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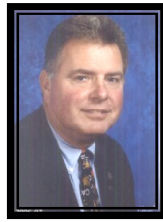
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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF DEWITT

DeWitt Insider

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



DeWitt and the rest of Mid-Michigan will soon be alive with the fall colors. The season also brings those annoying political commercials that lead to the November election. I urge all of you to exercise your right to vote on November 2.

At this time we need citizens to fill openings on City Commissions. The Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission, the DeWitt District Library Board, and the DeWitt City Tree Commission have open positions needing volunteers to fill them. If you would like to apply, please stop in at City Hall or download an application form.

Recently the street projects for the 2010 year were completed. Much of this process was very frustrating work for Rich Miller, DPS Supervisor, as there were many delays and last minute schedule changes by the construction companies. He was there throughout, making sure the work was done correctly. Thank you to the many residents that had to put up with the construction detours, delays and inconvenience. Hopefully next year's projects will go much smoother.

As you read this newsletter the City Council should be in the process of interviewing and selecting a new City Administrator. If you have the time, and would like to attend the interviews please do so. We have 43 applicants for the position and look forward to bringing someone on as soon as possible.

Please mark the first Saturday in December on your calendar for the DeWitt Christmas Market. Winter will be here before you know it. Check the leaf collection schedule so you will know when your leaves will be picked up by our DPS crew.

Enjoy the beauty Michigan brings to us this time of the year!

DeWitt District Library

DeWitt District Library's main location, 13101 Schavey Road, has new operating hours as follows:

- Monday 10:00 am - 8:30 pm
- Tuesday 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Wednesday 10:00 am - 8:30 pm
- Thursday 10:00 am - 8:30 pm
- Friday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday* 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Sunday hours began the Sunday following Labor Day.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010**

Upcoming Holiday Information

Please note the following scheduled holidays City Offices will be closed.

- Thursday, November 11, 2010 (**Veterans Day**)
- Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, 2010 (**Thanksgiving Holiday**)
- Thursday and Friday December 23 and 24, 2010 (**Christmas Holiday**)
- Thursday and Friday December 30, and 31, 2010 (**New Years Holiday**)

Please note: The Thanksgiving, Christmas Holiday and New Years Holidays **will not** affect trash pickup. Trash will be picked up on Wednesday as usual. Δ

More Upcoming Events

DeWitt Old Christmas Market will be on Saturday, December 4th

DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 7th from 8—Noon.

Find us on Facebook

Search "City of DeWitt" and click "Like" to get immediate updates on City News and Events.



Election Information

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition to partisan offices and proposals, the ballot will also include the names of those candidates running for Mayor and City Council (non-partisan offices). Voters will also have a ballot question, asking residents to decide if there should be a general revision to the City Charter. At the expiration of the time for filing nomination petitions, the following candidates filed for City offices:

- MAYOR (two year term/vote for not more than one)
Jim Rundborg
- COUNCIL (four year term/vote for not more than three):
Tim Kangas
Jim Lancaster
Tony Stoker

The last day to register to vote at the November 2, 2010 General Election is Monday, October 4, 2010.

Registered voters who are eligible to apply for an Absentee Ballot for this election may obtain an application thru the City Clerk's Office. As required by State Election Law, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 30, 2010 (8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) for the purpose of obtaining absentee voter applications and ballots for the election and on Monday, November 1, 2010 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) to allow electors who are qualified to obtain an Absentee Ballot and vote in person in the Clerk's Office.

City residents in Precinct #1 (north of the Looking Glass River AND south of the Looking Glass River but east of DeWitt Rd/Bridge St) vote at City Hall (414 E Main Street).

City residents in Precinct #2 (south of the Looking Glass River EXCEPT west of DeWitt Rd/Bridge St) vote at the Fire Station (911 W Main Street - west side of the building).

If you have any questions about your voting status, your precinct or any other concerns relating to the election process, please contact City Hall at 669-2441.Δ

Cemetery Decorations

The City requires the removal of all summer grave decorations no later than November 1st. Any decorations remaining on grave sites after that date will be removed by the City.

