

Winter Tax Newsletter

DECEMBER 2017

The Winter Season is Upon Us

The signs of winter are fast approaching. The last leaves are falling and frost has begun to appear on our windows. Snow will soon arrive and all will be enjoying a variety of winter activities. With the arrival of snow comes several winter reminders and tips:

- When following a salt truck, please be aware that the driver may stop and back up at any time. If you cannot see the driver's face in the side mirror, they cannot see you. Please allow the salt trucks room to work and when in doubt, stay back 100 feet.
- Please remember that it is illegal under Michigan law to shovel or plow snow or ice into any road or highway, or to deposit snow on a road or road shoulder in such a way that it blocks motorists' view of traffic. This creates a safety problem for motorists and additional work for snow removal forces and only serves to cause delays in clearing our streets.
- When the DPW plows, some snow will be left at the end of your driveway, or up against your mailbox. The DPW is not able to clear your driveway or shovel out your mailbox, this is a resident responsibility.
- Cars parked in roadways hinder the ability of the DPW to plow roads. Once a snow fall reaches 2", it becomes an automatic snow emergency and **NO PARKING** is allowed on City streets until the roads have been cleared. All vehicles found in violation of this traffic control order shall be ticketed and the owner, if possible, notified to remove said vehicle from the street, highway, parking lot, or alleyway. In addition, the vehicle and/or trailer may be removed from the public street, highway, parking lot, or alleyway at the expense of the owner.
- Place trash cans and recycle bins off the road. This allows for the plow trucks to do a more efficient job.



The Community Center is Getting a New Look

Your Community Center is undergoing a Facelift in 2018. Renovations will be underway during the months of January & February. The building will not be available for rentals or activities during much of this time. However, staff members will remain available for any assistance you may need. Please be patient with the process as we work hard to provide you with these much-needed improvements! We are excited to offer a fresh look for your rental needs. The Community Center welcomes small & large meetings, bridal & baby showers, engagement parties, wedding receptions up to 250 people and other rental needs. Park pavilions are also available for rental for your outdoor events. Please call Melissa at (248) 624-2850 to check availability. Rental information and rates are available online at www.wixomgov.org.

Dog Licenses



The 2018 dog licenses will be available for purchase at the City Clerks Office in City Hall starting January 1. Current prices are \$7.50 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$15.00 if unaltered.

Seniors age 65 and older receive a discounted rate of \$6.75/\$13.50. These prices are good through June 1, 2018. After that date, all licenses are considered delinquent and the fee is increased.

Winter Tax Bill

The reverse side of your Winter 2018 tax bill now contains useful information such as payment options, 24 hour tax information access and due date information. This information will continue to be displayed on the back of all future tax bills.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Become a community partner and supporter of either the Parks & Recreation Sponsorship Program or Downtown Development Authority. We offer sponsorship opportunities at many different levels or you can customize a program to suit your needs. Please call for more details:

Parks & Recreation: (248) 624-2850 (for events such as Fireworks, Concert Series, Founders Day, Fall Fest, Bunny Hop, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Tree Lighting & "Market" and overall support of Parks & Recreation)

DDA: (248) 624-3223 (for events such as Derby Day 5k/10k/Fun Run, Block Party and overall support of the DDA)

Paid-On-Call Firefighter Recruitment



Recognized for excellence and progressive leadership, the Wixom Fire Department seeks to recruit skilled and motivated candidates for the challenging position of firefighter.

Paid-on-call firefighters for the City of Wixom are dedicated men and women that protect the community through their delivery of fire services.

Applications for employment as a paid-on-call firefighter are available at Wixom Fire Station #1 located at 1345 Wixom Road. Completed applications must be returned to Wixom Fire Station #1.

Call (248) 624-1055 for more information and visit www.wixomgov.org/government/fire-department for additional qualification information. The City of Wixom is an equal opportunity employer.

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CityofWixom



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E-Notifications & City Social Media

The recent water main break that affected the City's water system brings about a very important reminder. E-Notifications and Social Media are increasingly becoming a means by which residents obtain information. The City offers E-Notifications and Social Media pages that are updated regularly to provide City news and important developments. Please sign up utilizing the information to the left and let us keep you up to date on City happenings and updates. Get Social with us!

Police & Fire Social Media

A message from your Director of Public Safety & Police Chief, Ron Moore. Hello everyone. I want to talk to you about a great communication tool being utilized by the Wixom Police and Fire Departments: social media.

When I started policing in 1995, I would not have imagined that someday I would have the ability to hold a 3x5 device in my hand and broadcast live footage of a crime scene or fire scene to hundreds of people. But this happened just a few weeks ago at the scene of a large compost pile fire. I was able to broadcast live footage of the heroic and dedicated efforts of our Wixom firefighters via Periscope and Facebook Live.

Earlier this year, I was watching one of my officers apply black powder to a burglary scene in an attempt to find fingerprints. I took a photograph and shared it on my Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat accounts. Twenty years ago, this never would have been permitted, even if the technology had existed. There was a mindset that said certain operational tasks such as "dusting for prints" must be protected from the public's view.

When public safety agencies are transparent in their operations, their policies, and their administration, trust is built. The men and women who serve you in law enforcement, fire suppression, and emergency medical services need your trust. With trust come crime prevention, justice, and health and safety.

I could go on and on, detailing times when the Wixom Police and Fire Departments have relied on social media and the community to help us achieve our public safety missions. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to check out one (or more) of the many Police and Fire social media platforms. Give us a follow, and please stay safe.



Police Department

www.twitter.com/WixomPolice
www.twitter.com/WixomChiefRon
www.instagram.com/WixomChiefRon
www.snapchat.com/add/WixomChiefRon
www.facebook.com/WixomPolice



Fire Department

www.facebook.com/WixomFire
www.twitter.com/WixomChiefJeff

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
December 13	Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive	Community Center
January 5	Friday	Bus Leaves @ 6:00 p.m.	Red Wings Game Bus Trip (\$89/person)	Meet at the Community Center
January 18	Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Skate Night	Community Center
March 8	Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Daddy Daughter Dance	Community Center
March 14	Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive	Community Center
March 22	Thursday	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Bunny Hop	Community Center
March 25	Sunday	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	Gilbert Willis Park
April 7	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Household Hazardous Waste Day	Wixom DPW
April 9 - June 4	Mondays	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Wixom Soccer Buddies Starts (8 weeks)	Gunnar Mettala Park
April 13	Friday	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Annual Wine Tasting - Colasanti's	Community Center
May 5	Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Derby Day - 5k / 10k / Fun Run	Sibley Square Park
May 20	Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	17th Annual Founders Day Festival	Gibson Park
May 26 - Oct. 13	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Community Gardens Open	Gibson Park
June 7 - August 23	Thursdays	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Summer Concert Series - Starts June 13th	Sibley Square Park
June 13	Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive	Community Center
June 15	Friday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	T.E.A.M. Golf Outing	Coyote Golf Club
June 28	Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Lite the Night Fireworks	Sibley Square Park