

# City of DeWitt Newsletter



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### Holiday Schedule City Offices Closed

**Independence Day**  
Monday, July 4 Closed  
Trash Service will be  
Thursday, July 7th

**Labor Day, Monday,**  
September 5th Closed  
Trash Service will be  
Thursday, September 8th

## Message from Mayor Jim Rundborg



I'd like to begin the newsletter with a few announcements.

Gail Watkins, our City Assessor, has decided to retire after 30 years of assessing property in the City of DeWitt. Gail and his wife/assistant, Judy will be hard to replace, but we wish them both a well deserved retirement!

Please welcome our new DDA Coordinator, Heather Tracy. You can meet Heather down at the Farmers Market on Tuesdays while you enjoy all that the market has to offer, or stop by the City Offices to visit her.

Lastly, after serving five years on Parks & Recreation, four years on the DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority, six years on City Council and the past ten years as your Mayor, I've decided not to run for re-election. My last day as Mayor will be December 31, 2016. My wife Sue and I love the DeWitt community and will continue to make DeWitt our home, but we felt it was time for me to step down and let a new Mayor carry on the good work. It's been a pleasure over the years to have worked with Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Leeming and council members Dave Hunsaker, Maria Ostrander, Tony Stoker, Matt Cooper and Trevor VanDyke and those who served before. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the public.

I am proud of the way the downtown is transforming and shaping up. Façade improvements have taken place at the Reed Insurance Agency where Bruce Joslyn has expanded and even connected his buildings to make one. Relli's owner John Coscarelli is bringing in more light with the installation of a new full glass garage door at the front entrance of his building. I'd also like to mention that Relli's is celebrating their 20th year in business. Congratulations John!

Over the past few months, DeWitt has enjoyed some new and exciting changes to our downtown. Loretta Spinrad has relocated the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce from business 27 to downtown DeWitt. Bridge Street Social continues to greet customers nightly for dinner and drinks. Scoopy Doo's has a new owner, Becky Hayes. Stop in for ice cream and meet her. In the future, plans for new business space will be constructed on the corner of Bridge and Main Street and the old church on North Bridge Street will eventually be renovated for the new Microbrewery.

I'd like to thank all of our Board and Commission members, City Administrator Dan Coss, Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Grysen, Police Chief Bruce Ferguson, office staff and the Department of Public Service employees for their daily dedication to the City of DeWitt. In conclusion, I want to thank all our City residents for their support over the years and for giving me the opportunity to be the longest serving Mayor in DeWitt history. As always DeWitt is a great place to live, work and go to school. See you downtown!

Jim Rundborg, Mayor

**Police Department News - Chief Bruce Ferguson**  
517-669-9131 or email at [bferguson@dewittmi.org](mailto:bferguson@dewittmi.org)



**Credit Card Fraud**

I would like to update everyone on the latest fraud out there causing problems for unsuspecting credit card holders. It involves credit card numbers, not the card itself. Criminals are obtaining credit card numbers either by hacking into business or agency record systems or by using skimmers at gas pumps or other places where credit cards are used. They then clone or use the credit card number to order items. It is not typically noticed until you receive your credit card statement and at that point, the fraud is discovered.

Lately, we have seen an increase in these types of frauds being reported by City of DeWitt residents and there seems to be an increase county wide. The loss can range from a few dollars, to the largest we are aware of, which is over \$8,000. If you notice a charge that is not yours and appears to be suspicious, contact your credit card company immediately so you can report the fraud. Your credit card company can then block the compromised credit card to prevent further fraudulent activity. Please contact our department or stop by if you have any questions. We can prepare a police report for you and do any follow up that may be necessary.

**Special Needs Safety Fair**

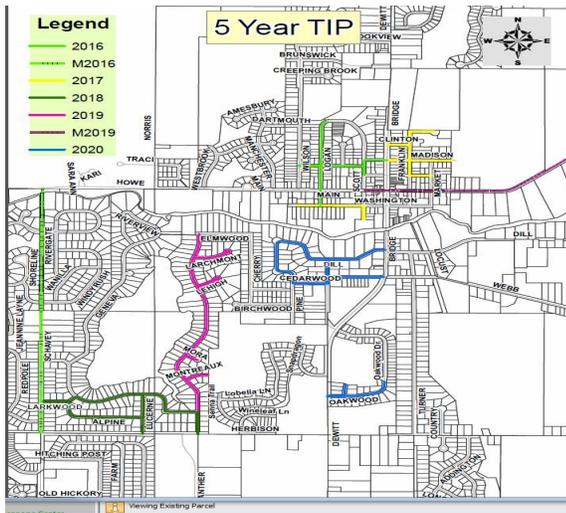
I would like to announce a county wide Special Needs Safety Fair for our county residents, youth through adult, who have special needs. It is a chance to ask questions, inform our first responders of any vital information they may need to know before responding to your residence, and give our friends with special needs a chance to meet first responders in person. The Safety Fair will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from noon until 5 pm at the DeWitt Junior High School, 2957 W. Herbison Rd. If you have any questions, feel free to call me here at the DeWitt Police Department at 517-669-9131 or by email at [bferguson@dewittmi.org](mailto:bferguson@dewittmi.org).

