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## THREE ACTION-PACKED WEEKENDS OF SNOWMOBILE EVENTS

IRONWOOD SNOWMOBILE OLYMPUS is excited to host the first "SNOWVAGANZA" at the legendary half-mile oval ice track at the Gogebic County Fairgrounds.

For the past 30 years, snowmobile racing has been an "on-again, off-again" event at Ironwood's half-mile oval track. But during the past eight years, ice oval snowmobile racing has begun its return to a high level of prominence in the racing community.

2018-19 finds Ironwood rising even higher on the ladder of prominence as preparations are made to host the fastest and best drivers in all the snowmobile racing community.



Sat. Dec. 29, will kick off the 20-year anniversary of the Pro-Vintage Racing season. Snowmobiles from 1985 and earlier will be racing. Watching vintage racing is like stepping back in time, you will see Ski-Doo, Moto-ski, Arctic Cat, Polaris, Yamaha, Skiroule, Rupp, Mercury, Sno-Jet, John Deere, and Chaparral snowmobiles.

Before you know it, the sleds will be flying around Ironwood's track.

Mark your calendars now for December 29th, for the Pro Vintage Race, January 5th - 6th, 2019 and February 16th - 17th for the USSA/ Pro Cup Race.

The Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus is closer and BIGGER and better than ever! If you love snowmobile racing...this will be an exciting year for you with three BIG races!

[www.IronwoodSnowmobileOlympus.com](http://www.IronwoodSnowmobileOlympus.com)

## WINTER 2018-19

### CITY OF IRONWOOD 2019 OUTLOOK

By SCOTT ERICKSON, CITY MANAGER

It looks like 2019 will be another busy and exciting year for the City of Ironwood. City staff and City officials will be working on several projects and initiatives over the next few months. A few of the items currently in the works for next year include:

- ✓ Completing the update of the City Zoning Ordinance. This is a significant effort that will identify how the City will move forward in the coming years. The zoning ordinance update will incorporate the direction the community previously identified in the City Comprehensive Plan (see City website at [www.cityofironwood.org](http://www.cityofironwood.org)).

- ✓ Continued street improvements. Street improvements are currently being planned for Country Club Road as well as a section of Ayer Street from Lake Street west to Curry Street. The City will also continue to include some street overlays and crack sealing around town.

- ✓ Residential Blighted House Demolition. City staff is pursuing additional grant funding to financially assist with the demolition of ten additional blighted residential properties in the community.

- ✓ With the recent passing of the new recreational marijuana laws in Michigan, possible revisions to City ordinances will be evaluated to properly manage the commercial interests in this area.

- ✓ Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants have been submitted for the development of a new children's playground north of US 2 and the development of mountain bike trails in Miners Memorial Heritage Park. This is a competitive grant process which the City will find out towards the end of this year if the projects have been selected for funding.

- ✓ The Downtown "First Friday" events will continue in 2019. These Downtown events have been well received and are being planned again for next year.

If you have any questions on any City projects, you can contact the City offices at 906-932-5050 or City website at [www.cityofironwood.org](http://www.cityofironwood.org).



BEFORE BLIGHT

AFTER BLIGHT

## PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

### INFORMATION FOR YOU

Michigan Snowmobile Trails Open  
Sat, Dec 1

Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade  
Sat, Dec 1 @ 6 pm

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Grand View Hospital  
Tues, Dec 4 @ 6:30 pm

Santa's Headquarters-Memorial Bldg  
Wed, Dec 5 @ 10 am - 1:30 pm

Fire On the Hill  
Regional Sno Cross Race  
Mt. Zion - Campus of GCC  
Test & Tune - Fri, Dec 14  
Race - Saturday, Dec 15 @ 8 am-4 pm

City Offices - Holiday Closings  
Christmas - Mon & Tues, Dec 24 & 25  
New Year's  
Mon & Tues, Dec 31 & Jan 1, 2019

Vintage Snowmobile Parade & Fireworks  
Fri, Dec 28 @ 6 pm  
Starts from Depot Park

Pro-Vintage Snowmobile Racing  
Gogebic County Fairgrounds  
Sat, Dec 29

Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus  
USSA/Pro Star Series Race  
Gogebic County Fairgrounds  
Sat & Sun, Jan 5 - 6, 2019  
Feb 16 - 17, 2019

