



# City of Otsego Agenda

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WINTER 2017



## Hometown Christmas December 2, 2017

### MEET YOUR CITY OF OTSEGO - CITY COMMISSION

(Left to Right) Commissioner Breedveld, Mayor Trobeck, Mayor Pro-Tem Gilmer, Commissioner Withee, and Commissioner Misner.



**Sorry** We're  
**CLOSED**

### TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY HOURS

**CLOSED - Tuesday, December 26, 2017**

**CLOSED - Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

### Holiday Wishes From The City of Otsego Staff



### 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, pertaining to running water. Call 692-3391, if you have a question.**



Contact Us

Reminder!



**RECYCLE PICK-UP IS THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY 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



## 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.

### **2017 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW**

The December Board of Review will be meeting on December 12, 2017, 8:30 a.m., at City Hall. If you disagree with the percentage shown for your Principal Residence Exemption, Disabled Veteran or Poverty Exemption, you must contact City Hall **before** Friday, **December 8, 2017.** If you have any questions, please call 692-2741.

## 2017 Winter Taxes

Matthew Storbeck, City Treasurer

Winter tax bills were mailed to arrive on December 1. Please note that tax bills are sent to both property owners and mortgage servicers. If you did not receive a bill, please call our office at 692-2741, and we will send another bill. Residential property owners are encouraged to check their Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) to make sure they are receiving the proper percentage of credit for school operating taxes. If not, please call before December 8<sup>th</sup> and an adjustment can be made for this year's taxes. Otherwise, corrections to the winter tax cannot be made until July of 2018.

Taxpayers wishing to have their tax payments taken directly from their bank account may contact us to set up this service. Payments will not be transferred until December 26<sup>th</sup> or February 9<sup>th</sup>, at the taxpayer's discretion. This will allow us time to make contact in cases where problems arise.

Also, please remember that receipts will not be mailed back for payment received by mail unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope is sent with the payment. Please keep the top part of the tax bill and check number for your receipt. Also, you may access the City's web site at [www.cityofotsego.org](http://www.cityofotsego.org) to retrieve tax and payment information, as well as make electronic payments.



## OTSEGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

### **Scald Prevention**

A scald is an injury caused by hot liquids or steam. Each year, injuries and death occur due to scalding from excessively hot water: The majority of these incidents involve older adults and children under five.

- Set your water tank at 120 degrees F or just below medium setting.
- Test the water before your children get into the tub and watch them closely.
- Keep hot drinks away from edges of tables and counters so children can't reach them.
- Keep children away from the stove while cooking, use heavy pot holders and turn the pot handles inward and back of range. Test the heated or microwaved food before feeding to young children.

-Treat minor burn injuries immediately with cool running water for 3-5 minutes. Do not apply ice, which can cause further harm. Apply sterile bandage to the injured area and seek medical treatment if scald is serious.

### **Basic Burn Treatment**

- Stop, Drop and Roll - if your clothes catch on fire, no matter how young or old, cover your face.
- Cool the burn immediately with cool water to stop burning process.
- After cooling the burn with water, cover the burn with clean dressing. Do not use a towel because the fibers may stick in the wound and will be painful to remove.





# CITY MANAGER SEARCH

As most of you know, former City Manager Thad Beard, after seventeen years of service, accepted a new position with the City of Rockford. The City currently has a trio of Interim City Managers - Police Chief, Gordon Konkle; Finance Director/Treasurer, Matthew Storbeck; and City Clerk, Angela Cronen. The City Commission, in September contracted with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to conduct a search for a new City Manager. The MML will be accepting applications for the City Manager position until December 1st. A "Meet the Candidate" event will be scheduled in January, with interviews taking place the following day. Please check the City's Facebook Page and Website for updates.



Police Chief, Gordon Konkle

I would like to warn everyone about phone or internet scams that seem to claim more victims every day. I know we have talked about this several times but, it just doesn't seem to go away or be slowing down. Perhaps the most upsetting part of these scams is that once someone is victimized there is usually very little we can do to bring the guilty party to justice or recover any of the money taken. Most of the scammers like to prey on the elderly, as these victims normally have money available that can be taken from them and these victims are trusting and concerned about family members or paying their bills. As I explain some of these scams you will get to see what I mean.

Recently an elderly couple was contacted by phone from an unknown caller who told them that their son had been in a serious car accident and that he needed money right away. They were directed to go to Wal-Mart to purchase four gift cards for \$1,000.00 each and once that was done to call him back with the card information so that he could cash it for their son. Of course after getting that amount they were told it was not enough, and they were sent to other places for more gift cards. All totaled

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they had purchased and given the card information to this caller, with over \$6,000.00 worth of gift cards that the caller could immediately use without being traced. These were trusting people concerned that their son needed help and did not think to contact him or others to make sure what was happening was true.

In yet another incident a woman received a phone call from a young woman claiming to be her granddaughter. The woman told her that she was in Florida and had been arrested. She told the woman she needed money to post a bond for her release. Of course once the woman gave the caller her check routing numbers on her checking account, much more than the woman had agreed to was cleaned out of her account. She had agreed with the young woman not to tell her son (granddaughter's father) because he would be upset with her getting arrested. It wasn't until her account was cleaned out of all money that she checked and found out that the caller wasn't her granddaughter.

In both of these incidents the caller was preying on the elderly victim's sense of family and wanting to protect their children and grandchild. They also target these people because they normally have some financial nest egg that they can steal. All it would have taken in both instances is a phone call to family

members to check on the welfare of those reported to be in trouble or needing help. Many elderly are lonely and very trusting. They like having someone to talk to and are eager to help without really questioning why. If you have an elderly parent, grandparent, or just someone you take care of, please check on them and make sure they are not falling for these types of instances or the various other types out there, such as using the mail or sweepstakes notices that are so convincing to the elderly. Stress to them the necessity to contact you or another person to verify the information they are getting. It is heartbreaking to see the elderly scammed out of money they need to just survive on day to day. These scammers have no conscience and will steal every penny they can get their hands on.

Finally, remember never give out your credit card, check routing numbers, social security numbers, or date of birth over the phone. If the call you are receiving is legitimate, then the payment can either wait or they can send you a bill in the mail. No one is going to be denied medical treatment because they can't immediately pay. If you actually do owe money, trust me they will contact you in a manner that is not an emergency.



**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED**

**November 23 & 24, 2017 - December 25 & 26, 2017 - January 1 & 2, 2018**

# CITY OF OTSEGO CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER, 2017

2	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
6	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
6	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
7	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
11	VETERANS DAY SERVICE	11:00 A.M.
13	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
20	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
20	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
23	CITY HALL CLOSED	
24	CITY HALL CLOSED	
27	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

## DECEMBER, 2017

2	MAIN STREET- HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS	
4	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
4	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
18	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
25 & 26	CITY HALL CLOSED	
27	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

## JANUARY, 2018

1 & 2	CITY HALL CLOSED	
2	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
3	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
3	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
15	CURBSIDE RECYCLE	
22	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

## FEBRUARY, 2018

1	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
5	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
5	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
19	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
26	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

## MARCH, 2018

1	CITY TRASH PICK-UP DAY	
5	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
5	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
6	CITY BRUSH PICK-UP DAY	
11	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	
12	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	7:30 A.M. CITY HALL
19	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
19	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
26	PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
30	CITY HALL CLOSED—GOOD FRIDAY	

## APRIL, 2018

2	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
2	CITY COMMISSION	7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
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
16	CURBSIDE RECYCLING DAY	
23	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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Luke Keyzer.....	WWTP Superintendent
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