

City of East Tawas

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Spring 2012

COMPOST PICK UP

Employees of the Department of Public Works have begun their compost (yard waste pick up) each Monday through November 5, 2012. Compost must be contained in paper composting bags or a plastic trash bin specifically marked "Compost". Weight restriction for pick up is a maximum of 40 pounds. Plastic bags will no longer be picked up and will be tagged for this reason.

If you would like to take your yard waste to the compost area, a key is available at City Hall for East Tawas residents only. No building materials or junk may be taken to the compost area.

Please Contact City Hall at 989-362-6161 or cityhall@easttawas.com if you have any questions or concerns.

CITY OF EAST TAWAS COMMUNITY SURVEY

As part of our 2012 Master Plan Update, the City is conducting a survey for all our residents/property owners to express your opinions on how the City should grow and change over the next five years. This public input will be compiled and used in finalizing the City of East Tawas's 2012 Master Plan. We urge you take this 5-minute survey and return it to us by mail to PO Box 672, East Tawas, MI 48730, drop of at City Hall or put in our drop box, or if you have electronic capabilities, email to cityhall@easttawas.com. This survey will also be available on our website at www.easttawas.com.

ELECTIONS

There will a Special Election for IRESA and 911 proposals on Tuesday, May 2nd. Absentee ballots are now available.

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 7th and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6th. Absentee ballots are available 45 days before the election and can be obtained at City Hall.

Voters who are registered to vote in the City of East Tawas will vote at City Hall at 760 Newman Street and polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections. Please exercise your right to vote!



Mosquito Control

HOW THE PROGRAM WILL WORK

- 📍 Initial spring larvicide application of Vectobac G (Bti) to lowland/woodland wet areas during mid-April to mid-May.
- 📍 The mapping and surveying of mosquito breeding sites in the City of East Tawas along with the development of historical data. The larviciding of these sites when found breeding with Vectobac G (bti) or Vectolex CG (Bs). This will be an ongoing process.
- 📍 The placement of dry ice baited and New Jersey Light traps for adult mosquito monitoring and disease testing.
- 📍 Residents are encouraged to call APM's toll free number 1-877-276-4714 when noticing excessive adult mosquito populations and/or have standing water in their immediate area.
- 📍 A weekly nighttime Ultra Low Volume application of Biomist, Kontrol, Anvil 2+2 or Mosquitomist 1.5 from a truck mounted sprayer. This application is dependent on weather conditions meeting the following criteria: winds must be less than 10 mph; temperature must be above 55°F; and no rain at the time of application. Ultra Low Volume normally occurs between Memorial Day through Labor Day as needed.

For Any further question Please contact:

ADVANCED PEST MANAGEMENT (APM)

21240 34 Mile Rd
Armada, MI 48005
(810) 735-8731
Toll Free (877) 276-4714
www.advancedmosquito.com

Controlling Mosquitoes:

- ❖ Standing water means mosquitoes. Any standing, stagnant water that remains for 7 to 10 days after a rain can, and usually will, produce mosquitoes.
- ❖ Empty all water holding containers in your yard on a regular basis, at least once a week. Tires, children's wading pools, rain barrels, buckets, plant pots, birdbaths, and stored boats are common examples of mosquito breeding sites around the yard.
- ❖ Leaves and other debris should be removed from eaves troughs and down spouts.
- ❖ Ditches and retention basins must be kept free of vegetation and debris to promote rapid drainage.
- ❖ Pond edges should be kept clean of cattails and other aquatic vegetation. This is where mosquito larvae develop and mature.
- ❖ To reduce the number of adult mosquitoes in your yard, keep your yard mowed as short as is practical. Keep all ornamental shrubs and bushes trimmed and pruned to allow airflow and light to penetrate. This is where adult mosquitoes hide during the day.
- ❖ Good housekeeping is encouraged. Screens on windows and doors should be well maintained to prevent mosquitoes from entering homes and other structures as mosquitoes seek out cooler and shaded areas for resting.

City of East Tawas Mosquito Control Program Opt-Out Form

The property owners or residents of the City of East Tawas who prefer that their properties **NOT** be treated for mosquito control are to notify Advanced Pest Management or the City of East Tawas **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH 2012** by using this form with the required information filled out or by emailing the information to us at cityhall@easttawas.com. These notices will be forwarded to the company the City contracts with so they can create a buffer and exclude your property from being treated. If you opted out last year no further action is needed and your property will not be sprayed this year.

