



# CITY OF IONIA



**November 7, 2023 Election Information:** Here is what you need to know to vote in this fall's election:

- 1. Voter Registration**—To confirm that you are registered to vote, given your current address, please visit the Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) online at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote). On this website, you can also update your registration if you have recently moved as long as it is more than 14 days before the election. Contact the City Clerk's Office to update your registration within 14 days of the election. Voter registration services will be available on election day at the City's polling location but wait times should be expected.
- 2. Absentee Ballots**—Absentee ballots will be available for the November 2023 election on September 28. If you are on the permanent absentee ballot list, a ballot will be automatically mailed to you. Otherwise, an absentee ballot application must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office to formally request a ballot. Please allow time for the Post Office to deliver these ballots to you and return them to the Clerk's Office. A new ballot drop box is located in front of City Hall at 114 N. Kidd Street if you wish to return your absentee ballot in person. You may contact the City Clerk's Office to verify the status of your absentee ballot or check at the MVIC online at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote).
- 3. Public Accuracy Test**—All of the City's election equipment will be tested during the Public Accuracy Test on Thursday, September 28 at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room at City Hall, 114 N. Kidd Street. This is open to the public.
- 4. The Armory Community Center** at 439 W. Main Street is the polling place for all City residents. An accessible entrance is located on the building's southeast side. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM, Tuesday, November 7. The City Clerk's Office will be temporarily moved to the Armory on November 6 and 7 for all election-related business. Questions: contact City Clerk Mary Patrick at 523-0145 or Assistant to the City Manager Jonathan Bowman at 523-0147. Information is also available on the City website [cityofionia.org](http://cityofionia.org) under City Clerk.
- 5. City of Ionia Ballot Proposals**—Please see the enclosed flyer for important information regarding two proposed amendments to the Ionia City Charter that will appear on the November 7 ballot for your vote.

## Winter parking and sidewalk snow removal rules

**Odd/Even Parking:** To facilitate winter snow plowing of City streets, residents are reminded of the odd/even parking ordinance in effect from **December 1 through March 31 from 7 AM—NOON**. The ordinance states that vehicles must park on the even or odd house-numbered side of the street that coincides with the even or odd date of the month. For example, on December 16, an even numbered date, vehicles must park on the side of the street with even house numbers. On December 17, an odd-numbered date, vehicles must park on the side of the street with odd house numbers. **This rule applies to all streets on which parking is allowed from December 1—March 31 from 7 AM—NOON only.** Contact the Public Safety Department at 527-4431 with questions regarding the ordinance.



**Sidewalk Snow Removal:** The City requires that every property owner or resident keep the sidewalk bordering his or her property free of snow and ice after every snowfall. If this requirement is not satisfied, City Code ([https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ionia/latest/ionia\\_mi/0-0-0-27124](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ionia/latest/ionia_mi/0-0-0-27124)) permits the City to perform snow and ice removal at the property owner's expense. City Code also states that there is no advance warning required. Residents are encouraged to contact Public Safety Code Enforcement at 523-0157 with questions regarding this ordinance.



**City of Ionia Sesquicentennial** The city has a big birthday this year, turning 150 years old! Many activities and events are planned to celebrate this momentous occasion. Please join us for a commemorative ceremony in front of Ionia City Hall, 114 N. Kidd Street on Saturday, October 7 from 11 AM to Noon. Following the ceremony, a cake and ice cream social will be held from 2—4 PM at 302 W. Main Street (former Mercantile Bank Building). Please go to [www.cityofionia.org](http://www.cityofionia.org) for a full list of activities and events planned throughout the month of October to celebrate 150 years of our beloved city!



## Granger Recycle Schedule



October	November	December
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup>

Trash and recycling containers must be street side by 7 AM for pick-up. Those placed later than 7 AM may be missed. If you are billed for trash pickup and/or recycling by the City, please call 523-0141 for any issues regarding these services. Answers to general questions regarding recycling, such as, what things are eligible for recycling can be found on Granger's website [www.grangernet.com/ionia-recycling](http://www.grangernet.com/ionia-recycling).

