Spring Dump-Your-Junk Program: The annual citywide Spring Dump-Your-Junk Day will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Dumpsters will be available at the City’s Public Works Garage, 303 South Jackson Street. Dump-Your-Junk Day begins at 8:00 am and continues until 12:00 noon, or until all the dumpsters have been filled.

Materials NOT ACCEPTED include tires, lead acid batteries, yard waste, hazardous waste, liquids of any kind, radioactive materials, barrels or drums which are not empty and crushed, compressed gas cylinders which are not empty and disabled, appliances containing Freon (unless a valid reclamation sticker is attached). Ionia County will also be conducting a household hazardous waste collection at the same location and may take some of the items not accepted by the City. County of Ionia will be charging a $5.00 fee for all TVs. Items accepted by IONIA COUNTY include…

General Items: printer cartridges, aerosols, dry & wet cell batteries, mercury containing devices, small electronics (cell phones, laptops, game consoles, cameras, etc.), propane cylinders (2 lbs. or less).

Automotive: gasoline, motor oil (no limit on volume, but please no individual containers over 10 gallons), auto batteries, antifreeze, cleaners, windshield wiper fluid, car wax, brake fluid, transmission fluid, auto paint, mercury switches.

Household: furniture polishes & waxes, oven cleaners, ammonia, drain openers, tub & tile cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, scouring powders, upholstery/carpet cleaners, spot & stain removers, bleach, dyes, dry cleaning solvents.

Home Improvement: oil-based paint, varnish, stain, paint thinner, paint stripper, caulk, adhesives, fluorescent light bulbs.

Pesticides: weed killer, insecticide & insect repellent, rat & mouse poison, pet spray & dip, flea collars, disinfectant, fly traps, mothballs, wood preservative.

Pool Chemicals: chlorine/bromine tablets, shock treatments, water balancers.

Hobby: photographic chemicals, artist paints & mediums, fiberglass epoxy, gun cleaning solvents, alcohol, creosote, cutting oil, glues, mineral spirits, naphtha, paint brush cleaners, polyurethane coatings, rust remover, turpentine, wood stains & preservatives.

Spring Brush/Yard Waste Removal Program: The city will remove brush and bagged yard waste during the week of April 22, 2019, pursuant to the program guidelines listed below. All brush and bagged yard waste must be placed streetside by 7:00 am, Monday, April 22, 2019, since streets will be covered one time only.

Yard Waste Removal Guidelines - The purpose of this program is to remove non brush yard waste that is generated through spring yard cleanup (leaves, twigs, garden waste, etc.). All yard waste must be placed in Kraft paper (biodegradable) bags which are available for purchase at local hardware/home improvement stores. Loose yard waste and/or yard waste in plastic trash bags will not be removed.

Brush Pickup Guidelines - The purpose of this program is to remove brush from routine lawn maintenance and not to remove brush associated with tree removal. Brush placed streetside may not be larger than 8” in diameter and not longer than 8’ long so that it can be handled by removal equipment. Brush larger than 8” in size may be disposed of directly by the property owner at the city’s compost site off Apple Tree Drive.

City Income Taxes - 2018 Filings: A reminder that City Income Taxes are due April 30, 2019, for everyone working or residing in the city. This includes the Valley View, Belleview, and Austin Pines developments. 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 of Ionia website at 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 mail it to City Hall.

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Visit the City of Ionia website at www.cityofionia.org for information on all City departments.
**2019 Infrastructure Projects:** The City has two major reconstruction projects planned for the 2019 construction season. At its February meeting, the City Council accepted a bid from CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia, for improvements to Division Street (M-21 to Lafayette Street), Lovell Place, and Terrace Court. Improvements to these streets include utility replacement; sidewalk, curb, and driveway approach replacement; and a new street surface. At its March meeting, the City Council accepted a bid from Montgomery Excavating, Ionia, for improvements to Dye Street and West Washington Street (Kidd Street to Dexter Street). Improvements to these streets include utility replacement; sidewalk, curb, and driveway approach replacement; and a new street surface.

Both projects are expected to begin in mid to late April and be completed by Labor Day. While construction is underway, streets will be open to local traffic only. Including professional engineering services, both projects total $2.9 million in community reinvestment.

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**City Code Enforcement**

**Front Yard Parking:** City Code prohibits front yard parking. Specifically the City Code states “that no person shall park a vehicle, trailer, or watercraft in a front yard within a residential district of the City, nor on or over any public sidewalk.” The City Code further states that a “front yard…means that part of a lot, other than a driveway, between the curb or street line and the main building on the lot…”

**Long Grass:** Grass on developed lots may not exceed 6 inches in height. Failure to mow regularly can result in the City’s Department of Public Works doing so and the property owner being charged for the service.

**Dog Rules:** Remember to observe two common courtesies when walking your dog: 1. Dog(s) must be on a leash. 2. Clean up any dog waste. Bring along a doggie waste bag and dispose of it properly.

**Yard Meters ~ Sprinkling/Pools:** A yard meter is a second meter which is installed at a residential or commercial site and measures water for exterior use only, i.e., sprinkling lawns, filling pools, etc. This meter is read each December with usage billed in January. Only water usage is billed; there are no sewer charges. Additionally, there are no facility maintenance charges. This meter must be purchased by the owner(s) at City Hall. Call City Hall at 523-0140 for details.

**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 to 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 or at 523-0157.

**Hydrant Flushing:** Flushing of the hydrants began March 25, and it will take approximately four weeks to complete. Hydrant flushing occurs between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm and late evenings from 10:00 pm thru 6:00 am. Water is surged through the water mains to remove sediment and minerals, and discoloration may occur. Residents are asked to check their water before doing laundry or washing items that could be damaged by the discoloration. During hydrant flushing, the water is safe to drink even though it may be discolored due to the presence of minerals. Direct questions to the Department of Public Utilities at 523-0167.

**Wizard of Oz Festival:** The annual Wizard of Oz Festival returns to downtown Ionia and will be held on Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22. Again this year, the _Wizard of Oz_ film, which celebrates its 80th anniversary, will be shown at the Ionia Theatre with tickets costing only 25¢ per person. New this year is _Author’s Alley_, which is designed for both local and well known Oz authors. In addition to celebrity guests, a representative of the International Wizard of Oz Fan Club will be showcasing a gift shop and storyland collectibles. For more information, contact Linda of the DDA office at 527-1420 or email lcurtis@ci.ionia.mi.us or visit the Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival @ https://www.facebook.com/MichiganWizardofozfest/

**Parks & Recreation:** Register online at www.cityofonia.org/parks-and-recreation.php for youth programs. Spring programs include Gymnastics & Dance, April 9 thru May 28, and T-Ball, ages 3 thru 6, games beginning May 8. Did you know that the Armory building has rooms available for event rentals? Call 523-1800 for information.

Plan to spend some family time or personal time at some of the many city parks for outdoor recreation!

**Warning Sirens:** The City of Ionia has four early warning sirens that have been strategically placed. This is in an attempt to assure that everyone in the community are able to hear them when they are sounded. Beginning April 6, warning sirens are tested at 12:00 noon, on the first Saturday of the month.

**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.cityofonia.org and 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.