**Administrative Tidbits - City Administrator Dan Coss**  
517-669-2441 or email at [dcoss@dewittmi.org](mailto:dcoss@dewittmi.org)



One of the many summertime activities for residents is tending to the lawn and landscaping needs around the yard. I would like to remind residents that wood chips, topsoil and other landscaping materials may not be stored in the street or over sidewalks, per City Ordinance Chapter 30 Section 30-36 (2). Leaving piles of topsoil, wood chips, etc. in the street is a public safety issue for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, especially at night. Moreover, during rain events, that material often times ends up in our storm sewer system leading to clogged catch basins causing street flooding, or is deposited in the Looking Glass River, which can have a detrimental effect on the water quality of the river. Please help us protect this natural resource!

All of the 2016 Road projects are well underway and will be wrapping up by the end of the summer, and planning for 2017 has already begun. The map highlights the City's 5Year TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) and shows the locations of the road resurfacing projects over the next five-years. As the future road projects get closer we will be sure to communicate with those neighborhoods that are most affected.



## City Council Adopts Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

At the May 10, 2016 City Council meeting, the City Council held a public hearing and subsequently adopted the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for all City Funds. The budget will act as the City's financial plan for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Highlights of the budget are as follows:

### GENERAL FUND

The millage rate to support the General Fund will remain at 13.00 mills, which is \$13 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. Based on the City's total taxable value for this budget year, property taxes will generate \$1,843,712 for the General Fund. Of the two revenue sources for the General Fund; property taxes will remain the largest source of revenue for the General Fund with State Revenue Sharing the second largest source at

\$351,166. Total revenues for the General Fund are \$3,078,472. Total expenditures for the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 are \$3,078,472. The total General Fund expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is a decrease of .74% or \$22,743 from Fiscal Year 2015-2016. **General Fund expenditures** include Police, Fire, Parks, Recreation, General Government, Elections, Planning and Public Works.

### SPECIAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$30,000 budgeted to implement improvements from the Riverside/Memorial Park Master Plan  
\$75,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Street Fund for street improvement projects.

### MAJOR STREET FUNDS

\$100,000 for road resurfacing  
\$35,000 for routine street maintenance  
\$30,000 has been scheduled for payment on the bonds for Wilson Street.

### LOCAL STREET FUNDS

\$175,000 for preventative maintenance and resurfacing residential streets. The proposed streets or portions of streets scheduled for resurfacing are: Riverwind Drive, Clinton Street, East Madison Street, North Franklin Street East Jefferson Street, South Scott Street and West Washington Street.

### ENTERPRISE FUNDS (Water and Sewer Fund)

Quarterly sanitary sewer charges per residential equivalent unit will be \$67.00 per quarter. This quarterly charge covers the maintenance and capital expenses associated with operating the sanitary sewer system. \$344,112 as payment to Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority for operating and maintaining the sanitary sewer system.  
\$61,369 paid to the Lansing Board of Water and Light for Fire Hydrant Rental.  
\$15,000 for hydrant replacement and \$25,000 for sanitary sewer relining, sewer cleaning and sewer line root foaming.

### MOTOR POOL FUNDS

\$22,075 to cover repair and maintenance for the Department of Public Works equipment.  
\$6,622 to cover repair and maintenance for the Police Department vehicles  
\$55,126 to cover fuel purchases for the Police Department and Public Works.



## Clerk's Corner - Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Grysen

**TAXES:** 2016 Summer Taxes were mailed out July 1. Please let us know if you did not receive your tax bill.

The last day to register to vote for the August Primary Election is July 5th until 4:00 P.M. City Hall will be **OPEN** Saturday, July 30 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in order to obtain an absentee ballot for the August 2nd Primary Election.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

### THE 71ST ANNUAL DEWITT OX ROAST IS AUGUST 18, 19 & 20—SPONSORED BY THE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

**BRUSH PICK UP** is Monday, September 26, 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.



**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 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](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org) for more information and to make an appointment.



