future of DeWitt. Relli's and Family Tree Café have provided us with great food, great service and a comfortable place to visit with friends and family or watch a sporting event. It is my hope that Bridge Street Social will have a successful opening and bright future in downtown DeWitt. Please visit all of our businesses; I know you'll be glad you did!

As usual the Christmas Market was a great success on Saturday, December 5th. We enjoyed unseasonably warm weather that day and everyone was in great spirits for all the events and craft displays. We estimated over 2000 visitors in attendance. I wish to extend my congratulations to Linda Kahler, Beth Herendeen and their team for producing another successful Christmas Market. Michelle Joseph and her team did a fabulous job organizing the Santa Run and Reindeer run. This activity raises money for the local food pantries at St. Jude Catholic Church and Redeemer Methodist Church. There were over 245 runners and walkers that supported the activity. The Light Parade had 22 participants and was organized by Loretta Spinrad of the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers and the City DPW staff for getting everything ready and making this event run smoothly. I am very proud of all of you. Once again DeWitt proves to be a great place to live and raise a family.

I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and may 2016 bring your family much joy and happiness in the New Year!

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Police Department News - From Chief Bruce Ferguson



During this holiday season, we had several occasions where packages were stolen off the front porch of some of our residents' homes. We take these crimes very seriously and are investigating each and every one of them. These "porch pirates" have now forced us to look at a whole new set of rules for how we have packages delivered to our homes. Online shopping has increased from basic purchases to now making purchases from medical to personal to holiday gifts using various online sources. It's imperative that we rethink how to secure these deliveries at our homes.

If you are expecting a package, you can make arrangements with your delivery service to leave your package somewhere out of sight, including inside of a garage door, behind your home, or in your recycle bin; it just needs to be somewhere out of sight so these "porch pirates" don't seize the opportunity to steal your package. If you have the availability, see if a neighbor can retrieve it and hold it until you can pick it up from them when you get home.

Always keep your paperwork/receipts so you can track your packages. Especially around the holiday season, make sure to keep an eye on the date your packages are supposed to be delivered so you can plan accordingly. If you suspect one of your packages was taken, please contact the DeWitt Police Department to report it. As always, if you see someone or something that is suspicious, call 9-1-1 immediately to help us stop these types of crimes. Looking out for each other is part of what makes DeWitt such a great community to live in.

Keep Your Mailboxes & Sidewalks Clear :

Property Owners are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk in front or on the side of their properties. Snow and ice must be removed within twenty-four hours after snowfall.

Mail Customers receiving curbside mail delivery should remove snow piles left by snow plows to keep access to their mailboxes clear for letter carriers.

Assessor's Office — Gail Watkins

BOARD OF REVIEW will be Monday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

The Board of Review is held at City Hall, 414 E. Main Street on a first come, first serve basis. Hours are 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

THE TAXABLE VALUE adjustment as set by the State of Michigan for 2016 is 0.3%

Administrative Tidbits - City Administrator, Dan Coss



Many of you may have heard that a deer harvested by a hunter in DeWitt Township tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The deer was taken during bow season just a little more than 2 miles southeast of the City of DeWitt. City and Township staff have been in contact with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and have been informed of the planned response to the CWD positive deer.

The MI DNR, with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will be conducting a deer cull within a 2-mile radius of where the CWD positive deer was harvested. While the 2-mile radius does not cross the City limits, residents can be vigilant in observing deer seen throughout the City. If you observe a deer that appears unhealthy or visibly sick you are encouraged to contact MI DNR at 1-800-292-7800 or call 911. In Clinton County 911 may be used for non-emergency calls. Residents can get more information on CWD at www.michigan.gov/cwd.

The other item I would like to make our residents aware of is an on-going effort to create a Park Master Plan for Memorial and Riverside Parks, inclusive of All Kids Playground and River Trail Park. With the help of a consultant, Spicer Group, the Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and Tree Commission has posted an online survey to get your feedback. Please visit, www.dewittparksurvey.com. The survey is short, 15 questions, and should only take a few minutes to complete, but will provide valuable feedback to the committee as they develop plans for these parks. Paper copies of the survey are available at City Hall for those not wanting to complete an online survey.