Chapter 22 of the City's Code of Ordinances has been amended. After the second reading at the September 21, 2010 City Council meeting, the amendments became effective upon publication in the DeWitt Bath Review on Sunday, September 25, 2010. We respectfully request your cooperation in complying with this ordinance. A copy of the City's Cemetery Rules & Regulations can be obtained from City Hall or viewed on-line thru the City's website. If you have questions, please contact City Hall at 669-2441.Δ

Fall Leaf Removal Schedule

The City will be providing street side fall leaf removal. As our tentative schedule indicates, our program will begin the week of October 11th. Please keep in mind however, this is a *tentative schedule*, as weather conditions affect the daily progress.



This season another leaf box has been added to the fleet which will make leaf removal more efficient. Weekly updates can be viewed on the City website, www.dewittmi.org or the WITT channel on Comcast 12 or WBI 21.

North of the River

October 11th

October 25th

South of the River

October 18th

November 1st

November 8th

Residents are reminded that leaves to be removed are to be placed un-bagged at the street side within four feet of the road. Do not place garden debris, lake leaves, boards, sticks, rocks and other items that would prevent the leaf vacuum from easily removing the leaves or otherwise will not compost in leaf piles. **Bagged leaves will not be removed by the leaf vacuum.**

A final City wide sweep will be made the week of November 15th. The following week any leaves that you may still have, can be disposed of curbside in the Granger sponsored large brown compost bags.

Just a reminder, Wednesday, November 24th is the end of this seasonal compost program sponsored by Granger, www.granger.net.Δ

Santa's Delivery



Create a special holiday tradition and surprise your child by having Santa deliver a gift to your home on Christmas Eve! To participate please bring a wrapped gift (one per child), to City Hall December 10th through December 16th. Packages must be manageable in size and have your child's name, age and address printed CLEARLY on each gift. Deliveries will be made between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Special delivery times cannot be scheduled. This program is available to City residents only.Δ

Christmas Tree Pickup



The City will be picking up trees for mulching on Tuesday, December 28 2010 and Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Trees must be placed by the curbside by 7:00 A.M. on either of these days. Your trees may also be dropped off behind the Department of Public Services garage, located at 907 W. Main Street, until Friday, January 7, 2011. Trees must be free of nails, stands, ornaments and must not be in a plastic bag.Δ

Police Department News



Halloween Trick-or-Treating in the City of DeWitt is set for Sunday, October 31st between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. The Police Department will have extra cars on patrol as well as foot and bicycle patrols to keep our children safe. There is however, a shared responsibility on behalf of parents and residents alike to insure the well-being of our kids.

Halloween brings together three major contributors which may cause injury accidents and they are: excited kids, heavy vehicular traffic and darkness. Residents are encouraged to their leave porch and yard lights on to help illuminate the area. Parents are urged to make sure their goblins are wearing costumes that are visible to motorists and allow the children unobstructed vision. It is also recommended, that at least one adult accompany the younger goblins and that the older kids trick-or-treat in a group with at least one person equipped with a flashlight and a cell phone.

This holiday has traditionally been very safe here in the City of DeWitt, lets all work together to make it a fun and secure evening.



Recently many surrounding communities have experienced an increase in both home break-ins and larceny from automobile complaints. Many of the break-ins occurred during daylight hours. The perpetrators have been going up to random homes and knocking on doors. If no one answers they'll go to the back of the home and again attempt to see if anyone will respond to the knocking. If no one answers they'll force entry into the home. Recently two individuals have been arrested in connection with at least five (5) of these home invasions. Two of these burglaries occurred in DeWitt Township and three were in East Lansing. Neighbors need to be watchful for each other and if you ever see anything that looks suspicious or just doesn't "feel right" please call 9-1-1 immediately. We need the community's assistance and by calling 9-1-1 you're helping to keep our City safe.

