



CITY OF REED CITY Reed City Update



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CITY COUNCIL

Mayor, Karen Lea McKinney
Mayor Pro Tem, Trevor Guiles
Roger Meinert
Dan Burchett
David Scharlow
James Anderlohr
Carol Tillotson

MEETING DATES

City Council

City Hall, 227 E. Lincoln
Third Monday of each month at
7:00 PM

Planning Commission

City Hall, 227 E. Lincoln
First Monday of each month
at 7:00 PM

Downtown Development

Authority

Depot, 200 N. Chestnut
Second Wednesday of each
month at 8:00 AM

Reed City Housing

Commission

802 S Mill
Third Thursday of each month at
4:30 PM

Holiday Closing for City Hall

July 4, 2017
September 4, 2017
November 23, 2017
November 24, 2017

2016 Water Quality Report

A copy of the 2016 Water Quality Report for the City of Reed City is available at City hall located at 227 E. Lincoln Ave. or at www.reedcity.org.

Property Taxes

Summer Tax Due Date is August 31, 2017

Property taxes are payable beginning July 1, 2017 and are due without penalty on or before August 31, 2017. A 4% administration fee will be added September 1, 2017, and interest of ½% per month will be added beginning October 1, 2017. Taxes can be paid from 8:00am to 5:00pm Mon.-Fri. at 227 E. Lincoln, Reed City, MI 49677.

Applications for Deferment of 2017 Summer Property Taxes are due by September 14, 2017. For details contact the Treasurer at (231)832-2245 or by email at westerburgb@reedcityhall.org.

Delinquent Tax Info – Osceola County now has delinquent tax and property info online. Go to <https://Accessmygov.com/?uid=2046>, or go to the Osceola Co. website www.osceola-county.org and click on the Treasurer Department, and then the Search Delinquent Taxes link.

City Treasurer, City of Reed City



Hydrant flushing

On July 17, 2017 through July 21, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., the DPW will be flushing the city fire hydrants and doing valve maintenance exercises. This may cause rusty water so please use caution when washing clothes.

New Color Garbage bags



City residents who utilize the pre-paid garbage bag service will notice the new color of the bags are YELLOW. The older blue bags will still be collected within the city for the next 6 months, however the new YELLOW bags will now be sold.

Shaker's Party Store is now selling these Pre-paid YELLOW bags.



Brush and Leaf Pick Up

The Department of Public Works is picking up brush, grass clippings and Leaves starting the 1st Monday of each month until November. The following are some guidelines for pick up.

- All MUST be separated. ie: Different piles for brush, grass clippings and leaves
- Brush must not exceed 4 inch diameter.
- Must be stacked in the boulevard (between the street & sidewalk).
- Leaves also must be piled in boulevard (separate from brush and grass)
- Please DO NOT bag the leaves, grass or brush
- NO Brush from tree removal.
- NO animal waste.

If these guide lines are not followed your brush & leaves will NOT be picked up and are subject to fines.

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Step Forward Michigan

Are you behind on your property taxes, mortgage payment or condominium fees? If so, you don't have to struggle alone. You may qualify for an interest-free loan through the state-run Step Forward Michigan program to help you catch up on those bills.

A health emergency, a layoff, a divorce – all of these can cause a homeowner to fall behind on property tax or mortgage payments. Step Forward Michigan is dedicated to helping Michigan homeowners get back on their feet and retain ownership of their homes.

Federally funded through Michigan's Hardest Hit Fund program, Step Forward Michigan offers up to \$30,000 in interest-free loans to Michigan homeowners who have fallen on hard times. To qualify for assistance, a homeowner must have experienced a hardship that caused the delinquency, such as a death in the family, divorce, medical emergency, significant home repair or job loss.

Besides being interest free, a loan through the Step Forward Michigan program requires no monthly payments and is forgivable over a five-year period. If the homeowner keeps the house as his or her principal residence for five years, the loan no longer is due.

For additional information on the Step Forward Michigan program or to see if you qualify, please contact the Osceola County Treasurer's Office at www.osceola-county.org or (231) 832-6107. You also can visit the Step Forward Michigan website at StepForwardMichigan.org or call (866) 946-7432.



Music at Rambadt Park

Friday June 23 Ted Malt & the WSCC "Deans List"
SATURDAY June 24 Roosevelt Diggs
Friday June 30 Paul Keller's @ Sundown Quintet
Friday July 7 Paul Nelson Band
Friday July 14 Greg Nagy Blues Band
Friday July 21 Mary Rademacher Reed w/ The Mark Kahny Band
Friday July 28 Organissimo
Friday August 4 The Planet D Nonet
Friday August 11 Melanie Marod w/ Rudy Petschauer's All Stars
Friday August 18 Thornetta Davis
Friday August 25 Tell Yo Mama

****Music starts at 7:00 p.m.



Reed City Wide Garage Sale

- Friday July 14 and Saturday 15

Great American Crossroads

Celebration

- Thursday August 17—Sunday August 20

Reed City Richmond Township Work together on Economic Development

Over the past several years representatives from Reed City and Richmond Township have been meeting quarterly and working together to plan for future development.

The recent assisted living project near the Osceola County health department building off 220th/Patterson Road is an example of coordinating utility extension to serve the development which is due to open shortly and bring much needed jobs to the area.

Where development will occur and how can water and sewer utilities reach that area were the key elements of recent conversations. At the same time the State of Michigan through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has announced that in order for Cities to receive Community Development Block Grants to assist in job creation projects the City must be classified as a Redevelopment Ready Community or show that they are actively working towards that designation. The Reed City Council responded by approving the City Planning Commission to start the process by reviewing the Best Practices guidelines issued by the MEDC. Richmond Township has already started by using the Best Practices as a guideline for an Economic Development Plan for their township Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Over the next year the City and Township will be meeting to see how both sides can blend their efforts to create a unified development plan and sign a new agreement so the City and Township can react quickly to job creation opportunities.

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