If you have any questions regarding these topics or anything else going on in the City of DeWitt, please do not hesitate to stop by City Hall or contact me at (517) 669-2441 or dcoss@dewittmi.org. Have a safe and enjoyable Winter Season!!

Clerk's Corner - Clerk/Treasurer, Lisa Grysen



REMINDER: 2015 WINTER TAX BILLS are due by Tuesday, February 16, 2016 without penalty. On **March 1, 2016** all unpaid 2015 Property Taxes will be turned over to the Clinton County Treasurer as delinquent.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION YEARS OF SERVICE:

GEREMY FREED, DPS - 10 YEARS

LISA GRYSEN, CLERK TREASURER— 15 YEARS

ELECTION NEWS— PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY—MARCH 8, 2016

CITY PROGRAMS

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP is Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Trees need to be curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up. All trees must be free of nails, stands, ornaments, lights and **must not** be bagged. Trees can also be dropped off at the DPS Building at 907 W. Main Street any time after Christmas up until Friday, January 8th.

GRANGER YARD WASTE PROGRAM begins Wednesday, April 6, 2016

BRUSH PICK UP PROGRAM will occur on 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 are not accepted.

2016 SCHEDULE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held the second & fourth Tuesdays of each month at City Hall, 414 E. Main Street. Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

January	12 & 26	February	9 & 23	March	*9 & 22
April	12 & 26	May	10 & 24	June	14 & 28
July	12 & 26	August	9 & 23	September	13 & 27
October	11 & 25	November	**8 & 22	December	13 & 27

March 2 (Wednesday) April 19 (Tuesday) for Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)

***March 9** is a Wednesday Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

****November 8** is subject to change due to the Election.

STREET SNOW REMOVAL POLICY : Please do not shovel, blow, push snow or leave trash/recycling containers in the street. Keep your sidewalks & mailboxes clear for pedestrians & mail personnel.

FIRST PRIORITY: Downtown area bound by Market, Washington, Scott and Madison Streets including all streets and parking spaces

PRIMARY ROUTES: Bridge Street/DeWitt Road; Main Street; Wilson Street; Schavey Road; Herbison Road from Sandhill to the East City Limit. East Webb Drive to the East City Limit.

SECOND PRIORITY: All remaining streets, parking lots, public property, sidewalks and cul-de-sacs.

THIRD PRIORITY: Snow piles removed from downtown areas and intersections, cemetery driveways and damaged mailbox and street sign repairs from snowplowing.

Downtown Development Authority - Linda Kahler

DDA Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 AM at City Hall 414 E. Main

The 10th Annual Christmas Market was a Jolly Success, sponsored by the DeWitt DDA! The mild weather, family-oriented events, Charity Race of the Santas, Who-ville Hair Company, some new special events, as well as bigger marketing efforts brought many people to the City of DeWitt – some from as far away as Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor and Muskegon! Both outdoor heated tents had thousands of people in and out! Our cozy outdoor bonfire roasted several hundred s'mores! Santa had 266 individuals/small groups visit him. The Charity Race of the Santa's had 245 participants and brought in \$10,000 that will be divided evenly between the food pantries at the Catholic Community of St. Jude and Redeemer Methodist Church. The DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce brought the 3rd Annual Light Parade to the City and hundreds gathered around the tree for the official Tree Lighting at Memorial Park.

Successful events like this do not happen without volunteers, sponsors, and business partners – all working together to bring community members something truly special and memorable.

Thank you to the 50 plus community volunteers, who did countless task both large and small with holiday spirit and a smile!

Thank you to our Event Sponsors, who supported the Christmas Market with dollars, and/or in-kind donations and time and effort. Many Downtown businesses participated in various ways for the event.

Official Elf Stops were: Inspired Homes & Real Estate, Twiggies, Family Tree Café, Sweetie-licious Bakery & Café, Santorini Salon, Matthew Accounting CPA's & Business Consultants, Reed Insurance Agency, Downtown DeWitt Chiropractic, Scoopy Doo's and Terranova's Market .

