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CITY OF IRONWOOD

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Newsletter for July 2014

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U.S. HWY 2 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is reconstructing 1.3 miles of U.S. Hwy 2 through Ironwood from Tourist Park Road on the west to Curry Street on the east. The work includes water & sanitary sewer main replacement, construction of a continuous sidewalk along the north side, along with a complete reconstruction of the roadway. This is the first phase of the project and is scheduled to be completed this year (2014). The second phase of the project is scheduled to begin in 2015 and will again be a complete reconstruction continuing from Curry Street east to the Super One Foods/Kmart shopping center area.

For updated information on the project go to the City of Ironwood website (www.cityofironwood.org). You can find it under "U.S. 2 Reconstruction Project" a link to up-to-date project information on the contractor's Facebook page (Snow Country Contracting) and the MDOT project information page. There is also detailed detour information that can be found.

Your patience during this construction project is appreciated.

RESIDENTIAL WATER & SANITARY SEWER PROJECT - PHASE III

The City of Ironwood has hired Ruotsala Construction to install new water mains, sanitary sewer mains and streets in the residential neighborhood north of U.S. 2 and between Lake Road and Luxmore Street. There are also a few additional blocks of water and sewer work that will be completed next year (2015) in the Norrie neighborhood. The majority of the work will be completed this year (2014) with the second lift of asphalt and the work in the Norrie area to be completed in 2015. Up-to-date information on this project can be found on the City's website (www.cityofironwood.org)



GOGEBIC RANGE BUSINESS MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

The Gogebic Range Business Mentorship Initiative has been formed to provide intellectual resources and support professional development for the business community. The members include all those in the Gogebic Range that wish to better the region's business community and economic state which include community leaders, entrepreneurs and business owners. There are two components to the program which are discussed below.

Component 1: Group Mentorship

One of the partners to the Gogebic Range Business Mentorship Initiative is Gogebic Community College (GCC). It has been discussed that providing a group learning environment is one way to facilitate mentorship. The Gogebic Range Business Mentorship Initiative and GCC have agreed to facilitate a speaker series throughout the school year, as frequent as monthly, to provide an opportunity for the business community to engage in group mentorship. The Gogebic Range Business Mentorship Initiative and GCC will bring in speakers to discuss topics that are important to your businesses growth and success. Such topics may include, but not limited to: accounting, inventory, human resources, management, public relations, social media and the Internet to name a few. During the speaker series, there will be opportunities to network and potentially find a one-on-one mentor match!

Component 2: One-On-One Mentorship

As a secondary benefit of the group mentorship opportunity you will have the chance, if you choose, to be a mentor or be mentored or both. The group settings will offer you the chance to talk with others that you may be able to mentor or receive mentoring from.

If during the speaker series, you do not meet someone to connect with you also have the option to submit your name to the Gogebic Range Business Mentorship Initiative at 906-932-5050 x 126. All you have to submit is your name, contact number, if you want to be a mentor, mentee or both and the topics in which you desire to mentor in or be mentored in. Once this list starts to grow appropriate matches will be made and a new relationship can begin! No matter what you desire to mentor in or be mentored for we will make every effort to find a match for you.



INFORMATION FOR YOU!

Festival Ironwood
July 16–19, 2014

**Induction to Sports Hall of Fame
Gogebic Community College**
Saturday, August 9, 2014

Gogebic County Fair
August 14 – 17, 2014

**Gogebic-Iron County Airport
Fly-In**
Saturday, September 6, 2014

General Election
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Jack Frost Parade
Friday, December 5, 2014

*For additional information on any area event, please contact
Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce 932-1122
Western U.P. Convention & Visitor Bureau
932-4850.

