



City of Norway

July 2019

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Strawberry Lake Walking Trail



On June 17th a contractor mobilized on site to start work at our Strawberry Lake Park. Many of you who are frequent visitors and users of the park I'm sure already noticed the activity. The city is fortunate to have a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant to make improvements to our highly used park. Improvements scheduled are to replace the western half of the trail, the retaining wall on the north side of the park next to 12th Ave., install electrical for future trail lighting, pave the parking area near Knight's Kingdom, and improvements to the softball field. We are also having an ADA accessible kayak/canoe launch constructed near the old community garden. We have signed the construction areas as closed and we really want to make sure that anyone using the park stay clear of the contractors so that you and they can safely do their work. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

Road Funding

We have heard many complaints over the past year(s) regarding the amount of work (or lack thereof) on fixing the city's streets or roadways. With the Strawberry Lake Project now underway we are getting even more calls specifically regarding our priorities. We wanted to take this opportunity to try and explain what we can and can't do from a funding perspective regarding road improvements. First and most important is that the park project is funded through a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The DNR monies can only be used for parks projects (NOT ROADS). The DNR spends a set amount of money each year based on receipts from their oil and gas leases and if we decide out of principle not to apply for this money because of our priorities for roads then the money will go to another community willing to participate. The city receives 80% grant for the project and the local share (20%) is being expensed through what we call in-kind contribution which is our crews doing some of the work. This is closely scheduled and does not interfere with their normal maintenance activities. This also means we put zero (0) dollars cash in the project. The next main point is that the city receives approximately \$588,000 in revenue from the state to cover road maintenance and improvements. This money comes from your gas tax paid at the pump. We receive no other revenue for streets unless we take it from the general fund. There are some grant opportunities but we only have a small number of our streets that qualify for this funding. We apply where we can but the roadways needing the most attention do not qualify for these grants. Finally we need to point out that we spend \$553,000 per year just in maintenance. That leaves \$35,000 total to cover 36.85 miles of roadway or \$950 per mile. Also the average cost to plow and maintain roads is \$16,000 per mile and the cost of new pavement is \$232,320 per mile. As you can see we are well under the curve to have pavement replacement money for our roads. With that being said we are constantly trying to figure out how and where to make improvements.



WATER QUALITY REPORT

The water quality report describing the source and quality of your drinking water is available at:
<http://www.norwaymi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1525/2018-Quality-of-Water-Report>

To receive a paper copy in the mail, contact us at cityclerk@norwaymi.gov or 906-563-9961 ext. 204. Report is also available on the city website at [norwaymi.gov](http://www.norwaymi.gov)



Summer

Taxes Due

August 15th

CHANGES

Fireworks Ordinance

For information visit norwaymi.gov regarding the newly adopted ordinance regulating the sale and use of fireworks within the City of Norway.



NOTICE

The City of Norway has contracted services with Great Lake TV Seal Inc., to clean and televise the sewer system. Cleaning the system can drain your traps and toilet. Make sure your toilet seat cover is closed to prevent back flow. If you experience any smell, you may need to fill your trap with water. Maintenance will continue through mid August. We will be using the City of Norway Communication Channel 7 to update residents on a weekly basis on the intended areas they will be working.



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Zoning Compliance Permits

Reminder... BEFORE you start any outdoor projects this summer, check and see if you need a zoning compliance permit. Go to norwaymi.gov, click on "Government" tab, zoning and permits. You can also, view the City Code of Ordinances, by selecting "Municode; Norways Code of Ordinances, and then search for what you may need.

Music In The Park Season Schedule

Concert series at the Historic Band Shell
Downtown Norway

Thursday evenings beginning at 7pm

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| July 11 | Cadillacs |
| July 18 | Daydreamers |
| July 25 | Stress Test |
| August 1 | Handpicked Bluegrass |
| August 8 | Flagship Romance |
| August 15 | Norton and Chartier and Company |



NORWAY CITY BAND

Summer Schedule

Every other Tuesday @ 7:30pm
unless otherwise noted below

- 7/7 Concert at Marion Park (Lion's Club Picnic)
- 7/16 Concert at Jake Menghini Museum
- 7/30 Concert
- 8/6 Concert



Summer Residential Sewer Credit

CITY OF NORWAY
Residential Sewer Credit Application
June, July & August 2019


Date: _____

Name: _____
Name on Utility Account

Address _____


Physical Address

Credit is effective June 1, 2019 and goes thru August 31, 2019. This credit is based on your average consumption for the months of September thru May. Water charges will remain as charged on your city utility bill.

Cut out and return to City Hall. 

MDOT US8 and US2 Project


Projects with direct impact to the Norway area include;

- ◆ US8 Bridge closed thru 9/13 for deck repair/replacement. 
- ◆ US8 concrete joint repairs from Fairview Dr. South to bridge 5/28 to 8/30. Local traffic only.
- ◆ US2 resurfacing from Loretto intersection east to county line from 8/19 to 10/24. There will be one lane traffic and traffic control during this time.

Norway Area Compost Site


The site is currently open on a 24/7 basis for the benefit and convenience of our Norway City and Township Residents, provided the following rules are followed:

- Follow Signs and deposit in designated areas
- Grass Clippings and Leaves (NO BAGS!!)
- Brush must be under 2 inch diameter (NO Stumps)
- Residents only

Unapproved uses include the following: 

- No Contractors (residential only- *this includes contractors hired by residents to remove trees and brush*).
- No Construction Material or household trash
- No Brush over 4 inches in diameter, stumps, full trees, trash, and bags.

Scrap Tire Grant



The City of Norway along with the cities of Iron Mountain, Kingsford and the townships of Breitung, and Norway, were once again awarded the MDEQ Scrap Tire Grant. Beginning June 1st, residents can drop off loose passenger tires at the Dickinson County Baler site located just south of the US-2 141 Junction behind Thomas Theater (Cinema 8) during normal operating hours 8am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday and 9am to Noon on Saturday. The grant will cover the cost of disposal of passenger tires. No heavy truck, semi, tractor, solid tires or tires with rims. If rims are attached, a \$10 per tire will be charged to the individual. A property tax receipt and picture ID are needed to verify residency, and a signature will be required to attest that the tires came from the address as stated.

*Grant will run through December 1, 2019
or until the grant funds are depleted.*

Reminder...Do not sweep or deposit grass clippings into the city roadways. Per Ord. 410, No person, shall sweep or cause to be swept any dirt or litter of any kind or type whatsoever out of or off of any building or public property and into any public sidewalk, parkway, alley or roadway of the city.