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PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016-17

CITY OF IRONWOOD PROJECTS FOR 2017

By Scott Erickson, City Manager



PHASE 4 WATER & SEWER PROJECT

Next summer the City of Ironwood will be installing new water mains, sanitary sewer mains and streets in the Sutherland Ave./ Washington St./Day St. neighborhoods. This project is currently in the design phase with Coleman Engineering. The project is anticipated to start next spring and will take most of the summer to complete. The first lift of asphalt pavement will be installed in the fall of 2017, with the final lift of asphalt to be installed in 2018. A neighborhood informational meeting will be held in the spring of 2017 prior to the start of construction.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Mr. Bob Tervonen (City of Ironwood) at 906-932-5050 or Mr. Mike Foley (Coleman Engineering) at 906-932-5048.



BUSINESS ROUTE (BR) 2 STREET OVERLAY

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is scheduled to perform a pavement mill and overlay on BR 2 through the City of Ironwood. This work will occur on Douglas Street (south of U.S. Hwy 2), Suffolk St./Aurora St./ Silver St. through Downtown Ironwood. This project is anticipated to occur in the early summer of 2017. For any questions, please contact the City of Ironwood offices at 906-932-5050.



MT. ZION OVERLOOK & VIEWING DECK

A new viewing deck is scheduled to be constructed at the top of Mt. Zion (behind Gogebic Community College) next summer. The footings have been installed in anticipation of the deck being constructed in 2017. The project is being funded from donations provided by the Ironwood High School Class of 1957 along with many other wonderful donors!

The City of Ironwood recently widened and paved the drive to the top of the Mt. Zion overlook. Additional parking has been added and a paved walkway has been laid to the deck site. There is currently a volunteer group that is helping to evaluate possibly adding informational kiosks and directional signage to the overlook. This is a grassroots effort to help improve a wonderful asset that we all have right in our backyard.

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

Michigan Snowmobile Trails Open
Thurs, Dec 1 (weather permitting)

Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade
Fri, Dec 2 @ 6 pm

Santa's Headquarters-Memorial Bldg
Wed, Dec 7 @ 10 - 1:30 pm

Fire on the Hill Snowmobile Race
Gogebic Community College Ski Hill
Sat, Dec 10 & Sun, Dec 11

City Offices - Holiday Closings
Christmas - Fri, Dec 23
New Year's
Dec 30, 2015 & Jan 2, 2017

Snowmobile Olympus Race
Gogebic County Fairgrounds
Jan 2 - 3, 2017

SISU Ski Fest
Fri, Sat, & Sun, Jan 6 - 8, 2017

YooperBeiner Snowshoe Race
Wolverine Nordic Ski Trails
Sat, Jan 14, 2017

Michigan - Free Fishing Weekend
Feb 18 & 19 2017

**Historic Ironwood Theatre
Wine & Beer Fest**
Ironwood Memorial Building
Sat, Feb 25, 2017 @ 7pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY EVENTS
Writing Workshops
w/Katie Perttunen
Tues. Dec 6 & Dec 13 @ 5 - 7 pm

Chess Club
Mondays @ 4pm
Students - Grades 4 - 10

Pokémon Club
2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 4pm
Ages 8 & older

Adult Poetry Writing Group
3rd Monday each month @ 5:30pm

Cuddlebugs Story-time
4th Thursday each month @ 9:30am
Babies & Toddlers

More Library info @ 906-932-0203
or visit their website:
www.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood/

For information on area events, contact
Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce
906-932-1122 visit: www.ironwoodmi.org
or Western U.P. Convention &
Visitor Bureau 906-932-4850

CITY APPOINTS NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By Tom Bergman
Community Development Director



The Community Development Department is responsible for managing community development, planning, economic development and redevelopment, housing rehabilitation, grant administration, and zoning review, along with promotion of private sector development. As Director, I will act as staff liaison to the City Commission, Planning Commission, Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, Park and Recreation Committee, Economic Development Corporation, and related boards, as well as provide technical guidance, research, education, and other support. Now that there is a Comprehensive Plan for the community the priority becomes implementation of that plan. This will include drafting a new zoning ordinance as well as implementation of the Blueprint Plan and Park and Recreation Plan. We will continue to seek grant opportunities to implement these goals to build on the assets of our community.

A little bit about myself for those of you I haven't met. I grew up in a town called Longview in Southwest Washington State. I went to college at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA and majored in Environmental and Engineering Geology. Over the next decade I spent a lot of time traveling the US and a few other countries as well. I worked as a whitewater river guide in Jackson Hole and spent five winters at Crystal Mountain Washington skiing as much as I possibly could. I moved to Ironwood about 11 years ago and instantly fell in love with the abundance of outdoor recreation activities. For the majority of the time that I've lived here I have worked for Iron County, WI as their Planning and Zoning Administrator. In my free time my passions include mountain biking, cross country skiing, fly fishing and outdoor photography. I'm pretty sure I picked the perfect place to live!

In the time that I have lived in Ironwood I have been impressed at how our community comes together to make big ideas become a reality. With that dedication mixed with the unique assets that define our community, I believe we can accomplish great things. I am grateful to have the opportunity to participate in that process.

OLD MAN WINTER HAS ARRIVED

BUSINESS OWNERS: Please keep clear all sidewalks adjoining your lot or premises from snow and ice within twenty-four (24) hours after the fall or formation of any ice or snow.

CITY RESIDENTS: Please do not park on Ironwood City Streets from October 31st - April 1st from 2 AM-7PM and for the safety of your vehicles, please park inside your property line.

Please be cautious when removing snow & ice from private or public property not to shovel, push, plow or move snow or ice or otherwise cause to deposit on any street, sidewalk, across any roadway, or obstruct the safety vision of a driver of a motor vehicle.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and don't forget you can also adopt a fire hydrant to keep clear of any ice and snow during the winter months! These measures only help our community be a better place to live-lend a helping hand!

CITY, VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP REVENUE SHARING

For fiscal year 2016, the State of Michigan Legislature continued the City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS) program. Each eligible local unit must meet all of the requirements of Accountability and Transparency in order to receive the full CVTRS payments. To qualify for CVTRS payments, a local unit must provide Treasury with certain required documents, as well as make the required documents available for public viewing in the city, village, or township clerk's office or post them on a publicly accessible Internet site. The required documents include:

- 1) Certification of Accountability and Transparency,

- 2) Citizen's Guide,
- 3) Performance Dashboard,
- 4) Debt Service Report, and
- 5) Projected Budget Report.

The City of Ironwood's required documents associated with the CVTRS program are available for viewing in the City Clerk's office located in the Ironwood Municipal Building, 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938. They are also available on the City's website: www.cityofironwood.org/Departments/FinanceTreasury/CVTRS%20Program.html