Carnegie Library Art Workshops
at Carnegie Library

"Goin' Green with Jenny Jean"
Thursday, July 24th @ 1:30 p.m.
(Grades 3-6)

"Youth Summer Drama Camp"
Starting Monday, August 4th
Productions Friday, August 15th &
Sunday, August 17th
(Grades 6th-12th)

"Keys to Trees Science Program"
(Pre-registration is needed for this Event)
Ottawa National Forest Program
Wednesday, July 16th

*For additional information on other events please contact the Library at 932-0203 or visit them on their website:
<http://www.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood/>

**Free Lunch Program-Ironwood Area Schools
Depot Park**

Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(Lunch program will continue through Aug. 21st)



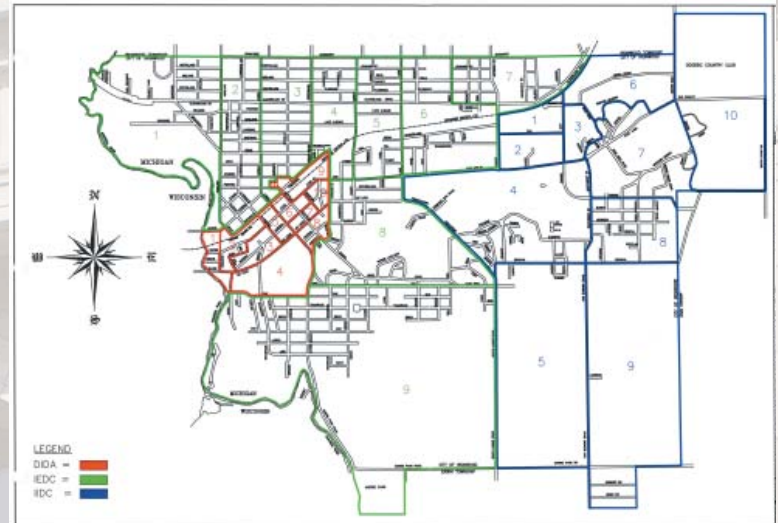
City of Ironwood Business Retention Program

Many communities focus economic development activities on attracting new businesses; albeit important, another component of economic development is retention of existing businesses, as they already have an invested interest in the community and are important to the strength and character of a community and its economy. The following Business Retention program has been established based on economic development practices, observations of the community as well as recommendations from the City's comprehensive plan.

The City has been broken up into Economic Development Zones. Each member from the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, Ironwood Economic Development Corporation and the Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation has been assigned a zone. Each member is responsible for carrying out the program for their zone.

Each member will meet with each owner/manager of each business in their zone at least once per year. The purpose of these meetings is to learn more about your business and how the City can assist your business. The visits will also allow members to inform you about current programs and assistance available through the City's website. During the meetings the members will ask you a series of questions and have you fill out additional forms. Data collected as part of these visits will assist the City with assisting you in the following ways.

- * Stronger relationships between the City and the business community.
- * Provides emergency contact information to assist you in the case of an emergency.
- * Assists the City with understanding the operations of your business in order to determine if there are any opportunities available for your business through the form of business, economic and/or financial assistance and makes your business eligible for assistance programs.
- * Allows you to list commercial/industrial properties for sale/lease through the City's on-line site selector/real estate finder program at no cost.
- * Your business will be included in an on-line business directory through the City's website.
- * You will receive informational emails regarding business programs and events.



You can learn more at <http://cityofironwood.org/Business/Welcome.html>

IRONWOOD DEPOT PARK



RIDING ATVs IN IRONWOOD

ATVs and side-by-sides are a way of life here in Ironwood, but rules and restrictions do apply to our users. In order to create a safe environment, these rules are necessary to protect our citizens and our riders. One of the most common complaints received by Ironwood Public Safety is that riders are trespassing on private property or parks. Public roads and trails have been identified, allowing our riders to hook up to our area's vast trail system. A majority of the roads have been opened to allow riders to access trails, but some of the roads are restricted for safety reasons. Persons interested in operating ATVs in our community are encouraged to read our ordinance and understand what few roads are restricted for use. A copy of the ordinance and maps are available on the City's website and at the Ironwood Public Safety Department.

Other violations that officers often see are helmet violations and age requirements. Helmets and eye protection are required when using ATVs. Many people are confused because Michigan law does not require helmets when riding a motorcycle when requirements are met. ATV use falls under separate laws established by the Department of Natural Resources.

Age requirements require children under 16 years of age to have a safety training certificate and be under the direct visual supervision of an adult. No one under 10 years of age may operate an ATV on public land, roads, or trails.

These are just a few of the laws. It is the operator's responsibility to understand all of the laws and ordinances. Have fun riding and stay safe!!