I/We **DO NOT** want our property treated for mosquito control in 2012.

Name(s) _____

Property Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address: _____

Signature(s) _____



Parks and Recreation News

East Tawas Community Center Advance Booking Time Frame to Change

At their regular meeting on March 15, 2012 the East Tawas Park Board voted to change the advance booking time frame for the East Tawas Community Center.

Park Manager Keith Frank told the board that over the past two years, there have been several requests to change the advance time that the facility takes bookings for weddings and major events. The Community Center's current policy is that bookings for major events are taken only one year in advance of the event. Frank told the board that, "we are finding out that when booking a wedding, customers have to book caterers, bands etc., a year and a half in advance. Our current policy makes it difficult for renters since they don't know if they can rent the hall for the reception until a year in advance."

The Park Board voted to change the advance booking time to 18 months in advance of the event date. The change will take effect April 1, 2012.

City Park Submits Grant to Expand Jefferson Street Parking Lot

The East Tawas City Park will be submitting a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program for funding the expansion of the Jefferson Street Parking Lot.

In February, the City and Park were successful in purchasing the residence at 700 Newman Street. The house and property will be demolished and cleaned up in preparation for the grant project. If successful in acquiring grant funding, the project will provide an additional 27 parking spaces to go along with the 19 spaces in the existing lot. The total cost of the project is \$24,700.00. The Park is asking for a grant in the amount of \$18,500.00 and will provide \$6,200.00 in local match funding.

If awarded, the project would take place in 2013.

For East Tawas park pavilion rentals please call the East Tawas City Park Office at 989-362-5562

East Tawas Community Center

Rates for Recreation Passes

<u>Resident:</u>	
<i>Individual</i>	\$12.50
<i>2-Member Family</i>	\$20.00
<i>Family</i>	\$25.00
<u>Nonresident:</u>	
<i>Individual</i>	\$25.00
<i>2-Member Family</i>	\$40.00
<i>Family</i>	\$50.00
<i>Day Pass: \$3.00</i>	

(All recreation passes expire on September 30th)

**Family Pass includes any children under the age of 18*

For Hall rental availability and pricing please call 989-362-3537

State Street Parking Lot Improvement Project

Construction crews will roll in to town mid-April to begin work on the State Street parking lot. It's the final portion of the \$2.5 million Downtown Streetscape Improvement and Beautification Project, which is part of the East Tawas Tax Increment Finance Authority's (TIFA) 30-year Strategic Plan. In addition, this project is a fundamental component of the community's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan Downtowns.

The State Street parking lot sits in the heart of the City's Central Business District (CBD) in the second block of the CBD behind Klenow's Market and Branham's Jewelry. This parking lot abuts the secondary entrances of 13 businesses including Newman Court Mall with 13 interior retail and professional business spaces. This lot serves both the District Library Administrative Offices and City library.

New improved sanitary and storm drain systems will be installed to help direct and minimize runoff. Furthermore, underground pipes will be added so that individual businesses can directly tie into the City's storm system. The lot will be reshaped, graded and resurfaced.

USDA Rural Development awarded TIFA a Rural Business Enterprise Grant of \$50,000 toward the project which will help pay for the addition of a new raised sidewalk running alongside the buildings' rear entrances which will create a safe pedestrian zone as well as improve ADA access.

The redesign of the State Street parking lot will improve traffic flow and further increase safety for motorists and pedestrians alike. In addition, parking spaces will be widened by a foot to 10 feet in width.

New state-of-the-art LED street lights will enhance visibility, increase safety and help deter vandalism and crime. Trees, shrubs, flowers, plantings and spring bulbs will be added to soften the urban cityscape. Businesses will be donating distinctive metal art to various islands throughout the lot.

The State Street parking lot project will complete the community's immediate vision for the Downtown District.

EAST TAWAS LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	8:00 - 11:30, 12:30- 5:00
Tuesday	12:00 - 4:00, 5:00 - 8:30
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	8:00 - 11:30, 12:30 - 5:00
Friday	8:00 - 11:30, 12:30 - 5:00
Saturday	8:00 - 12:00

204 Sawyer Street
989-362-6162

UPCOMING SUMMER PROJECTS

TAWAS BEACH ROAD

Tawas Beach Road from US-23 to the east City limits will be resurfaced this summer. The \$140,000 project is funded through the local Rural Task Force using state transportation funds of \$111,000 and \$29,000 from the City. The project will include grinding, shaping, tree removal and new asphalt.

