



City of Otsego Agenda

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SUMMER 2014

ANNUAL SCHOOL VISITS TO CITY HALL Washington Street & Dix Street 3rd Graders



Important Election Dates

Tues., Aug. 5th, 2014 - State Primary Election

Tues., Nov. 4th, 2014 - State General Election

The polls will open at City Hall at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Remember to bring Photo ID to the Polls!

Call the City Clerk if you want to verify your Voter Status or Register to Vote.

Absentee Applications are available at City Hall
Please be prepared for longer lines at these Elections
Please plan accordingly

If you have any questions,
contact the City Clerk Angela Cronen at 692-3391.



Save the Dates!!!!

- June 21 - Junk in the Trunk
- June 27 - Ladies' Night Out (beginning at 6)
- June 27 - Art Garden Ribbon Cutting Celebration
- July 24 - Movies at the Museum
(Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs)
- July 26 - O-Town Brings Back Motown -
Mud Volleyball
- July 31 - Movies at the Museum (Lego Movie)
- August 7 - Movies at the Museum
(Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone)
- August 14 - Movies at the Museum (Happy Feet)
- August 15 - Otsego Poker Run
- August 21 - Movies at the Museum (Despicable Me)

Main Street's Junk in the Trunk! June 21st!

Don't have enough for your own sale? Join Otsego Main Street's Junk in the Trunk Event, **June 21st from 9am - 2pm @ Dix Street School, front parking lot.** Call the Main Street office to register your \$5 spot! 269-692-2336



FREE GARAGE SALE DATES ANNOUNCED June 20 & 21, 2014

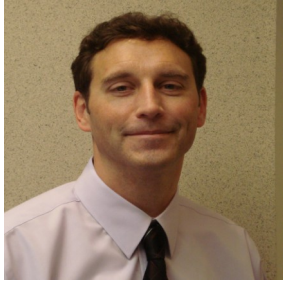
IMPORTANT GARAGE SALE INFORMATION

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Free Garage Sale Days. Call the Chamber for details. A permit is not required for these dates only.

Information For Garage Sales (Excluding the Chamber Event) - Each residence is permitted two sales per year with a maximum duration of three days each. Signs shall not exceed 480 sq. inches, shall NOT be placed on any public property (including utility poles), commercial property, on any curb lawn, or at any public parking area. Legal signs must be removed within 24 hours of the sale. A sign placed illegally will be removed and a \$50.00 citation may be enforced. If you have questions, please call 692-3391.

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, JULY 4, & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014**





City Manager, Thad Beard

CITY MANAGER'S VIEW



STREET PROJECTS: Every year, the City completes several street improvements in an effort to maintain the streets in not only safe but also esthetically appealing condition. This year, we plan to improve the following streets:

Two inch Mill and Fill:

Conference from Washington to Franklin
South Platt from Washington to Franklin
All of Walnut

Two inch overlay:

All of Catherine
All of Elizabeth
All of Julia

With the "mill and fill" and the two inch overlay, the finished product is a very smooth, clean surface that should last for several years.

DOWNTOWN CHANGES: A future improvement being considered is a major renovation of the downtown state highway. The improvements are scheduled to coincide with improvements the Michigan Department of Transportation complete in 2015. The MDOT plans to improve the crosswalks at the intersections, making them ADA compliant as well as replacing two inches of the road surface. The City is considering the possibility of reducing the number of lanes in the downtown from five (5) lanes to three (3) lanes so that there is room to include "curb bump outs" which would reduce the distance required to cross the street. A rendering of the potential modifications is shown above. This is very preliminary and still requires traffic studies to be completed before further consideration.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Severe Weather

Spring brings severe weather and we want everyone to be prepared. Make sure your family knows where to go in case of a tornado.

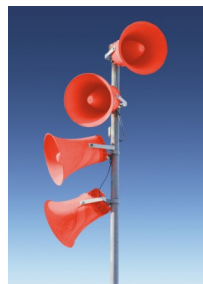
- ◆ Have a plan to meet in the basement - the left corner of the house towards the street.
- ◆ Have a battery powered radio ready to go.
- ◆ Have flashlights ready and check the batteries.
- ◆ If you live in a place without a basement go to a confined space with no windows on the lower floor.
- ◆ When driving and a tornado comes - find shelter under a bridge or a ditch.

The weather siren will alert of a tornado sighting in the area for advance notice. There are a few around the Otsego area and one on top of the Otsego Fire Station. The weather siren test is conducted every 3rd Friday at 11:00 am.

Power Outages

Some tips for power outages in the area.

- ◆ Treat all down power lines as live power lines.
- ◆ When out of power and using another source to heat your house make sure you shut the source off before leaving the house or going to sleep.
- ◆ Make sure if you use candles, to blow them out when not attended.



SALE - 1/2 Priced
CITY LOTS FOR SALE



The City of Otsego has several lots remaining in the improved Eley Acres Residential Subdivision. Choice single family residential home sites are for sale in this restricted plat. Lot prices range from \$23,000 to \$37,000. For additional information please contact the City Clerk's Office, 692-3391.