SISU Ski Fest  
Cross Country Ski Marathon  
Jan 12 - 14, 2019

Michigan - Free Fishing Weekend  
Feb 16 & 17

Historic Ironwood Theatre  
Wine & Beer Fest Cabaret  
Ironwood Memorial Building  
Sat, Feb 9 @ 7pm

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



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARKETING STRATEGY

By AMBER HOLLENBECK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARKETING STRATEGIST

As the Marketing Strategist, I work jointly for the Ironwood Tourism Council and the City of Ironwood. My main role is promoting tourism in our area and finding unique and creative ways to engage and increase tourism efforts. My position is new and is still in the process of being fully developed. I do many collaborations with other tourism entities and chambers. I also help lay the groundwork for promotions, advertising, and marketing.

One of the bigger projects I am working on and facilitating is the creation and development of a new tourism website. The purpose of this website is to showcase the many recreational opportunities, adventure sports, untamed beauty, intriguing historical attractions, lodging, places to eat, and our vibrant downtown which is becoming a unique and friendly place to visit with a growing sense of community.

I am a native to Ironwood and grew up here. My family and I are a very active and love to get outside. Hiking, biking, running, kayaking, skiing, snowshoeing, we enjoy it all! The area fits our family's lifestyle and values. I love to be involved in my community by sharing my love for the outdoors, and getting people outside. I fully believe that the best asset we have is our amazing outdoors and all the many adventure sports. Along with the low cost of housing, unique businesses and shops, I think this place is very special. In talking to people in the community, I am so encouraged to hear the positive feedback about Ironwood and the ways we can work together to make it better.

I feel very fortunate to have been given this opportunity to serve my community in this capacity. I work in the Community Development Office along with Tom Bergman and Tim Erickson. Feel free to stop in and say hello or call me at 906-932-5050 ext.131.



AMBER HOLLENBECK

## PUBLIC NOTICES

By Ironwood Public Safety Department

### No Parking on Ironwood City Streets

October 31 – April 1 2 AM -7 AM

Vehicles must not be parked on City right-of-way. For the safety of your vehicles, park inside your property line. Vehicles found in violation of this notice will be towed away at owner's expense and subject to fine. The City will not be liable for any damage to cars illegally parked.



### Cleaning Snow and Ice from Private or Public Property

- \*No person shall shovel, push, plow or move snow or ice or otherwise cause to deposit any snow or ice in or upon the traveled portion of any street or sidewalk.
- \*No person shall remove or cause to remove any snow or ice on to any or across any street or any roadway.
- \*No person shall deposit or cause to deposit any snow or ice in any manner, which obstructs the safety vision of a driver of a motor vehicle.
- \*A person who violates these sections upon conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

### Notice-Sidewalks to be Cleared

Property owners in the C-2 Sidewalk Maintenance Area of the City of Ironwood are required to keep clear all sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises from snow and ice within twenty four (24) hours after the fall or formation. Failure to do so shall be deemed a violation of the Ordinance and may cause the sidewalks to be cleared by the City of Ironwood at the owners or occupant's expense. Any questions, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen at (906)932-5050 x123. (Chapter 29, Section 29-96 Ironwood City Code)



## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Winter taxes, including a 1% administration fee, are levied December 1st each year. They become past due if not paid by February 15th. Please note that payments must be received by the City before 3:30 p.m. on February 15th to avoid a 3% late penalty. Any outstanding balance summer or winter taxes will be turned over to the Gogebic County Treasurer as delinquent on March 1st.

Payments are accepted via the following:

- At the payment window located on the first floor of the City Municipal Building
- In the indoor drop box located next to the payment window (referenced above)
- In the City's outdoor drop box (silver) located in front of the City Municipal Building
- Via credit card using the following link: [www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/plc/6936](http://www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/plc/6936)
- Via mail – POSTMARK NOT ACCEPTED

## CITY, VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP REVENUE SHARING

For fiscal year 2019, 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) City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing and County Incentive Program Certification (form 4886),

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/finance-treasury/](http://www.cityofironwood.org/finance-treasury/) under the Revenue Sharing tab