EAST STATE STREET SANITARY SEWER

The City will be relining the sanitary sewer main line under portions of East State Street. This sanitary sewer line was constructed in the 1930's and 1940's. Due to recent evaluation by City Sewer Cleaners and Wilcox Engineering, this line has been listed as high priority for rehabilitation in the Capital Improvement Plan.

The City has budgeted \$175,000 for the project from the sanitary sewer reserve fund. The City will also be evaluating additional sanitary sewer lines this year.

For questions and additional information, please contact us at 989-362-6161, by email cityhall@easttawas.com, for visit us on our website at www.easttawas.com.

AUTOMATED PAYMENTS

You can now pay your water and sewer bills and tax bills through an automated payment program

FREE OF CHARGE

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact City Hall or visit us online at

www.easttawas.com

GARAGE SALES

Garage sales are a big activity beginning this time of year. The City of East Tawas does not require you to obtain a permit for a garage sale, however, our City Ordinance states that a garage sale may last no longer than three days at one time and you are allowed only two garage sales in a calendar year.

The City also has an ordinance prohibiting signs attached to utility poles, meter posts, trees or along any street right-of-way (City property), as well as on any building, wall or fence without first obtaining consent from the owner. State Law also prohibits attaching signs to utility poles. Signs in these locations will be removed. To advertise your event, the City has provided a kiosk in the Tawas Bay Players parking lot, located at 401 Newman Street.

ZONING REGULATIONS

Spring is when many people begin home improvement projects. Please keep in mind that a zoning permit is required for any construction (house, garage, addition, fence, deck, pool, etc.) or demolishing a structure. Permits and guidelines are available at City Hall and on our website (www.easttawas.com). Please be sure to allow yourself ample time to complete the necessary information and for the Zoning Administrator to review and approve the application. Incomplete applications will result in the delay of approval of your project.

Any type of commercial permits (new business, signs, etc.) must be approved by the Planning Commission which meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. To be on the agenda for approval, completed permits and plans must be submitted by noon the Thursday preceding the meeting.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Department of Public Works will begin flushing fire hydrants the first part of May. You may experience rusty water or low water pressure during this flushing period. Flushing of the hydrants is necessary to provide better water quality. Please watch our website or the Iosco County News Herald for our flushing schedule.

RECYCLING

Recycling is available to East Tawas and Tawas City residents and property owners every third Saturday of the month at our DPW Garage located at 810 West Westover Street. Winter months, October through April, will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and May through September from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You must show a recycling card, which can be obtained at City Hall, before entering the recycling location.

SUMMER TAX BILLS

2012 summer tax bills will be mailed on July 1, 2012 and are due September 17, 2012. If you would like your tax payment paid by an automatic payment initiated by us, please contact our office or visit our website to complete the required form.

Have you moved recently? Has your primary residence changed? Please be sure to file the Homestead forms with the Assessor's Office by May 1, 2012. If you're not sure if you have filed the forms or if you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at 362-6241.

Important dates in 2012

Apr	2	Compost pickup begins	Oct	8	Columbus Day <i>City Departments will be closed garbage pickup will still be Thursday</i>
	2-11	Greenwood Cemetery cleanup		20	Recycling 9am-11am
	21	Recycling 9am-11am		31	Trick-or-Treating will be 5-8 p.m.
May	1	fire hydrant flushing begins	Nov	5	compost pick up ends
	8	Special election at City Hall		6	General Election at City Hall
	19	Recycling 8am-11am		17	Recycling 9am-11am
	28	Memorial Day <i>City Departments will be closed garbage pickup will be Friday</i>		22-23	Thanksgiving holiday <i>City Departments will be closed garbage pickup will be Friday</i>
June	16	Recycling 8am-11am	Dec	1	Winter 2012 taxes mailed
July	1	Summer 2012 taxes mailed		15	Recycling 9am-11am
	4	Independence Day <i>City Departments will be closed garbage pickup will be Friday</i>		24-25	Christmas holiday <i>City Departments will be closed garbage pickup will be Friday</i>
	21	Recycling 8am-11am	Jan	1	New Year's Day <i>City Departments will be closed garbage pickup will be Friday</i>
Aug	7	Primary Election at City Hall		19	Recycling 9am-11am
	18	Recycling 8am-11am	Feb	14	Winter 2012 taxes due
Sept	3	Labor Day <i>City Departments will be closed garbage pickup will be Friday</i>		16	Recycling 9am-11am
	15	Recycling 8am-11am			
	17	Summer 2012 taxes due			

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