

CITY OF CHELSEA

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MONDAY 8:00AM TO 6:00PM, TUESDAY—FRIDAY 8:00AM TO 4:00PM



SUMMER 2020

PAST NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CITY OFFICE CLOSED:

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD (IN OBSERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH (LABOR DAY)

TRANSFER STATION CLOSED:

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH (INDEPENDENCE DAY)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (IN OBSERVATION OF LABOR DAY)

SUMMER TAX BILLS

Summer tax bills will be mailed July 1st. Promptly report changes of address to the City Assessor. An email or letter stating the new mailing address will suffice. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the taxes from penalties and interest if not paid by the due date. Summer taxes are due **Monday, September 14th**. Payments can be mailed, made at the City Office, or paid online at www.city-chelsea.org.

BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Brush pick-up continues to be the second Monday of each month starting at 7:00 am. Leaves must be bagged. It typically takes all week for the crews to make one complete pass through the City.

June 8th

July 13th

August 10th



STATE PRIMARY ELECTION—AUGUST 4, 2020

Vote on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 for the **State Primary Election**. Registered City of Chelsea residents vote at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street. Polls are open from 7:00 am—8:00 pm. Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the City Office and on the City website under 'Clerk' and then 'Election Information & Forms'. Sample ballots will be on the website as soon as they are available. July 20, 2020 is the last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk. Visit www.michigan.gov/vote for more information.

WATER HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City Water Department will continue flushing water hydrants through the month of June. Please check your water condition/color prior to doing laundry. If you experience discolored water, allow the water to run for several minutes until it becomes clear.



FLUSHABLE WIPES WARNING

Next time you go to toss that "flushable" wipe in the toilet, you might want to consider a request from your sewer utility: Please Don't. The City of Chelsea Utility Department says the rapidly growing use of pre-moistened "personal" wipes-used most often by potty-training toddlers and people seeking what's advertised as a more "thorough" cleaning than toilet paper-are clogging pipes and jamming pumps.

Utilities struggling with aging infrastructure have wrestled for years with the problem of "ragging" - when baby wipes, dental floss, paper towels, and other items not designed for flushing entangle sewer pumps. Please support your local utility and refrain from flushing these materials.

STORM WATER

The City of Chelsea annual storm water bills will be mailed in June. Residents often inquire regarding what storm water runoff is and why they are getting a bill.



What is storm water runoff?

Storm water runoff is all precipitation which can pick up contaminants and debris from hard surfaces such as parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, streets, etc. This water then makes its way into our storm water system before emptying into natural waterways such as streams, rivers, wetlands, etc. Please refer to the City Storm Water Ordinance (Chapter 32, Article 5) for further details.

Why am I getting a bill for it?

The City is required under the EPA storm water discharge rules and regulations to have a system to clean this water before it dumps back into our waterways. The annual fee pays for the operation, maintenance and administration of our system. Even though you may not have a drain in front of your house, all water eventually makes its way into the system and all property owners share in the cost. If you have additional questions, you can call 734-475-1771.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

1. Be sure your bicycle is the right size for you and the seat is properly adjusted for your height.
2. Always wear a safety approved bicycle helmet when you are riding to protect your head from injury in case of a fall.
3. Know the rules of the road and practice them when cycling.
4. Remember one person per bicycle.
5. Practice riding in the driveway or in an empty parking lot until you're ready for the sidewalk or street.
6. Ride safely and don't try stunts (like wheelies or riding with no hands).
7. Stay alert for parked cars that may be trying to join the flow of traffic and for car doors that may suddenly swing open.
8. Always wear bright colored clothes when biking.
9. Carefully inspect your bicycle before every use; be sure to check the brakes, chain, handlebars, pedals, tires, chain, and seat.
10. Avoid riding in the dark.
11. Equip your bike with reflectors.
12. Walk your bike across intersections.



Source: Community Safety Net Personal Safety Manual

BRUSH, LEAVES, & GRASS TRIMMINGS

The Public Works Department picks up brush placed along the street-side curb extension. Scheduled brush pickup starts on the second Monday of the month. Crews pick up different size material at different times that week due to the equipment required.

- Place loose, dime-size or smaller sticks, weeds, plants and yard rakings in a biodegradable bag or in a container that can be dumped. Please do not use plastic bags.
- Stack larger branches and limbs (not bigger than four inches in diameter) with the large, cut ends facing the same direction for ease of moving.
- Remove all roots, stumps, and dirt from branches and limbs.
- Do not include grass clippings, sod, or dirt. Public Act 264 of 1990 "Yard Clippings Diversion Act" prohibits lawn clippings from being placed with your garbage and brush.

If brush is not along the street side curb extension when the crews move through an area, it will not be picked up until the following month. If you miss brush pickup, you can transport your brush to the Solid Waste Department (located on Werkner Road) Wednesday through Saturday.

A compost pile is available at the Solid Waste Department for the deposit of leaves and lawn rakings. Please empty bags at the site. There is no charge to residents for use of the compost pile. Non-residents are charged \$1.00 per bag.