VISIT US ON THE WEB

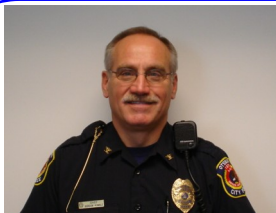


YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Now that lawn mowing season is here, there are residents who bag grass clippings and leaves and do not know what to do with them. Please remember that yard waste cannot be deposited in garbage cans or placed with brush for pickup. For your convenience, there are compost piles located at the City's Transfer Station for leaves, brush and grass clippings. Yard waste may be taken to the transfer station free of charge and deposited in the appropriate area. Thank you for your cooperation. TRANSFER STATION/ RECYCLING CENTER HOURS: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS - 9:00 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M. TO 3:45 P.M.



DID YOU KNOW ? The City has a Barking Dog Ordinance? The City has an Ordinance specifying how long your Trash Bin can be at the side of the road? The City has a Tall Grass Ordinance? The City has a Front Yard Parking Ordinance? That you are to put your Brush out the "Day Before" the scheduled Pick-up? These regulations are all outlined on the City's Website under the "Ordinance Section." Please feel free to contact City Hall if you have specific questions.



Police Chief, Gordon Konkle

OTSEGO POLICE DEPT.

Summer is finally here and even though it has been decades since I was young enough to get a summer break from school, I also look forward to the summer vacation from school with great delight. Perhaps, we never really forget that wonderful feeling and while I have other things that have provided me much more joy over my lifetime, there is just something about summer vacation from school that will always stick with me. Now, just so we can all enjoy this time of year, please take care and caution around the parks, school playgrounds, and any place there is water. These are magnets to children and as adults we must be ever so vigilant to ensure the safety of those children whether they are ours or just other kids having fun. Children, especially young children don't have the life experience to realize that a choice they are about to make may not only be a bad one, but also possibly a dangerous one. We have all heard the saying that it takes a "village to raise a child" and to me all that means is that it is everyone's responsibility to look out for the children, not just their parents. We have all seen them, the young child, standing at the

side of a busy street just waiting to run across. Their young minds just can't comprehend distance and speed of traffic. They see an opening and out they go. If we are watching, we can stop. But sometimes the results are tragic as the child darts into traffic and is never seen or it is impossible for the driver to stop in time. It is heartbreaking and life altering for everyone involved, including those of us from the Police and Fire Departments that must come to assist. Please use caution when driving this time of year and please as parents talk to your young drivers about this too. They may be good drivers, but as young drivers they just don't have the experience that we do behind the wheel. As adults we can many times see something developing long before it happens and slow down to avoid what we know from experience is inevitable. It just takes time and experience in driving to see the big picture of what is occurring around us as we drive and we need to express that to our young drivers.

While discussing young drivers, please impress upon the new or young drivers in your household that driving is a privilege, not a right. In this busy world it almost seems as though driving is necessary and a right to everyone. That's just not the case. Driving is a privilege and it is a privilege that you

as a parent can revoke if your young driver is not driving in a manner that you approve of. It doesn't have to be a permanent revocation of the privilege, just enough to get their attention for their own good. Distracted driving is a major cause of so many serious accidents. It isn't limited to age, but as a teenager there are so many things to be distracted by that it just doesn't seem fair sometimes. Cell phone calls, friends in the car, friends seen along the street, text messages, it can go on and on. You need to set the rules and then be strong enough (for their own good) to enforce them. I can only tell most of you what you already know. Being a parent never stops regardless of the age of your child. So, take the time now while they are young to set the examples that will last them for a lifetime.

I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer and that you too never lose that sense of joy and anticipation of summer vacation.



CITY OF OTSEGO CALENDAR

JUNE, 2014

2	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
3	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
3	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
5	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
9	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
16	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
23	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

JULY, 2014

1	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
1	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
3	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
4	CITY HALL CLOSED	
7	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
14	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
21	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
28	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

AUGUST, 2014

4	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
5	CITY ELECTION POLLS OPEN AT	7:00 A.M. CITY HALL
5	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
5	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
7	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
11	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
18	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
25	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

SEPTEMBER, 2014

1	CITY HALL CLOSED	
2	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
2	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
2	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
4	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
8	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
15	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
22	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

OCTOBER, 2014

2	CITY TRASH PICK-UP	
6	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
7	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
7	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP	
13	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 AM CITY HALL
20	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M.
27	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
31	HALLOWEEN	

NOVEMBER, 2014

3	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
4	CITY ELECTION POLLS OPEN AT	7:00 A.M. CITY HALL
4	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
4	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
6	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
10	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
11	VETERANS DAY SERVICE	11:00AM
17	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
24	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
27	CITY HALL CLOSED	
28	CITY HALL CLOSED	

CITY CONTACTS

Police & Fire Emergency.....	911
Fire Non-Emergency.....	694-4390
Police Non-Emergency.....	692-6111
Chief of Police.....	692-6111
City Manager	694-6146
City Clerk	692-3391
Finance Director	692-2741
Main Street Office.....	692-2336
Dept. Public Works	694-6636
Treatment Plant.....	694-9194

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