



CITY OF IONIA



Summer
2018

Work on City Infrastructure Projects Continues: Project contractor, CL Trucking & Excavating, has made significant progress towards completing the City's major street and utility reconstruction project planned for this year involving Hackett Street (State Street to Nicholson Street), Marshall Court, and State Street (Marshall Court to Lincoln Avenue). Improvements include replacing sanitary, storm and water mains; curb; sidewalk (where applicable); and street surface. All underground work/utility work on Hackett Street has been completed and the street sub-base constructed. Now that the school year has ended, CL has started underground work (utility replacement) on State Street. Work on all three streets will be completed in late August prior to the start of the new school year.

Council Adopts FY18-19 City Budget: At its June meeting the City Council adopted the City's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget, which covers the period of July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. To support the new budget, the City Council set the millage rate at 9.00 mills (same millage rate levied last year).

The FY18-19 budget includes funds to complete the following projects:

- ◆ Replacement of Public Safety equipment, including one cruiser and a new aerial truck
- ◆ Replacement of three light duty Public Works trucks
- ◆ Improvements to Robinson Park and construction of Trailhead Park
- ◆ Design engineering for the reconstruction of the following streets during 2019:
 - ◆ Division Street (Lincoln Avenue to Lafayette Street)
 - ◆ Dye Street
 - ◆ Lovell Place
 - ◆ Terrace Court
 - ◆ West Washington Street (Kidd Street to Dexter Street)
- ◆ The resurfacing of the following streets, along with sidewalk improvements during fall 2018:
 - ◆ Chapman Street
 - ◆ West Fargo Street (M-66 to Kaiser Street)
 - ◆ Forest Street (M-66 to Kaiser Street)
 - ◆ Kaiser Street

Utility Rate Adjustment: Effective with the July 1 utility bills, water and sanitary sewer rates are adjusted as follow:

	<u>Water Rates (New)</u>	<u>Sewer Rates (New)</u>
Commodity Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$3.00	\$4.00 (No Change)
Facilities Maintenance Charge (Per REU)	\$24.00/Quarter	\$44.00/Quarter

The adjusted rates are necessary to offset the increase in the cost of the operation of the system and to offset a portion of the cost of servicing debt that was issued to complete infrastructure projects.

Summer Property Tax Deferrals: State law provides for eligible property owners to defer payment of their summer property taxes if a deferment is filed by September 15, 2018. A valid deferment permits summer property taxes to be paid by February 14, 2019, without penalty/interest. An eligible property owner is one who meets the following criteria:

- ◆ Has a total gross household income of \$40,000 or less for the preceding tax year, and
- ◆ Is totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, hemiplegic, quadriplegic, or
- ◆ Is an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, or
- ◆ Is at least 62 years of age.

If you believe you are eligible to defer your summer property taxes, visit or call City Hall (527-4170) for more information.

City Code Reminders: View City Code of Ordinances at the City website www.cityofionia.org, under the *City Government* tab.

Dog Rules: Please observe two common courtesies (and local ordinance requirements) when walking your dog. First, please make sure that your dog is on a leash. Second, please clean up any dog waste.

Lawn Mowing: 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.

Garage Sales: City Code regulates signage. Visit the City website and choose *City Government* tab, then select *Code Enforcement*.

Visit the City of Ionia website at www.cityofionia.org for information on all of the City's departments.

Granger Recycle Schedule ~ 2018

July	August	September
Monday, 9th Monday, 23rd	Monday, 6th Monday, 20th	Tuesday, 4th Monday, 17th
October	November	December
Monday, 1st Monday, 15th Monday, 29th	Monday, 12th Monday, 26th	Monday, 10th Monday, 24th



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. Plastic bags are not allowed in recycling. Granger now accepts clear and colored glass; rinse clean and remove lids. Labels may be left on containers. Not Accepted: CRT glass (monitors or TV screens), light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, cups, bowls, or plates. For more recycling information, visit the City of Ionia website at www.cityofionia.org and select the home page tab titled *Services* and then select *Trash* and *Recycle*. ***Reminder:** If you are billed for trash pickup and/or recycling by the City, call the City at 523-0141 for any issues regarding pickup or carts. Please do not call Granger as the City of Ionia is contracted with them for service.

Trash/Recycle Rate Adjustment: The trash and recycling service charges that appear on the quarterly utility bill will increase based on our contract with Granger. The following rates have been implemented as part of the July 2018 utility bill:

Service	Quarterly Charge
60 Gallon Container	\$21.75
90 Gallon Container	\$22.95
Curbside Recycling	\$10.35
Bag Tags	\$16.50 For Ten Tags

Independence Day Fireworks: This year's fireworks are planned for Tuesday, July 3, at dusk with a rain date of Friday, July 6. As in the past, the fireworks will be launched from the infield area of the track at the Ionia Free Fairgrounds.

Free Fair Parade Information: This year's Free Fair Parade will be held on Saturday, July 14, at 11:00 am. As in the past, lineup for parade participants will begin at the Ionia Community Library. Starting at the library, the parade route will be along Main Street to Steele Street, Steele Street to Brown Boulevard, and Brown Boulevard across M-66 to the main entrance of the fairgrounds.

Trailhead Park Construction to Begin: Construction of the long-awaited Trailhead Park (corner of Dexter Street and Adams Street) is expected to begin mid July and be substantially completed by the end of November. At its May meeting, the City Council hired LJ Trumble, Lansing, to complete the \$667,700 project, which includes the construction of a restroom/park shelter building, trail linkage to the Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Rail Trail, play equipment, site amenities, and parking. A portion of the project is being funded by a grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Our very own hometown farmers market at the corner of Adams Street and Steele Street offers a variety of vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants, maple syrup, honey, treats, crafts, and more.

Enjoy *Music on the Green Summer Concert Series* on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, located on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church on Main Street.

Visit the City of Ionia website www.cityofionia.org *Community* tab and select *DDA* for other events and happenings!

Parks & Recreation: Visit the City of Ionia website at www.cityofionia.org and select *Parks and Recreation* department for programs and events that you can participate in this summer, including:

- ◆ Free Summer Movie, Thursday, July 12, at 1:00 pm.
- ◆ 5k Run & Walk, Saturday, July 14. Registration is 7:00 am. Race begins at 8:00 am. Entry fee is \$25, Includes T-shirt.
- ◆ XTERRA Ionia, Sunday, July 22. Held at the Ionia State Recreation Park. You **must** register prior to July 22. The Triathlon, Duathlon, and Trail Run are enjoyed by many. Challenge yourself and sign up for one or all.
- ◆ Fall Adult Softball. Register Now thru August 3. Tuesday Night Men's and Sunday Co-Ed.
- ◆ Tackle Football. Register Now thru July 13. No online registration. 4th thru 8th Grade.
- ◆ Cheerleading. Register Now thru August 3. 4th thru 8th Grade. Teams will cheer at home and away games.
- ◆ Flag Football. Register Now thru August 3. Two Divisions: Age 4 thru 1st Grade and 2nd thru 3rd Grade (Age as of 9-5-19 or Grade Entering in Fall). Games and practices are played at the Harwood Sports Complex.
- ◆ Fall Soccer. Register Now thru August 3. Three Divisions: Under 6, Under 8, and 10 & Under. Boys and Girls Age 4 Years to 10 Years. Games are played in front of the Ionia High School on the soccer fields.

Water Quality Report Available Online: The City's 2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available for review online at the City of Ionia website www.cityofionia.org; select the *Departments* tab, then *Public Utilities*, and choose *Water Quality Report*.