City Recognizes Employee Milestone Anniversaries!

*Congratulations to City employees celebrating employment anniversaries during 2019*

5 Years
Alec L. Lynn, Public Safety Department
Gregory R. Saurbeck, Dial-A-Ride Department
Joseph W. Flanders, Public Safety Department
Jerry L. Wineland, Public Safety Department

20 Years
Jennifer A. Skorka, Public Safety Department
Chad E. Jones, Public Safety Department
Shannon D. Courter, Public Utilities Department

10 Years
Joseph W. Schueller, Dial-A-Ride Department
Christine Hendrick, Asst. Director Finance Department

25 Years
Warren Conley, Public Safety Department
Betsy J. Lennemann, City Hall Accounting Department

15 Years
Brian Vos, Public Safety Department

40 Years
Chris A. Kenyon, Director Public Utilities Department

2020 Meeting Schedules: City Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority are as follow:

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City Income Taxes – 2019 Filings: A reminder that city income taxes are due April 30 for everyone working or residing in the city. Individuals employed at any of the local correctional facilities are also required to file. City income tax forms are available at City Hall, the Ionia Community Library, or on the city’s website at [www.cityofionia.org](http://www.cityofionia.org). Questions regarding the city income tax may be directed to incometax@ci.ionia.mi.us or 523-0142. A reminder that the city does not accept any e-filed returns, whether from Turbo Tax or your professional tax preparer, due to issues with how the electronic information interfaces with our software. Please be sure to print your city return and drop off at or mail to City Hall.

Steele Street/Utility Project Planned: Although the asphalt has hardly cooled on this year’s projects, design work is underway as we plan for the reconstruction of Steele Street (Adams Street to Dexter Street) during the 2020 construction season. Improvements include replacing the underground municipal utilities (sanitary sewer main, storm sewer main, water main), curb, sidewalk and street surface (the street width will be narrowed from three lanes to two lanes). The project will be bid in early 2020. Project scheduling information will be available during early 2020.

Granger Recycle Schedule

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Trash and recycling containers must be streetside by 7:00 am on the day of pickup. If it is placed later than 7:00 am, it may not be picked up. Clear and colored glass are accepted; make sure you rinse clean and remove the lids. Labels may be left on containers. Plastic bags are not allowed in recycling. Visit Granger’s website at [www.grangernet.com/ionia-recycling](http://www.grangernet.com/ionia-recycling) for details. If you are billed for trash pickup and/or recycling by the City, call 523-1041 for any issues regarding pickup or trash/recycling carts. Please do not call Granger as the City is contracted with them for trash and recycling services.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program: Residents may dispose of their Christmas trees by placing them curb side for collection on Friday, January 3, 2020. Trees placed by the street must be free of tree stands, ornaments, lights, and NOT to be placed in a plastic disposal bag.

Visit the City of Ionia website at [www.cityofionia.org](http://www.cityofionia.org) for information on all City departments.
**Code Enforcement**

**Odd/Even Parking:** Residents are reminded of the odd/even parking ordinance which pertains to vehicles parked in the street overnight. The ordinance, in effect from **December 1 through March 31** each year, states that vehicles must be parked on the side of the street that coincides with the date of the month. For example, if the date after midnight is an even numbered date, vehicles must be parked on the side of the street that carries even house numbers. If the date after midnight is an odd number, vehicles must be parked on the side of the street that carries odd house numbers. Keep in mind what the date will be after midnight when parking a vehicle. The ordinance applies **7:00 am to 10:00 am**. The odd/even parking ordinance does not apply to areas with parking on only one side of the street. Contact the Public Safety Department at 527-4431 with questions regarding the ordinance.

**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. The City code does permit the City to have the snow and ice removed at the property owner’s expense if they do not comply with this request. The City code also states that there is no advance warning required. Residents are encouraged to contact Public Safety Officer Vos at 523-0157 with questions regarding the ordinance.

**Rental Registration:** If you own residential rental property in the City, it must be registered with the City. The purpose of the rental inspection program is to ensure the safety of the tenants and maintain the quality of our neighborhoods. If you have a residential rental property that has not been inspected by the City and is not currently registered with the City, please contact Officer Brian Vos at the Public Safety Department via e-mail at bvos@ci.ionia.mi.us or at 523-0157 to register your rental and to schedule an inspection.

**Parks & Recreation**

**Lil’ Hoopers March Madness:** Registration is December 23, 2019 through February 14, 2020. Cost: $40/Residents and $50/Non-Residents. There are 60 players per 6 team division. Divisions are Coed. Boys and Girls ages 4, 5, and 6 are Division 1. Boys and Girls ages 7, 8, and 9 are Division 2. Games are played in the Armory Community Center Gymnasium on Monday and Wednesday (20 minute practice/30 minute game). Games begin March 4, and end March 25.

**T-Ball:** Registration is January 27 through April 3, 2020. Cost: $40/Residents and $50/Non-Residents. Teams are Coed. Boys and Girls ages 3 and 4 years old are Division 1. Boys and Girls ages 5 and 6 years old are Division 2. T-ball games and practices begin in May and are held at the Harwood Road Sports Complex softball fields behind the ISD school.

**Spring Soccer:** Registration is January 13, 2020 through March 13, 2020. Cost: $40/Residents and $50/Non-Residents. Teams are Coed. Games are played at the soccer fields in front of the Ionia High school.

**Adult Summer Softball League:** Registration is February 3, 2020 through April 10, 2020. Team entry fee: $275 with no player fees. Men and Women eighteen years or older. Teams: Sunday Coed, Monday Coed, and Tuesday Nights. Umpire fees are $12 per game per team and are paid at the field.

**Tumble-Bumble-Bee’s Gymnastics/Dance:** Boys and Girls, ages 12 and under, classes start Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and will run 5 weeks. Class time is 5:15 to 6pm in the Armory basement. Cost is $30.00 each participant.

**Tae-Kwon-Do:** Youth and Adults. $25.00 first student, $15.00 each additional family member per month. Tuesday 6 pm - 7:30 pm & Saturday 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (Seasonal) Classes promote self defense, fitness, health, well being and strength.

**Holiday Schedule:** City offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **New Year’s Eve:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019 and New Year’s Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2020

**Water Quality Report Available Online:** The City’s 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available for review online at the City’s website [www.cityofionia.org](http://www.cityofionia.org). Select the Departments tab at the top of the home page, then select Public Utilities, and choose the Water Quality Report document that is located in the maroon color file cabinet.

**Connectivity Data Survey:** Take the ‘Ionia Internet Speed Test’ at [https://forms.gle/69nEUxQ5ibMEXW8M9](https://forms.gle/69nEUxQ5ibMEXW8M9)