

CITY OF CHELSEA

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



WINTER 2016

PAST NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CITY OFFICE CLOSED:

FRIDAY, DEC. 23RD (IN OBSERVATION OF CHRISTMAS EVE)
MONDAY, DEC. 26TH (IN OBSERVATION OF CHRISTMAS DAY)
FRIDAY, DEC. 30TH (IN OBSERVATION OF NEWS YEAR'S EVE)
MONDAY, JAN. 2ND (IN OBSERVATION OF NEW YEAR'S DAY)
MONDAY, JAN. 16TH (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY)
MONDAY, FEB. 20TH (PRESIDENTS' DAY)

TRANSFER STATION CLOSED:

FRIDAY, DEC. 23RD (IN OBSERVATION OF CHRISTMAS EVE)
SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH (IN OBSERVATION OF CHRISTMAS DAY)
FRIDAY, DEC. 30TH (IN OBSERVATION OF NEW YEAR'S EVE)
SATURDAY, DEC. 31ST (IN OBSERVATION OF NEW YEAR'S DAY)
SATURDAY, JAN. 14TH (IN OBSERVATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY)
SATURDAY, FEB. 18TH (IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY)

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The Department of Public Works will pick up Christmas trees and wreaths throughout the month of January. Trees should be placed on the lawn extension. Please remove any wire, nails, and plastic from the trees and wreaths.



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.**

**December 12th
January 9th
February 13th**

WINTER 2016 PROPERTY TAXES


2016 Winter Property Tax bills were mailed November 30th. If you did not receive your tax bill, contact the Treasurer at 475-1771. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt the taxes from penalties. Winter taxes are payable to the City of Chelsea and **DUE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2017 BY 4:00 PM.** Tax and assessing information is available on the City website at www.city-chelsea.org.



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

You can donate to the **UTILITY SUPPORT FUND** through the City Office. Your tax deductible donation will be given to Faith In Action to pay utility bills for those in need. Make your check payable to City of Chelsea with 'Utility Support Fund' in the comment line. Faith In Action will send a tax deduction receipt to the address on the check.




SNOW REMOVAL	ANNUAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of snowfall. (Ordinance No. 94) • Snow cannot be pushed onto the streets. (Ordinance No. 94) • No parking on streets from 2:00 am to 5:00 am. (Ordinance No. 84) • Violations can result in property owner fines. 	<p>The City will mail all property owners annual property assessments in mid-February 2017. You can contact the assessing department with any questions during their on-site hours: Mondays, 8:00 am to noon and Wednesdays, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If necessary, you can also contest the values through the March Board of Review process. See the City website for further details regarding this process, www.city-chelsea.org, Tax & Assessing, Board of Review.</p>

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.

PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES WHEN IT'S ALREADY COLD

- Open cabinet doors on exterior walls where water pipes are located (beneath kitchen and bathroom sinks, for example). Remove harmful chemicals to prevent access by pets and children.
 - Keep garage doors closed, if exposed pipes run through the garage.
 - Consider temporarily closing or covering crawlspace vents, especially if very cold temperatures are accompanied by high winds; this combination will freeze pipes more quickly. (Remember to open the vents when the danger has passed; it is important to maintain ventilation of crawlspaces).
 - When water will not be used for several hours, allow indoor faucets to drip lukewarm water; this protects both hot and cold lines. About one drop per second is usually sufficient.
 - If leaving the home, temporarily set the thermostat to 65 degrees.
 - Use heat tape on pipes to help prevent freezing.
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GREASE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Large amounts of fat, oil, grease (FOG) have shown up in our collection system pipes and at the City of Chelsea Wastewater Treatment Plant. Oil and grease hamper effective treatment of the wastewater and diminish the capacity of sewer lines in the collection system. We urge you to help us minimize this problem by practicing our "Good Housekeeping Grease Reduction Program".

- *Deep fryer*: Put waste grease in a container. Wipe fryer down with paper towels and dispose of them with solid waste.
- *Gravy, Bacon and Sauce*: Put leftover material into a container. Residues should go out with solid waste.
- *Frosting containers, butter and butter by-products*: Pre-scrape utensils and containers prior to washing and dispose of non-recyclable materials in the solid waste.
- *Avoid using garbage disposals*: Garbage disposals send unwanted food by-products into the sanitary sewer where they will drop out of solution, build up on the walls of your side sewer and cause a backup.
- *Use sink strainers*
- *Oil Recycling*: contact the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) at 734.475.6160

For more information please visit our website www.city-chelsea.org. Click on 'Utilities' from the left hand menu.