



# DeWitt Insider

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*Special points of interest:*

- Whoville Mayor and First Lady
- Self-Check Kiosk at DeWitt District Library
- Primary Election on February 28, 2012
- Granger Curby rental carts now available
- Snow Plowing Schedule

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



By the time you read this, Christmas and New Years will have come and gone. What a happy time of the year, to enjoy our family and friends. A time when people travel many miles to get back home and join in the festivities. The Christmas Market was a great time for people to come downtown and enjoy the talented vendors, holiday goodies and festive music. Thank you to Ms Erin Bader's art students, for their window display at the vacant building downtown. The building at one time, was the home of our fire station. They did an excellent job converting blank

windows into festive Whoville scenes. If you missed it this year, plan on coming downtown next December to join the fun. Thanks to Mike Lee for his many hours at the Market and for Beth Herendenen and Kellie Warner for planning the activity. The stores in downtown DeWitt with windows and storefronts decorated gave us a really special feeling when driving through our City. I can't go without thanking the Millennium Garden Club for their special touch with the holiday decorations around the City.

The first snowstorm of the year dropped 10 inches of wet snow on DeWitt and many of us lost branches and limbs from our trees. A special thanks to our DPS staff for making an extra effort to pick up brush. The plowing


of neighborhoods was delayed by the many downed trees that blocked local streets. We are very proud of the way our streets are plowed and salted, often before the rest of us wake up. Just another of the great things about living in the City of DeWitt.

As winter continues into 2012 and we get ready for spring, I hope that everyone can take time to stop downtown and visit our local merchants and save a little on gas, while at the same time helping our local retailers. DeWitt is a very special place with some very special people.

I wish you all the very best during 2012.

*Mayor, Jim Rundborg*

## Holiday Information

 City offices will be closed Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday and Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of Presidents Day.

Please note: Trash pickup will NOT be affected by these holidays.

Park rental applications are available beginning January 3, 2012 at City Hall. Rental applications for Riverside, River Trail, Memorial, McGuire

and the Sports Parks are required in order to reserve your day.



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

## Election Information



**Primary Election  
February 28, 2012**

The Presidential Primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote at the February 28, 2012 Primary Election is Monday, January 30, 2012.

Registered voters who are eligible to apply for an Absentee Ballot for this election may obtain an application at the City Clerk's office. The City Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, February 25, 2012 (8:00 a.m. to

2:00 p.m.) to enable those wishing to obtain absentee voter applications and ballots for the election and on Monday, February 27, 2012 (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 Road/Bridge St.) vote at City Hall (414 East Main St.)

City residents in Precinct #2 (south of the Looking Glass River EXCEPT east of DeWitt Rd/Bridge Street) vote at the Fire Station (911 West 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.

## Police Department News

### Winter Driving Tips

As winter is approaching so are the difficulties associated with wintertime driving. If you haven't already done so, please conduct a safety inspection on your vehicle (s) to insure that the tires are in good shape with plenty of tread, that your windshield wipers and solvent are working properly and filled. Before traveling out please completely clear all snow and/or frost from your car windows. Michigan Motor Vehicle Law requires that all windows and your vehicle be clear of any

debris. You can increase the likelihood of arriving safely by:

- Warming up your car
- Completely clearing off all your car windows
- Keeping your speed slow
- Always leave extra room between your vehicle and the car ahead
- Leave early, give yourself lots of extra time.

### Keep Sidewalks Clear

City Ordinance requires that snow and/or ice must be re-

moved from your sidewalk within 24 hours from when the snow has fallen. If the police receives a complaint or witnesses a sidewalk in violation a "warning ticket" will be issued. This "warning ticket" then requires the home owner remove the snow and/or ice within the next 24 hour period. If the sidewalk is not cleared the city will clear the sidewalk at the home owner's expense. If you are physically unable to perform this task, please call my office, 669-9131 and we will do our best to get you assistance in this matter.



**Police Chief  
Larry Jerue**

## News From Granger

Rental of 96-gallon carts is now available from Granger. The rental of the cart will be \$20.00 per year and will be paid directly to Granger. The rental fee covers administrative, delivery, and maintenance costs and therefore cannot be refunded or pro-rated. Please call Granger

Customer Service Team directly at 517-372-2800 or toll free at 888-9GRANGER (888-947-2643) to set up rental.

