



City Of NORTH MUSKEGON

City Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2016-2017

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Parks and Recreation Public Hearing



The City's Recreation Board is asking residents to participate in an online survey and/or attend the upcoming Public Hearing.

Online Survey

Available October 1 - 15, 2016
www.cityofnm.com/survey

Public Hearing

Walker Community Center
October 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm



Circle of Trees & Dog Parade Sunday December 4th



Join us for the 12th Annual Circle of Trees!

- 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Tree Decorating
- 5:30 p.m. - Line up for Santa/Dog Parade at the corner of First Street and Ruddiman

Santa will be in attendance, so don't forget your camera!

Sponsor a tree!

Anyone can be a sponsor! Make it a family tree, promote a business or a non-profit organization, church, club, etc.

More information is available on our website: www.cityofnm.com, email lclausen@cityofnm.com, or call (231) 744-1621.



Tuesday
November 8
2016

Trick or Treating



Mon. Oct. 31st
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

BOO!



Loose Leaf Pick Up Starts October 17th

All yard waste services ends the last week of November.
(weather permitting)

Keep Sticks & Twigs out of Loose Leaf Piles



Please separate all sticks/twigs and branches from your loose leaves. Leaf piles containing sticks and twigs will NOT be picked up because the debris causes damage to the leaf vacuum truck. Please rake leaves to the terrace area. Leaves in alleys will NOT be picked up.

City Assessor Office Hours

The City Assessor's new office hours are Tuesdays from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



NOTICE:
Fire Hydrant flushing
will take place
October 24, 2016

Now Accepting Credit Cards & Online Bill Pay!



Pay your water/sewer bill and/or property tax by credit card, either at City Hall, or on our website at www.cityofnm.com.

Note: Convenience fee - 3% for Credit Cards (min. \$2) E-Check - \$3 Flat Fee

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Stop at City Hall
1502 Ruddiman Dr.
North Muskegon, MI 49445

Ordinance Reminders

Night parking on city streets: Parking on city streets is prohibited from 2:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m., November 1 to March 31.

Parking In Alleys: No person shall park a vehicle in an alley in a residential district in such manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the road way for the free movement of vehicular traffic.

Address Identification Information: All buildings are required to have address numbers which are legible and visible from the street.

Snow Plow Licenses: Snow plow licenses are required prior to engaging in the business of snow removal. There is a \$10 fee and licenses are now available at City Hall. A valid drivers license is required.

Recreational Vehicles/Trailers: RVs and trailers may not be stored in your primary or principal front yard. At no time shall trailers be parked on an unpaved surface within a lot.

From September 15 through October 31, recreational vehicles/equipment may be parked within any yard for the purposes of moving, cleaning and transfer for a period not to exceed a total of 14 days if no public sidewalk is blocked or visual obstruction is created.

Renters and rental properties are subject to the same laws and ordinances as owner-occupied properties.




Calendar

Oct. 3, 2016 - City Council Meeting
 Oct. 17, 2016 - City Council Meeting
 Nov. 7, 2016 - City Council Meeting
 Nov. 8, 2016 - General Election
 Nov. 21, 2016 - City Council Meeting
 Nov. 24 & 25 2016 - Thanksgiving, City Hall Closed
 Dec. 5, 2016 - City Council Meeting
 Dec. 4, 2016 - Circle of Trees/ Dog Parade
 Dec. 19, 2016 - City Council Meeting
 Dec. 23 & 26, 2016 - Christmas, City Hall Closed
 Dec. 30, 2016 - New Year's, City Hall Closed
 Jan. 2, 2017 - New Year's, City Hall Closed

A Citizens' Guide to Broken or Frozen Water Services

Why did my water service (lateral) freeze? Your water lateral may not be buried deep enough to prevent a frozen service during times of deep frost.

Who is responsible for the connection (water lateral) between the water main and my home? Section 66-33 of the North Muskegon Code of Ordinances states that property owners are responsible for the expense of repairs and replacement of the water lateral from the main line to the home.

My water lateral is broken/frozen. What should I do? To maintain service to your home, it is recommended that you contact an excavator and begin exploring the installation of a new water lateral.

Who should I call? City Staff has compiled a list of contractors that may have the equipment and experience repairing or replacing water service lines. Please call City Hall at (231) 744-1621 for more information.



Mail Boxes

Nothing is quite so disheartening in the dead of winter as a mailbox kneecapped by a snowplow or decapitated by the heavy wet stuff the plow throws its way. Here are a few solutions we found online:

- ◆ Install a mailbox post that revolves, seesaws, and literally springs out of the way.
- ◆ Attach a flat wooden wall or large board to protect it during the winter.
- ◆ Make sure the mailbox isn't too close to the road.

Adopt-a-Hydrant

If there is a hydrant in front of your home or business. Please keep it cleared throughout the winter.




Be A Courteous Neighbor!

Shovel the sidewalk(s) in front of your residence to ensure pedestrian safety.

Frozen Water Pipes

Pipes or hoses exposed to the air will freeze when the temperature reaches 32 degrees or colder. Water pipes buried in the ground are insulated from the freezing temperatures until the frost in the ground reaches the depth of the water pipes. The time it takes for the frost to reach buried water pipes varies greatly depending on snow cover, average temperatures and the type of soil. When air temperatures stay below 32 degrees for extended periods, like it does during our winter months, areas such as roads, driveways and sidewalks freeze first because the snow cover that acts as insulation has been removed. One interesting fact is that when the sun shines during the winter months, it actually pushes the frost deeper before thawing begins. When water freezes in a pipe it expands and the expansion can result in a burst pipe. Letting a faucet drip during extreme cold weather can prevent a pipe from bursting. It's not that a small flow of water prevents freezing; this helps, but water can freeze even with a slow flow.



Snow Removal Tips

1. Use snow melt before it snows.
2. Use the right shovel.
3. Don't stall - shovel several times, even while it's still storming so snow doesn't bond to surfaces. Sunlight can warm pavement and prevent ice from forming.
4. Watch your step - Use sand to add traction to slippery surfaces.



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