



CITY OF CHELSEA Fall 2010 Newsletter

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www.city-chelsea.org

Summer Taxes are due by 5:00 Tuesday September 14, 2010

Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed:

- Thur. Nov. 11th for Veterans Day
- Thur. / Fri. Nov 25th & 26th for Thanksgiving

Transfer Station Schedule:

- Sat. Sept 4th CLOSED—Labor Day
- Sat. Nov 27th OPEN-Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Recycling Schedule:

- Tuesday- Nov 23rd -WEST SIDE
- Wednesday- Nov 24th - EAST SIDE

Fall Leaves

- The Department of Public Works will pick up leaves throughout fall.
- Please rake leaves onto the lawn extension (the grass area between the sidewalk and the street curb).
- Please do not rake leaves into the street.

Brush Pick-up

Brush pick-up is the 2nd Monday of every month. Crews start at 7:00 am:

- Sept 13th
- Oct 11th
- Nov 8th
- Brush/limbs larger than 1" should be stacked in low piles separately from leaves.
- Smaller brush/twigs should be placed in a garbage can or recyclable paper bag.

Halloween

Trick or Treating will take place on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 4-6:00 PM. The Chelsea Kiwanis Club will have activities beginning at 6:30 pm on the front lawn of the Chelsea Library.



Discarded PUMPKINS may be placed curbside for pickup along with leaves / yard waste.

General Election November 2nd

Remember to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 2nd for the General Election. Registered City of Chelsea residents vote at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.



Free Event!

Gateway Communities

The Gateway Communities Initiative will be holding a free public event on **September 15th** at the Washington Street Education Center. There is a reception and share fair from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and a public forum from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This event is being sponsored by a grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation with the support of the Chelsea Schools.

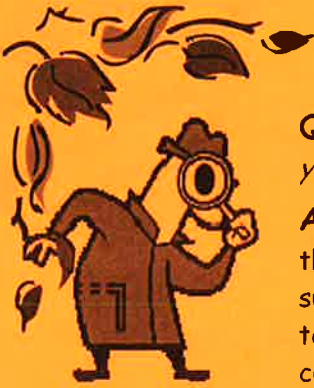
M-52 Crack fill Project: Michigan Joint Sealing will begin the M-52 Crack fill Project in mid-September. Maintenance will be from Sibley Road to the railroad tracks. Two lanes of traffic will be open at all times. MDOT is funding this work.

**Don't Forget to FALL
BACK**

Daylight Savings time ends
Nov. 7th

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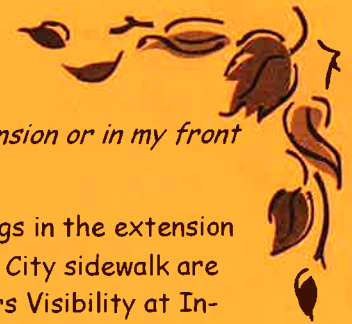
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ASK THE ZONING INSPECTOR

QUESTION: *Can I plant bushes or flowers in the lawn extension or in my front yard near the sidewalk?*

ANSWER: The lawn extension is City property. Any plantings in the extension that become a visual barrier and over grow onto or obstruct the City sidewalk are subject to removal. Section 3.13. of the Zoning Ordinance covers Visibility at Intersections. You are encouraged to read that section of the ordinance if you own a corner lot. The ordinance includes a schematic drawing which explains how to measure the height of plantings. It is important that we maintain visibility in these two areas for the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. The Zoning Ordinance can be viewed on the City's web-site at www.city-chelsea.org.



Fire Station Open House

Come to the fire station at 200 W. Middle Street on **Sunday, October 10** from 12 noon to 4:00 pm for a fun filled afternoon. Enjoy fire truck and fire station tours, fire safety education, spray water from a fire hose, and more. Free refreshments will be served.



Water Hydrant Flushing

The City Water Department will be flushing water hydrants **September 27th through October 15th**. Please check your water condition/color prior to doing laundry. If you are a City of Chelsea water customer and experience discolored water, please allow the water to run for several minutes until it becomes clear. Thank you for your cooperation.

Register for Community Alerts at www.nixle.com

CHECK 'YES' FOR MICHIGAN'S RECREATION PASSPORT!

Beginning October 1, 2010 get your **Recreation Passport** by checking "YES" on your license plate renewal form. Your \$10 gets you into all 98 state parks and recreation areas! This replaces the state park sticker. The Recreation Passport is valid for the duration of your license plate registration.

Property Assessments

Residents should be aware that the City's contracted assessors—WCA Assessing, will be visiting various sites throughout the City this fall to update property assessment records. The State continues to impose stricter regulations regarding assessment records. The City requests your assistance in allowing these profes-

sionals to complete their work in a brief and effective manner. The assessors conduct the majority of their review outside, however, they may ask to step inside the residence if additional measurements are required. The City Assessors have City identification badges, so please feel free to ask those to verify their identity/

credibility. You may also telephone the City offices to confirm the persons visiting your home. All City employees carry identification badges—you may ask to see them any time that a City employee is working on your property. Assessment information is available to you on the City web site at www.city-chelsea.org.