The other type of crime that is rising in frequency is the larceny from automobile complaint. Generally this type of crime occurs during the nighttime hours with darkness being used for concealment. The perpetrators will walk thru neighborhoods looking for UNLOCKED cars then enter them to remove small items i.e.; cell phones, ipods, cash, gps devices, and lap top computers. Please remember to remove all items of value from your cars and keep the doors locked and if you observe anyone that appears suspicious don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.Δ

*Respectfully,
Larry Jewe, Chief of Police*

Old Christmas Market



Planning for the Christmas Market is underway, and the Downtown Development Authority is seeking volunteers to help, both with the planning and also working at the event on Saturday, December 4th. Those interested should contact Kellie Warner at 517.669.2441 or email at kwarner@dewittmi.org.Δ

Committee Vacancies

Currently the City of DeWitt has vacancies on three boards, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, the Tree Commission and the DeWitt District Library. These boards meet either monthly or bi-monthly. If you have an interest in any of these categories and a desire to serve, complete an APPLICATION TO BECOME INVOLVED. Applications are available at City Hall or can be downloaded from the City website www.dewittmi.org.

Our City needs people like you to continue to keep DeWitt a fine community in which to live!Δ

Park Reservations

Beginning Monday, January 3, 2011 the City of DeWitt will begin accepting park reservations for next year. Forms are available at City Hall or on our website. Many families and organizations took advantage of the facilities during this past year. The reservations are on a first come, first serve basis so reserve early!

On Friday, October 29th the restrooms at all City Parks will be closed for the season. Δ

Snow Plowing Policy



The City's winter snow plowing policy establishes the following routes as primary plowing routes in the City:

- Bridge Street/DeWitt Road From I-69 to North City Limit
- Main Street From Schavey Road to East City Limit
- Schavey Road
- East Webb Drive from Bridge Street to East City Limit
- Wilson Street. Δ



Program Name	Dates	Time	Registration	Age	Cost (Res/Non-Res)
Drop Your Kids Off (Friday night program)	11/19, 12/17, 1/14, 2/18, 3/18	6:00pm – 11:00 pm	Deadline is one week prior to each event	4-12 yr	\$15/per child and \$10/each additional
Drop Your Kids Off (All Day Program)	1/24 and 3/4	7:30am – 5:30pm.	Deadline is one week prior to each event	5-12 yr	\$25/per child and \$15/each additional
Wrestling Club	Nov. – April	Tues and Thurs 6:30 – 8:00pm.	11/5 – 11/30	5-14 yr	\$85 per participant
Dinner With Santa	12/6	5:15-6:15pm. 6:30-7:30pm.	11/5 – 12/3	All ages	\$6/child & \$2/adult \$8/child & \$3/adult
Youth Basketball Camp	1/4 – 2/1	5:30 – 6:15pm. 6:30 – 7:30pm.	11/5 – 12/10	4-6 yr	\$33/\$38
Youth Lacrosse Camp	1/15 – 2/5	9:00 – Noon Time varies on grade	11/5 – 12/10	Grades K – 5	\$25/\$30
Youth Basketball Leagues	1/8 – 3/5	8:00am – 1:00pm varies with grade	11/5 – 12/10	Grades 3 – 12	\$43/\$50/\$60 \$48/\$55/\$65
Preschool Sports Starter	2/8 – 3/15	5:30 – 6:15pm 6:30 – 7:15pm.	1/7 – 2/4	3-4 yr 4-5 yr	\$33/\$48
Floor Hockey League	2/19 – 3/26	9:00am – 4:00pm varies with grade	1/7 – 2/4	Grades K – 5	\$33/\$48
Spring Break Fun Club	4/4 – 4/8	7:30am – 5:30pm.	2/4 – 3/25	5-12 yr	\$80/\$95
Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun	7:00-9:00 pm	Drop In	18+	\$2 per visit

Programs may fill up before posted deadlines so please do not wait to register. Once classes and programs are full there will be no more registrations taken. If you are signing up for a youth sports league you may pick a practice night that does not work for your family but no other requests will be granted.

To register online, you must call the DARA office (482-5117) to receive a username and password if it is your first time. Visit our website at www.dewittrecreation.org, select the sports, special events or classes tab on the home page, select your program and complete the required information. DARA accepts Visa and Mastercard payments online. You may also print registration forms and mail them in by clicking on the forms tab. You may drop off registration forms at DeWitt Township Hall (1401 W. Herbison Rd.) or at the DARA office located within the DeWitt Township Community Center (16101 Brook Rd.) as well.

For a complete program description on any of the above programs, please visit www.dewittrecreation.org and select youth sports info, adult sports info, class info or special events info from the box on the left side of the home page. You may also find us on facebook at www.facebook.com/dararecreation.