



CITY OF REED CITY Reed City Update



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CITY COUNCIL

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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 7:30 AM

Reed City Housing

Commission

802 S. Mill

Third Thursday of each month

at 4:30 PM

Holidays closing for City Hall

December 24th closing at Noon

December 25th all day

January 1st all day

January 19th all day

February 16th all day

April 3rd all day

May 25th all day

The City is on Line

The City Council approved a new web site. If you log on to www.reedcity.org you will see what is new in the City of Reed City. We are now on the world wide web. Here is a list of things to find:

City News—All new things happening in the City!

City Services: **Accountability and Transparency** (financial statement, budgets, EVIP), **Forms and publications**, (newsletters, water/sewer forms, FIOA requests, permits, comprehensive plan), **Ordinances and Tax Information**, (Reed City Code of Ordinances), **DPW Water and Sewer, Mayor and City Council** (agendas and minutes), and **Planning Commission** (agendas and minutes).

In the future we will include the official up to date zoning map, a 2014 water reliability study, and street rating study.

The purpose is to provide the most up to date information available to our city residents 24/7 to be viewed when you have the time.

Possible future applications may include fill in the blank forms for zoning and utility permits.

Please check the web site and let us know if anything else you would like to see.

WINTER PARKING BAN

The City of Reed City will be enforcing the parking ban starting November 15, 2014 and ending April 1, 2015. This prohibits the parking of any vehicle on any street in Reed City between 2:30 A.M. – 6:00 A.M., OR any City owned parking lots EXCEPT in the designated 24 hour parking areas.

This is in accordance with Chapter 126, Sec. 8.30 of the City Code. Chapter 131 Sec. 10.106 of the City code provides a fine of \$30.00 for each violation, plus an impound towing fee if necessary to remove the vehicle.

REMEMBER... There is **NO PARKING** throughout the Upton Street business district between 2:30 AM – 6:00 AM year round!!! The Reed City Police Department enforces these regulations, not only for snow removal by the DPW, but to also ensure clear streets for travel by the public and emergency vehicles.

WINTER REMINDERS

Homeowners are responsible to keep their sidewalks clear of snow for pedestrians and mail delivery. **No pushing of snow in or onto a sidewalk or street is allowed.** You can help the Fire Department by keeping nearby fire hydrants shoveled out.

The Reed City Police Department will be enforcing all State laws pertaining to the operation of snowmobiles. The City of Reed City does permit the operation of snowmobiles on the shoulder of City streets to allow access to the most direct route to and from designated snowmobile trails.

Winter

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PROPERTY TAXES

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 17, 2015 – due date for 2014 Winter Property Tax. Postmarks are not accepted!

Late fees will be added February 18, 2015.

Beginning March 3, 2015, pay 2014 tax to the Osceola County Treasurer, 301 W. Upton.

Due date for deferred summer taxes is February 17, 2015.

Winter tax deferments are available thru February 14, 2015. For information, please contact the County Treasurer at (231)832-6107, or the City Treasurer at (231)832-2245.

The Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 10:00a.m., 227 E. Lincoln (City Hall) for the purpose of tax roll corrections, PRE adjustments, etc.

Small Taxpayer Exemption Affidavits for 2015 are due by February 10, 2015.

RECENT PROPERTY TAX CHANGES:

Public Act 161 of 2013 created an exemption of property taxes for real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran or his/her un-remarried surviving spouse. To check eligibility requirements, please call (231)832-2245, or go online at www.michigan.gov/taxes. Application is made annually to the Assessor by filing Form 5107 along with all required documentation.

Public Act 153 of 2013 created an exemption of personal property with a true cash value below \$80,000. To claim an exemption for 2015, an "Affidavit of Owner of Eligible Personal Property" (Form 5076) must be received by the Assessor no later than February 10, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Treasurer at (231)832-2245, or by email at westerburgb@reedcityhall.org

Fay Wilson Recycle Center



The Fay Wilson Recycle Center is a volunteer run center. The hours are:

Monday	8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Friday	8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Saturday	2nd Saturday of month 8:00a.m.—12:00 noon

Here are some tips they would like to pass on to you to help you and make the volunteer job a little easier...

- Remove all lids from containers, wash out all containers prior and sort all your recyclables.

They take:

- Plastic bags, milk jugs, tin, styrofoam, newspaper, aluminum, #1 & #2 plastic, clear glass (only), Shiny paper and magazines, batteries, cardboard, and shredded paper.

They also greatly accept and appreciate any monetary donations during the week as well on the scheduled recycle Saturday.

Refuse Notes



New rates specified in the contract will be effective January 1, 2015.

Per Bag Rate: \$1.37 per bag (\$ 13.70 per roll)

City Wide Clean-up: \$1.70 per month

- *Refuse collections will be on Thursday except after National Holidays. Then collection will be on the next day following the holiday.*
- *No household waste may be put out during the City Wide Monthly clean up. City residents MUST use BLUE BAGS for household waste.*

City Ordinance #24D Garbage Collection Ordinances, Section 4 states:

No garbage and or/refuse shall be placed outside for collection prior to 4:00



Christmas Tree Removal

The City of Reed City Department of Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees this season starting on January 5th 2015, and ending January 18th 2015. Please have the trees next to the curb and gutter in the boulevard, **NOT IN THE STREET**. Make sure all tree bags are removed and the trees are free from stands, wire, nails, and decorations.



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