Additionally, as the carts will be rented, Granger will provide maintenance and replacement of the carts as needed at no additional cost to residents.

This will eliminate issues with breakage and wear and tear due to normal collection activities found with store-bought containers.

Curby carts will be delivered starting in January 2012. Delivery dates are generally within two weeks of payment.

**Curby carts are  
now available to  
interested  
City of DeWitt  
residents.**

## Dental Care for Medicaid and Low-income

The Community-based dental clinic, located within the Mid-Michigan District Health Department in St. Johns, was recently expanded from three dental chairs operating two days per week to five dental chairs operating five days per week. The day-to-day operation of the dental clinic was also transferred from the health department to Michigan Community Dental Clinics, a non-profit corporation that was organized to provide care to Medicaid and

low-income residents.

The expansion will increase the number of patients served from 470 to approximately 3,000 annually.

The clinic services the following populations who have traditionally found it hard to access dental services in Clinton counties:

- Children on Medicaid, Delta Healthy Kids and MI Child.

- Adults (age 21 and over) on Medicaid
- Low income, uninsured individuals whose income level is at or below 200% of Federal poverty level at reduced fees.

The Community-Based Dental Clinic is located within MMDHD at 1307 East Townsend Road, St. Johns. To make an appointment, call 877-313-6232 or visit [www.midental.org](http://www.midental.org) for more information.



*Medicaid covers children and adult dental services*

## Regular Council Meetings 2012

January	10	April	10	July	10	October	23
January	24	April	17 #	July	24	November	7
February	14	April	24	August	14	November	20
February	29	May	8	August	28	December	11
March *	7	May	22	September	11	December	18
March	13	June	12	September	25		
March	27	June	26	October	9		
* 5 Year Budget		#Finance Committee					

*City Council meetings begin at 7:00pm and are held at City Hall, 414 East Main Street.*

## 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 Herbison 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

All other City streets are secondary

plowing routes. Public Service employees plow secondary routes upon the completion of the primary routes. Once secondary routes are completed, employees then remove snow from City maintained sidewalks.

*Beginning this year Herbison Road from Sandhill Drive to Turner Street is maintained by the City of DeWitt.*

## 2011 Employee Recognition

### 5 Years of Service

Amy Couzzins-Rawson - Police Department

### 15 Years of Service

Teresa Bevier - Administrative Assistant

### 10 Years of Service

Jim Rundborg - Council/Mayor

### 25 Years of Service

Walter Grysen - Police department



## Spring Pick-up Programs

The City will again be sponsoring a spring brush pick-up program. Brush must be placed street side by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012.

### Large Item Pick-up

Residents will have their large items removed starting Monday, April 16, 2012. Items must be placed at the street side by 7:00 a.m. on this Monday. Please watch the DeWitt-Bath Review or check the City's website prior to the pick-up dates for further information about this program. Some items require pre-paid tags in order to be removed.

### Items That Must Be Paid For and Tagged

- Refrigerator, freezers, (must have doors removed or secured) air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or anything containing Freon. - \$30.00 each

- Riding Lawn Mower (small) drained - \$26.00 each
- Tractor tire (rear tire) - \$15.00 each
- Stoves, mattresses, springs, disassembled swing sets, sofa, chairs, water heaters, water softeners, microwaves, push lawnmowers, snow blowers, televisions, computer screens and other large items. - \$14.00 each
- Antennas and clothes line poles - \$12.00 each
- Carpet by the room - \$10.00 each
- Truck/Auto or small trailer tire (with rim) - \$6.50 each
- Grills (without tanks) - \$6.50 each
- Grill Propane Tanks (20#) - \$5.00 each
- Bicycles - \$5.00 each
- Batteries (automobile/lawn tractor/motorcycle) - \$5.00 each

- Truck/Auto or small trailer tire (without rim) - \$3.50 each

Because of the potential for contamination of groundwater, only paint cans containing completely dried paint will be collected (lids must be off cans). Paint cans containing liquid of any kind will not be collected.