**DATES FOR MEDICATION RECYCLING:**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**RECYCLING & REUSE EVENT: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 FROM 8:00 AM TO 1:00 pm**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (989) 224-5186 OR GO TO [WWW.CLINTON-COUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.CLINTON-COUNTY.ORG)**



### **DEWITT DDA WELCOMES NEW COORDINATOR HEATHER TRACY**

Hello everyone, I am Heather Tracy and I'm excited to join the Downtown Development Authority and to serve DeWitt as the new DDA Coordinator.

Both my husband and I are DeWitt graduates and we returned to DeWitt five years ago after I earned my Bachelors degree from the University of Michigan and my Master's degree from Central Michigan University. We now have the benefit of raising our three children in the same community we grew up in. I look forward to meeting all of you at the Farmers' Market every Tuesday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and at other community events. The DDA is always in need of volunteers, so if you would like to join us, we'd be happy to have you. See you at the Market!

**FARMER MARKET DATES** **July:** 5, 12, 19 & 26 **August:** 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
**September:** 6, 13, 20 & 27

**DDA MEETINGS 7:30 AM at City Hall:** July 12      August 9      September 13

**CITY HALL MEETINGS: All meetings below take place at the City Hall, 414 E. Main Street**

July 12 & 26	City Council—7:00 PM
July 28	Planning Commission—7:00 PM
August 9 & 23	City Council—7:00 PM
August 10	Park, Recreation, Cemetery & Tree Commission—7:00 PM <b>(time is subject to change)</b>
August 25	Planning Commission - 7:00 PM
September 13 & 27	City Council—7:00 PM
September 22	Planning Commission—7:00 PM

Program Name	Actual Dates	Time of Program Operation	Registration Dates	Age or Grade	Cost (Res/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
Adult Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun Ongoing	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Drop in	18 yrs. & Up	\$2 per visit
Youth Golf Lessons at Hawk Hollow	7/5-8/9 (Tues) 7/6-8/10 (Wed)	6:00-7:00 pm (8-11 yrs.) 7:00-8:00 pm (12-15 yrs.)	6/6-6/24	8-11 yrs. ( Tues or Wed) 12-15 yrs.	\$50
Men's Softball	8/8-9/12	Games are Monday Nights 6:00-8:00 pm (times varies)	7/1-8/1	18 yrs. & up	\$200 team fee + Ump Fee Individual Player Fees:
Coed Softball	8/7-9/11	Games are Sunday Nights 4:00-6:00 pm (times varies)	7/1-8/1	16 yrs. & up	\$200 team fee + Ump Fee Individual Player Fees:
Mid-Michigan Family Theatre Drama Camp	8/22-8/26	9:00 am-12:00 pm	5/23-8/15	7-16 yrs.	\$75
Little Kickers Soccer League	9/10-10/15	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	8/1-8/21	4 yrs.-K	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Soccer League	9/10-10/15	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	8/1-8/21	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Soccer League	9/10-10/15	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	8/1-8/21	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	\$40/res;\$55/non-res
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer League	9/10-10/15	9:00 am-1:00 pm (time varies)	8/1-8/21	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$40/res;\$55/non-res
K & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Flag Football League	9/10-10/15	1:00 pm-5:00 pm (time varies)	8/1-8/21	K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Flag Football League	9/10-10/15	1:00 pm-5:00 pm (time varies)	8/1-8/21	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Flag Football League	9/10-10/15	1:00 pm-5:00 pm (time varies)	8/1-8/21	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
Sports Starter	10/29-12/3	10:00 am (3 year olds) 11:00 am (4 & 5 year olds)	9/14-10/2	3-5 yrs.	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Leagues	11/8-12/13	5:30-7:30 pm (time varies)	10/1-10/16	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
Basketball University	10/6-10/27	5:45-6:45 pm (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) 6:45-7:45 pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> gradee)	9/1-10/1	1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$35
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball League	10/22-12/3	10:00 am-1:00 pm	9/1-10/6	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	\$34/res; \$49/non-res
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball League	10/22-12/10	9:00 am-1:00 pm	9/1-10/6	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$50/res; \$65/non-res
Drop Your Kids Off	9/16	6:00-11:00 pm	8/16-9/14	4-12 yrs.	\$15/child; \$10/each additional child
Drop Your Kids Off	10/14	6:00-11:00 pm	9/1-10/12	4-12 yrs.	\$15/child; \$10/each additional child
Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt	10/18	6:00-7:30 pm	9/1-10/11	3-10 yrs.	\$5/res; \$10/non-res
Haunted Halloween Tour	10/21	7:00 pm-12:00 am	9/1-10/15	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$45
Preschool Science	10/6-10/27	9:15-10:00 am	9/1-9/25	2-5 yrs.	\$25/res; \$40/non-res

Register for most DARA programs online by visiting our website at [www.dewittrecreation.org](http://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!