Event Sponsors were: The Foresight Group, Family Tree Café, Sweetie-licious Bakery & Café, Hungry Howies, K & T Electric, Jon E. Arendsen Designs (Jeweler), Family Barber Shop, DeWitt Meijer and DeWitt Grain Elevator

Downtown Businesses in the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce Light Parade:
Capital Steel & Wire, Inc. and Chesme Capital Management

Thank you to local Girl Scouts/Brownies, Redeemer United Methodist Church and DeWitt High School Chamber Choir Members for providing your great voices for Christmas Carols!



Photo Courtesy of TCP Photography



Program	Dates	Time	Registration Dates	Age or Grade	Cost (Res/Non-Res)
Mini Movers	1/7-1/28	9:15-10:00 am	11/23-12/18	2-5 yr.	\$25/\$40
Preschool Play	Beginning 1/7	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Pay Each Day	1-5 yr.	\$2
Lacrosse Camp	1/9-1/30	12:00-1:00 pm	11/30-12/18	Gr. K-4	\$25/\$40
Rec Ball	1/9-3/5 No session 2/13	9:00 am-1:00 pm	11/30-12/18	Gr. 9-12	\$60/\$75
Youth Volleyball Leagues	1/9-2/20 no session 2/13	9:00 am-1:00 pm	11/30-12/18	Gr. 3-6	\$34/\$49
Little Hoopers Basketball Camp	1/6-1/27	5:30-7:30 pm (45 min session)	12/2-12/18	4-6 yr.	\$34/\$49
January Drop Your Kids Off (Evening)	1/22	6:00-11:00 pm	One Week Prior to Date	4-12 yr.	\$15/One Child \$10 Each Additional
Mid-Michigan Family Theatre: Fairy Tale Theatre	1/23-3/5 No session 2/13	10:00-10:45 am	12/20-1/10	4-8	\$35
Mid-Michigan Family Theatre: Actor's Workshop	1/23-3/5 No session 2/13	11:00 am-12:00 pm	12/20-1/10	9-14	\$45
Mini Matisses: PreK Art	2/4-3/3 No session 2/18	9:15-10:00 am	12/28-1/23	2-5 yr.	\$25/\$40
All Day Drop Your Kids Off	2/15	7:30 am-5:30 pm	One Week Prior to Date	5-12 yr.	\$25/One Child \$15 Each Additional
Sports Starter	2/15-3/21	10:00-10:45 am OR 5:30-7:00 pm (45min session)	1/11-2/1	3-5 yr.	\$34/\$49
Floor Hockey	2/20-3/26	9:00 am-3:00 pm	1/11-1/30	Gr. K-5	\$34/\$49
February Drop Your Kids Off (Evening)	2/26	6:00-11:00 pm	One Week Prior to Date	4-12 yr.	\$15/One Child \$10 Each Additional
March Drop Your Kids Off (Evening)	3/4	6:00-11:00 pm	One Week Prior to Date	4-12 yr.	\$15/One Child \$10 Each Additional
All Day Drop Your Kids Off	3/11	7:30 am-5:30 pm	One Week Prior to Date	5-12 yr.	\$25/One Child \$15 Each Additional
Teddy Bear Tea Party	3/12	12:30-1:15 pm	2/8-2/27	3+ yr.	\$10/Pair \$2/Each Additional Child
Father/Son Bowling Night	3/15	6:00-7:30 pm	2/8-2/27	Gr. K-6	\$25/Pair \$10/Each Additional Child
Egg Hunt	3/19	3:00 p.m. Sharp at the DeWitt Sports Park	No Registration	1-10 yr.	Free
Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt	3/19	7:45-9:00 pm at the DeWitt Sports Park	2/15-3/5	Gr. 6-8	Free



GRANGER

2016 RECYCLING GUIDE

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

There is no collection on the following holidays (noted on the calendar in black):

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Your recycling collection days are shaded on this calendar in BLUE. Holidays are shaded BLACK. As indicated on the calendar, collections are delayed by one day when the holiday falls on a weekday.

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