



City of Otsego Agenda

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

POLLS ARE OPEN 7AM UNTIL 8PM

The City of Otsego will be open for in-person voting on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please be prepared for possible long lines, as we are required to follow COVID-19 guidelines. We will be cleaning pens, voting booths, secrecy sleeves, etc., throughout the day.

A voter also has the right to cast an Absentee Ballot. If you prefer to cast an Absentee Ballot, please contact the Clerk's Office to obtain an application. Once the application is returned, signature is verified, etc. - you will be mailed a ballot.

If you have any questions regarding Election Day, please call the City Clerk's Office, and we will be glad to assist you.

Please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office for more information.

CITY'S NEW DROP BOX

If you have an Absentee Ballot to turn in, please consider using the new drop box. It is conveniently located on the west side of the building and you can drive right up to it for easy access. The drop box is checked periodically throughout the day and is under surveillance 24/7.



FALL LEAF PICK-UP

As the end of summer draws near, it is once again time to think about our annual FALL LEAF PICK-UP.



Dates for the pick-up are the following:

1st Round - November 2nd - 6th

****Farmer Street & M-89 - Nov. 6th**

2nd Round - Nov. 16th - Nov. 20th

****Farmer Street & M-89 - Nov. 20th**

****Please do not put the leaves out before October 31st.**

Watch for additional announcements on the City's website, in the "Shoppers Guide", and Facebook.

The City's policy is to canvass all streets twice during the two week pick-up period. **REMEMBER: With the exception of Allegan & Farmer Street, all leaves are to be raked into the street next to the curb.** If the leaves are not in the street they will not be picked up.

Please do not place anything except leaves in the street. The City places these leaves on a compost pile and therefore, branches, twigs and other yard waste must not be included. (Brush and other yard waste may be taken to the City's Transfer Station free of charge - during regular hours). It is the City's policy to canvass the City two times. If leaves are placed in the street after completion of the canvassing, they will not be removed. It is the resident's responsibility to dispose of the leaves at the Transfer Station.

CITY'S WEBSITE

The City's website has been updated. Please visit is at www.cityofotsego.org

FROZEN WATER PIPES

If you experience discoloration in your water or reduced water pressure, **please notify** City Hall immediately at 692-3391. As temperatures fall, our Water Department may advise customers to **leave one faucet running with a pencil size stream of water.** Please be aware if it is a very cold winter ~ although temperatures may rise above freezing, the potential still exists for freezing water lines. Do not stop running water until you have called City Hall and been advised to do so. Otsego City Hall **must be notified when you begin running your water and when you cease running your water, for any potential adjustment to be made on your utility bill.** Please watch for Public Notices in the Shopper's Guide, our Facebook Page, & Website pertaining to running water. Call 692-3391, if you have a question.



NOW is the time to prepare for cold temperatures and insulate your water pipes. Please be advised that if your inside pipes freeze, it is not the responsibility of the City, and credits will not be issued.



City Manager
Aaron Mitchell

CITY MANAGER'S VIEW

Living During COVID

What an incredibly difficult time the last 7 months have been! I know we all have our own COVID stories of getting through this pandemic. They are all slightly different, but they are all stories of loss and grief. It is natural to feel a sense of loss for the last 7 months. That is a section of our lives that we will simply not get back. Between furloughs/layoffs to home schooling, everyday living has become a challenge. However, I am pleased to state that we have all found a way to proceed within this crazy environment. That is significant and you should be proud of that. I think all too often, we as a society forget our successes during this chaotic time. We have made amazing strides since March! We were all thrown into a world of unknowns with potential catastrophic doomsday scenarios. We were forced to make unprecedented changes in our daily lives with little to no warning. And we did it. Now, 7 months later everyone knows that you need to wear a mask to go into a restaurant or store. We also understand why many if not all events must be canceled or modified in some fashion. The daily changes we made should be remembered and celebrated. We are not done yet. But looking back; we as a community made great strides in stopping the spread of COVID. Let's not forget that as we go forward.

City operations were not immune to those massive changes. We here at the City of Otsego have been able to find ways to provide essential services while still protecting our employees and residents. Some were easy to figure out while others required some creativity to accomplish. I am very proud of how our city employees have thrived during this pandemic. Effective and quality city services are needed during a pandemic more than ever. I am not going to lie, the months of March and April were kind of a blur! But, I do remember the in-depth focus that our department heads put on accomplishing our foundation goal of providing quality and safe services to the best of our abilities. That sentiment also trickled down from the department head to each city employee. I am honored to be a part of a team that reacted the way that we did day in and day out of this pandemic.

No one knows exactly what the future will hold in relation to COVID and its effect on our community. No matter what happens, you can rest assured that your city services will continue to the best of our abilities. Please continue to take all of the safeguards that we have become accustomed to. And if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 694-6146 or drop me an email at amitchell@cityofotsego.org.