**Bagged Leaves Pickup Program:** The City will collect bagged leaves during the months of October and November according to the schedule listed below. Leaves must be placed in large paper yard waste bags and set on the tree lawn (area between the sidewalk and curb) for removal. Leaves may also be discarded at the City's compost site located off Apple Tree Drive. **NOTE:** The City no longer collects loose leaves.



City Code prohibits the burning of leaves, brush, trash, or grass clippings within the City limits.

**Round 1 - October 2023:**

Monday, October 30, 2023	Bayard, Blanchard Ct., Brown, Cleveland, Crawford, Gregmark Ln., Harrison, Highland Dr., Melody Ln., Mill, Skyview Dr., Skyview Tr., Southview Dr., Stevenson Pl., & Whitetail Ct.
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	Allen, Bagley, Batson, Benton Ct., Division, Johnson, Jones, Lafayette, Lovell Pl., Morse, Oakwood Ct., Prospect, Rich, Ridgewood Ct., Ridgewood Dr., & Terrace Ave.
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Bliss, Davis Ct., Jackson, Jefferson, Lovell, Maple, Oak, Park, Pearl, Stevenson, & Wager Pl.
Thursday, November 2, 2023	Adams, Colby, Hudson, James, Main, Railroad, Webber, & Welton
Monday, November 6, 2023	Baldie, Dye, Hackett, Harter, High, N. State, Stivens Alley, Taylor Ct., Marshall Ct., Kimball Alley, & King Alley.
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Center, Cyrus, E. Fargo, Lytle, Pleasant, Summit, Tower, Townsend, Union.
Wednesday, November 8, 2023	Aspen Valley Ln., N. Dexter (M-66), Fox Tail Dr., Lincoln Ave. (M-21), N. State (M-66), Timber Ridge Ct., Washington.
Thursday, November 9, 2023	Branch, Brooks, Chapman, N. Dexter, W. Fargo, Forrest, Hall, Kaiser, King, Lawton, Louisa, Nicholson, Rice, Roselawn Dr., Yeomans.

**Round 2 - November 2023:**

*Final Round*

Wednesday, November 15, 2023	Baldie, Dye, Hackett, Harter, High, N. State, Stivens Alley, Taylor Ct., Marshall Ct., Kimball Alley, & King Alley.
Thursday, November 16, 2023	Center, Cyrus, E. Fargo, Lytle, Pleasant, Summit, Tower, Townsend, Union.
Friday, November 17, 2023	Aspen Valley Ln., N. Dexter (M-66), Fox Tail Dr., Lincoln Ave. (M-21), N. State (M-66), Timber Ridge Ct., Washington.
Monday, November 20, 2023	Branch, Brooks, Chapman, N. Dexter, W. Fargo, Forrest, Hall, Kaiser, King, Lawton, Louisa, Nicholson, Rice, Roselawn Dr., Yeomans.
Tuesday, November 21, 2023	Bayard, Blanchard Ct., Brown, Cleveland, Crawford, Gregmark Ln., Harrison, Highland Dr., Melody Ln., Mill, Skyview Dr., Skyview Tr., Southview Dr., Stevenson Pl., & Whitetail Ct.
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	Allen, Bagley, Batson, Benton Ct., Division, Johnson, Jones, Lafayette, Lovell Pl., Morse, Oakwood Ct., Prospect, Rich, Ridgewood Ct., Ridgewood Dr., & Terrace Ave.
Monday, November 27, 2023	Bliss, Davis Ct., Jackson, Jefferson, Lovell, Maple, Oak, Park, Pearl, Stevenson, & Wager Pl.
Tuesday, November 28, 2023	Adams, Colby, Hudson, James, Main, Railroad, Webber, & Welton

**Final Citywide Collection:**

The City will conduct a final Citywide sweep from Wednesday, November 29 to Friday, December 1, 2023. Depending on amount of leaves remaining and weather conditions, it may take additional days the following week to complete. All bags must be placed street side **by 7:00 AM, Wednesday, November 29, 2023**, as streets will only be covered once.