No building debris will be picked up (this includes lumber, plywood, other wood products, doors, windows, drywall, shingles.)

Remember, the purpose of this program is to remove large items. Please do not place items by the street-side for this program that would normally be removed as part of your weekly refuse pick-up.

## Self-Check Kiosk at DeWitt District Library



Check Out Our Youth and Adult Programs

Patrons at the DeWitt District Library may opt to expedite their check-out using the library's new self-check kiosk. The user-friendly kiosk's computer screen provides patrons with prompts leading them through the check-out process. Simply scan your library card, scan your material, print your receipt and you can be on your way!

"It's about providing our cus-

tomers with better service and options," states Library Director Jennifer Balcom. "An added benefit is that staff will be able to focus on activities that will enhance collection development, programs, and services we are able to provide. Without this option we simply would not have the manpower hours to devote to these additional projects."

Library staff will still be avail-

able and happy to assist patrons with check-outs or reference questions.

Information on programs and services offered through the DeWitt District Library is available online at [www.dewittlibrary.org](http://www.dewittlibrary.org), or by phoning 517.669.3156 during business hours.

## DARA WINTER 2012 EVENTS

Program	Dates	Time	Registration Dates	Age/ Grade	Cost Resident/Non-Resident
January Drop Your Kids Off (evening)	1/13	6:00pm-11:00pm	12/2 – 1/6	4-12yr.	\$15/one child \$10/each additional
Family Sledding Night (Granger Meadows)	1/27	6:30pm-8:30pm.	Open	All	Free Event @ Granger Sledding Hill
All Day Drop Your Kids Off (no school)	2/20 & 3/9	7:30am-5:30pm.	One week prior to date	5-12yr.	\$25/one child \$15/each additional
Zumba Class @ DTCC	1/11-3/21 No class 2/28	5:45pm-6:45pm Wednesday Nights	One week prior to date	18+	\$60 for all classes or \$10 per class drop in
Floor Hockey League	2/25-3/31	9:00am-3:00pm (depending on grade)	1/6-2/3	Grades K-5	\$33/\$48
Preschool Sports Starter	2/7-3/13	5:30pm-7:45pm (45 min. sessions)	1/6-2/3	3-5yr.	\$33/\$48
February Drop Your Kids Off (evening)	2/17	6:00pm-11:00 pm	One week prior to date	4-12yr.	\$15/one child \$10/each additional
March Drop Your Kids Off (evening)	3/16	6:00pm-11:00 pm	One week prior to date	4-12yr.	\$15/one child \$10/each additional
April Drop Your Kids Off (evening)	4/13	6:00pm-11:00pm	One week prior to date	5-12yr.	\$15/one child \$10 each additional
Easter Egg Hunt	3/31	3:00pm sharp (Site TBD)	No Registration	1-10yr.	Free Event
Youth Soccer League	4/14-5/19	9:00am-1:00pm (depending on teams)	2/3-3/23	4-6yr.	\$33/\$48
Adult Golf Lessons	4/11-5/10 Wed or Thurs	6:00pm-7:00pm (Hawk Hollow)	2/3-4/5	18+	\$60
Spring Break Fun Club	4/2-4/5 Mon-Thurs.	7:30am-5:30pm	2/3-when full	5-12yr.	\$80/\$95 with field trip
Open Volleyball	Wed & Sun	7:00pm-9:00 pm	Drop in	18+	\$2 per visit

You may register for most DARA programs online by visiting our website at [www.dewittrecreation.org](http://www.dewittrecreation.org). DARA accepts Visa and Mastercard payments for online registration only. You may also print a registration form and mail it in by clicking on our newsletter link from our home page. You may drop off registration forms at DeWitt City Hall (414 E. Main St.) as well. Call the DARA office at 517-482-5117 if you have any questions.

### DARA Mission:

**DARA promotes community and quality of life through leisure services provided**

**for the residents of the DeWitt Community.**

Thank you for your continued support! See you in 2012!

Executive Director: Clay Summers, CPRP

Program Coordinator: Chad Stevens