Winter Parking Rules

Beginning November 1, parking is once again PROHIBITED on any public street in the City of Otsego from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Parking is restricted during the months of November through April in order to facilitate snow removal. Violators will be ticketed.



**FALL BACK
NOVEMBER 1, 2020**



**RECYCLE PICK-UP IS THE
FIRST AND THIRD
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**



REMINDERS

As Winter Returns -

PLEASE REMEMBER:



- WATCH FOR SNOW PLOWING VEHICLES
- REMEMBER FRONT YARD PARKING IS PROHIBITED.
- REMEMBER SIDEWALKS NEED TO BE KEPT CLEAR



TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED
November 26, 2020
December 24, 2020
December 31, 2020



Who's that girl? Well...let me introduce myself. My name is Monica Nagel and I am the new face at the Otsego Police Department as the Administrative Assistant / Dispatcher for the department.

This position is very different than any that I've held in my previous life. For the past nineteen years I've been involved in elections. Six of those years was spent at the City of Holland as their Elections Specialist followed by the past thirteen years as the City Clerk for the City of Saugatuck. I can honestly say not having to deal with elections and politics is very refreshing.

I was raised on the other side of Allegan County in Fennville where I am a graduate of Fennville High School. I still reside there today with my fourteen-year-old son, Hunter, who is following in his Mother's footsteps and is a Freshman at Fennville High School (go Blackhawks!).

I'm excited to have been given this opportunity and look forward to growing with the community.



Police Chief, Bradley E. Misner

I'd like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself. My name is Brad Misner and I am the new Police Chief here in the City of Otsego. I have replaced retired Chief Gordon Konkle, who faithfully served this community for 18 years. I was raised in the small town of Sheridan, Michigan located in the middle of the state. Sheridan, much like Otsego, is an inviting and safe community made up of folks looking to raise their families with the "small town" feel.

I graduated with an Associates Degree from Montcalm Community College. I then transferred to Ferris State University, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. While at Ferris State University, I completed my internship with Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety. I knew immediately I wanted to spend my career serving the City of Kalamazoo.

After graduating, I spent almost a year as an Undercover Officer with a Narcotics Unit in Mid-Michigan. Though I com-

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pletely loved my first police job, in April 95' I was fortunate to be one of the six recruits to be hired by Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety offered many specialty units and opportunities for advancement. I worked as a Canine Officer, a Sergeant in Patrol in the Drug Unit, an Operations Lieutenant, an Executive Lieutenant in the Detective Bureau, and the Captain of the Drug Unit and Detective Bureaus. I retired in January of 2020, which brings me to this community.

While at Kalamazoo Public Safety, I met my wife of 21 years, Laura. She also worked for Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, retiring in 2012. She was employed with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport for eight years, and now works for Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch. I have a 30-year-old step-son, Shaun, who currently works for a manufacturing company in Kalamazoo.

It is hard to describe how excited I am to serve, you, the residents here in

the City of Otsego. Over the past nine months, I've met many of the community leaders, business owners, clergy, and citizens living in Otsego. I can tell you, the welcome I've received from everyone has been overwhelming.

As with any organization, a new set of eyes can be refreshing. My plans for the upcoming year will be to educate myself with City priorities; become familiar with Allegan County operations; and bring a community-based police department to the fore front of 21st Century Policing. The Otsego Police Department staff, that serves this wonderful community, are passionate, driven, and diverse in their police backgrounds. As I become acquainted with Department Staff I plan on utilizing the skills they have learned throughout their careers.

I want to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to serve, especially in an amazing community such as this.

Bradley E. Misner, Chief

CITY OF OTSEGO CALENDAR

OCTOBER, 2020

1	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
5	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
6	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
6	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
12	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
19	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
20	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
26	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

NOVEMBER, 2020

2	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
3	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
3	GENERAL ELECTION	7AM TO 8PM
3	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
5	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
9	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
9	DDA/MS INFORMATIONAL MEETING	8:30 A.M. & 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL
9	CITY COMMISSION ORG MEETING	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
11	VETERANS DAY SERVICE	11:00 A.M.
16	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
17	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
23	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
26 & 27	CITY HALL CLOSED	

DECEMBER, 2020

1	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
1	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
3	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
5	MAIN STREET- HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS	
7	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
14	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
15	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
21	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
24 & 25	CITY HALL CLOSED	
28	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
31	CITY HALL CLOSED	

JANUARY, 2021

1	CITY HALL CLOSED	
4	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.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
19	CURBSIDE RECYCLE	
25	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

FEBRUARY, 2021

1	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
16	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
22	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

MARCH, 2021

1	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
16	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
22	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

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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Brad Misner.....	Chief of Police
Matthew Storbeck.....	Treasurer
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Open.....	Main Street Manager

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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED

November 26 & 27 - December 24 & 25 & 31 - January 1, 2021