



# CITY OF IONIA



Winter 2018  
Newsletter

## City Recognizes Employee Milestone Anniversaries!

\*Congratulations to the following City employees celebrating employment anniversaries during 2018\*

### 5 Years

Daniel Bennett, Public Utilities Department  
Janice Gustafson, 4th Ward/City Council  
Charles Kinsman, Dial-A-Ride  
Keith Swanson, Public Safety Department  
Loren Weller, Dial-A-Ride

### 10 Years

Linda Curtis, DDA Director  
Kevin Heinlein, Public Safety Department  
John Milewski, 3rd Ward/City Council  
Thomas Millard, 2nd Ward/City Council  
Keegan Rice, Parks & Recreation Department  
Heidi Wenzel, Dial-A-Ride Director

### 15 Years

Scott Baker, Public Works Department  
Joseph Lafler, Public Utilities Department  
Lon MacLachlan, Dial-A-Ride  
Matt Painter, Parks & Recreation Department  
Karen Sprague, Public Safety Department

### 20 Years

Michael Cronk, Public Safety Department

### 25 Years

David Cunningham, Public Works Department  
John Odette, Public Safety Department  
Kim Patrick, 2nd Ward/City Council

### 30 Years

Daniel Balice, Mayor/City Council  
Sue Simon, Dial-A-Ride

### Opportunity to Comment – Draft 2019-2024 Recreation Plan:

The city is accepting written public comments until Monday, January 7, 2019, on its proposed 2019-2024 Recreation Plan. This plan has been prepared according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements in order to be eligible for state and federal parks and recreation grants. The purpose of the plan is to address all aspects of recreation programming and parks facilities development within the city during the next five years. A paper copy of the plan is available for review at both City Hall and the Parks and Recreation Department office at the Armory Community Center. An electronic copy of the draft plan may be reviewed via the city's website at [www.cityofionia.org](http://www.cityofionia.org) (link on the homepage). Written comments should be directed to Jason Eppler, City Manager, via the City Hall address or via e-mail at [jeppler@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:jeppler@ci.ionia.mi.us).

Comments regarding the draft plan may also be offered at a public hearing to be held as part of the Tuesday, January 8, 2019, City Council meeting. The meeting begins 7:00 PM at City Hall. The City Council will be asked to adopt the draft plan following the public hearing.

**City Income Taxes – 2018 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](mailto: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.

**2019 Meeting Schedules:** City Council and Planning Commission are as follow:

#### CITY COUNCIL

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM at City Hall:

January 8, 2019	July 2, 2019
February 5, 2019	August 6, 2019
March 5, 2019	September 3, 2019
April 9, 2019	October 1, 2019
May 7, 2019	November 5, 2019
June 4, 2019	December 3, 2019

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings begin at 4:30 PM at City Hall:

January 9, 2019	July 10, 2019
February 13, 2019	August 14, 2019
March 13, 2019	September 11, 2019
April 10, 2019	October 9, 2019
May 8, 2019	November 13, 2019
June 12, 2019	December 11, 2019



### Granger Recycle Schedule ~ 2019

January	February	March
Monday, 7th	Monday, 4th	Monday, 4th
Monday, 21st	Monday, 18th	Monday, 18th

Trash and recycling containers must be streetside by 7:00 AM on the day of pickup. If placed later than 7:00 AM, it may not be picked up. Plastic bags are not allowed in recycling. Visit the City of Ionia website at [www.cityofionia.org](http://www.cityofionia.org) for more information. If you are billed for trash pickup and/or recycling by the city, call 523-0141 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.

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

**2019 Street/Utility Projects Planned:** Although the asphalt has hardly cooled on this year's projects, design work is underway and plans are developed for next summer's street reconstruction projects. Improvements include replacing the underground municipal utilities (sanitary sewer main, storm sewer main, water main), curb, sidewalk, and street surface on the following streets during the 2019 construction season:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From/To</u>
Division Street	Lafayette Street to East Lincoln Avenue
Dye Street	Washington Street to Baldie Street
Lovell Place	Terrace Court to East Lincoln Avenue
Terrace Court	Division Street to Rich Street
Washington Street	Kidd Street to Dexter Street

Detailed project information will be provided to residents of these streets prior to the start of the projects.

### City 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 between **7:00 AM and 10:00 AM** to allow for proper snow removal on both sides of the street during winter months. The "Odd/Even Parking Ordinance" does not apply to areas with parking on only one side of the street. Contact the Public Safety at 527-4431 with questions regarding the ordinance.

**Snow Removal** - City code requires that every property owner or resident keep the sidewalk bordering their property free of snow and ice after every snowfall. City code does permit the city to have the snow and ice removed at the property owner's expense with no advance notice. Contact Public Safety Officer Brian Vos at 523-0157 with questions regarding the ordinance. Also, when clearing snow from your sidewalk or driveway, please do not place the snow in the street or along the side (shoulder) of the street. It is against state statute to deposit snow, ice, or slush in the street or on the shoulder of the street. A citation can be issued to individuals who violate Statute MCL 257.677a.

**Hydrant Snow Removal:** If you have a fire hydrant located in front of or in close proximity to your home, please keep the snow removed from around it. In responding to an emergency, every second counts; and not having to remove snow from around the hydrant means quicker access.



**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 is not currently registered with the city or has not been inspected by the city, please contact Officer Brian Vos at the Public Safety Department via e-mail [bvos@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:bvos@ci.ionia.mi.us) or at 523-0157.

### Parks & Recreation

**Lil' Hoopers March Madness:** Registration is December 10, 2018, through February 8, 2019. 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. \*Late registration, if available, is \$60.00.

**T-Ball:** Registration is January 7 through April 5, 2019. 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 7 through March 15, 2019. 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 4 through April 12, 2019. 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.

**Christmas Tree Recycling Program:** Residents may dispose of their Christmas trees by placing them streetside for collection on **Friday, January 4, 2019**. Trees placed by the street must be free of tree stands, ornaments, lights, and NOT to be placed in a plastic disposal bag.



**Water Quality Report Available Online:** The City's 2017 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, then *Public Utilities*, and choose *Water Quality Report*.