

CITY OF CHELSEA

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MONDAY 8:00AM TO 6:00PM, TUESDAY—FRIDAY 8:00AM TO 4:00PM



SUMMER 2016

PAST NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CITY OFFICE CLOSED:

- MONDAY, JULY 4TH (INDEPENDENCE DAY)
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH (LABOR DAY)

TRANSFER STATION CLOSED:

- SATURDAY, JULY 2ND (IN OBSERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY)
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD (IN OBSERVATION OF LABOR DAY)

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 2, 2016

Vote on Tuesday, August 2nd for the **State Primary Election**. Registered City of Chelsea residents vote at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street. Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the City Office and on the City website under 'Clerk' and then 'Election Forms'. Sample ballots will be on the website as soon as they are available. Please note **July 5, 2016** is the last day to register to vote or update your address for this election. Visit www.michigan.gov/vote for more information.

BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Brush pick-up continues to be the second Monday of each month starting at 7:00 am. Leaves must be bagged. It typically takes all week for the crews to make one complete pass through the City.

June 13th
July 11th
August 8th



SUMMER TAX BILLS

Summer tax bills will be mailed July 1st. Promptly report changes of address to the City Assessor. An email or letter stating the new mailing address will suffice. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the taxes from penalties and interest. Summer taxes are due Wednesday, September 14th. Payments can be mailed, made at the City Office or paid online at www.city-chelsea.org.



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN RIDING BICYCLES

1. Be sure your bicycle is the right size for you and the seat is properly adjusted for your height.
2. Always wear a safety approved bicycle helmet when you are riding to protect your head from injury in case of a fall.
3. Know the rules of the road and practice them when cycling.
4. *Remember:* one person per bicycle.
5. Practice riding in the driveway or in an empty parking lot until you're ready for the sidewalk or street.
6. Ride safely and don't try stunts (like wheelies or riding with no hands).
7. Stay alert for parked cars that may be trying to join the flow of traffic and for car doors that may suddenly swing open.
8. Always wear bright colored clothes when biking.
9. Carefully inspect your bicycle before every use; be sure to check the brakes, chain, handlebars, pedals, tires, chain and seat.
10. Avoid riding in the dark.
11. Equip your bike with reflectors.
12. Walk your bike across intersections.



Source: Community Safety Net Personal Safety Manual

STORM WATER

The City of Chelsea annual storm water bills will be mailed in June. Residents often inquire regarding what storm water runoff is and why they are getting a bill.



What is storm water runoff?

Storm water runoff is all precipitation which can pick up contaminants and debris from hard surfaces such as parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, streets, etc. This water then makes its way into our storm water system before emptying into natural waterways such as streams, rivers, wetlands, etc. Please refer to the City Storm Water Ordinance (Section 32, Article 5) for further details.

Why am I getting a bill for it?

The City is required under the EPA storm water discharge rules and regulations to have a system to clean this water before it dumps back into our waterways. The annual fee pays for the operation, maintenance and administration of our system. Even though you may not have a drain in front of your house, all water eventually makes its way into the system and all property owners share in the cost. If you have additional questions, you can call 734-475-1771.

BECOME A PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER

Avoid the lines and have the ballot come to you! If you are at least 60 years old or unable to physically attend the polls you can be a permanent absentee voter. Just let us know and we will mail you an absentee ballot application for every election. Call 734-475-1771 and press 4 or email lkaiser@city-chelsea.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can have your City of Chelsea bills emailed to you. You can email your request to utilities@city-chelsea.org or contact the City Office at 734-475-1771. Your current bill and account history can also be viewed online at anytime. Visit www.city-chelsea.org and click the Quick Link for 'Tax and Utility Account Information'.

Simplify your utility bill payments by signing up for Auto Pay. The authorization form is available at the City Office or online at www.city-chelsea.org. Select 'Utilities' from the left-hand menu, choose 'Payments' from the Service Information section.

BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER POSTING

The City of Chelsea is accepting applications for Board of Review Members. The City of Chelsea Board of Review is a three-member board supported by the City Assessor that hears and determines appeals of property assessments in sessions that begin each year in March.

Position requirements include high school education or higher and some background and general understanding of real estate, building and construction activities. A member must be a current City of Chelsea resident for at least one year.

Members must be available for required Board of Review meeting dates—that is, the 3rd Tuesday in July, the 2nd Tuesday in December, and two days each week the first and third weeks of March. Members will learn the process of appealing local tax assessments and will need to be comfortable communicating this process clearly and respectfully to local business owners and residents.

Members receive a small stipend for all meetings attended. Applications can be found online at www.city-chelsea.org/clerk/board/committee application and should be returned to the Chelsea City Office to the attention of the City Assessor.

Further information regarding the City of Chelsea Board of Review can be found at www.city-chelsea.org/TaxAssessing/BoardofReview. Questions should be directed to the City Assessor at assessor@city-chelsea.org or 734-475-1771, extension 213.