



City of Norway

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Communication Department

The City of Norway television service (video) transmission is mainly done through collection of satellite signals and then directly transmitted to your homes. There are a number of local stations, however, that we need to receive through digital over the air transmissions from their stations. These stations we refer to as “off-air” networks. The stations are channels 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13. The quality of transmission for these stations is dependent on external factors outside of our control like temperature, humidity, etc. Temperature/humidity creates more dramatic quality issues especially in the mornings and evenings. We wanted our customers to know that these issues do come up especially at this time of year. For all other stations, the city retransmits signal from Packerland Broadband which is now called Astrea. If you experience channel interference, call City Hall and we will forward to an Astrea Representative for resolution.



During the month of September the City of Norway hired CCI to perform a “cable system sweep”. This involves balancing and checking every amplifier within the system. This may incur brief 5-10 second out-ages as they change levels on the equipment.

Urban Forestry - Yard Landscaping



There is a host of things to consider when planning yard landscaping. I am a forest forester so I am not always on the mark but my hobby has been landscapes in yards. My favorite backyard tree is the lilac tree. It is actually a tree but only gets about as tall as the peak of your garage. It grows in a variety of soils. The lilac tree is beautiful year round but when it blooms, the bloom is stunning and the fragrance spreads throughout several yards of the neighborhood. My tree must be self fertile because it’s seeds germinate and grow new trees all over the garden. One of the important things to consider about all trees is shade tolerance. This is a guide to determining how much shade, a tree needs to thrive. The tree lilac enjoys lots of sun, but mine was shaded from about 10 am to 2 pm and its thriving. When I ordered my lilac trees, I got two varieties. The blue variety was cold damaged each winter until I axed it. I am pleased that the lilac trees at Strawberry Lake Park are growing well. I was unsure of the soil quality because much of the area has thick organic soil, but the soils test indicated that it mostly needs nitrogen. I scattered three handful’s under each tree with the fertilizer called urea or analysis of 45-0-0. I did this early each spring. You should be careful with this fertilizer. It is very concentrated and can kill plants if put on too heavily. Each tree prefers certain soils. We can discuss this in another article. Till then, feel free to contact me with questions. City Forester, Otto Jacob 906-282-0320.

Leaf Pick-up



Every fall the city comes by and does a leaf pick-up from the boulevards. The City **DOES NOT** pick up brush. Please continue to take your brush to the compost site located near the golf course on Oak Crest Drive. **DO NOT BLOW OR RAKE YOUR LEAVES INTO THE STREET.** Place them in piles on the boulevard. Per section 30-62 of the City of Norway Code of ordinances, “**no person shall place on any public sidewalk, pavement, gutter, or roadway grass clippings, leaves, lawn raking, etc.**” Each year there are many violations to this code. **The city will not schedule leaf pick up until late October.** With leaves dropping in late September or mid October, you may need to take them to the compost site. Leaves and grass clippings placed on the road get into our storm drains and clog up the system. Tickets may be issued if we cannot get compliance.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT Utility bills for the City of Norway can be paid at the Northern Interstate Bank of Norway, or at the branch located in Pat’s Food’s. We also have two drop boxes for payments (*no cash please!*) a walk up box located in front of City Hall and a drive-up box in the alley behind City Hall. Credit card payments and automatic payments are also accepted. Just contact City Hall at 906-563-9961 to Sign up!





Public Power Week — October 6th—12th

The City of Norway, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for profit electric utilities across the U.S. will be celebrating Public Power Week the first full week of October.



Public power agencies collectively serve over 49 million Americans for their energy needs. Public Power

Week is designed to help customers and stakeholders understand how they can better engage with their community-owned utility and benefit from all its offerings. Public Power Week is an annual national event



coordinated by the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C.

To celebrate Public Power Week, Friday, October 11th we will be handing out a free gift to the first 160 Norway Electric Utility Customers to visit City Hall.

**Must have current utility bill—one per household*



Congressman Jack Bergman received a tour of the Norway Hydro last month and was impressed with our facility.

Photo of Congressman and Norway City Manager

2019 Leif Erikson Event October 11th, 12th, & 13th

Friday, October 11th

Art Show at the Jake Menghini Museum

Saturday, October 12th

All Day Festival

Parade Main Street

Taste of Norway

Art Show at the Jake Menghini Museum

Viking Re-enactors

Night of the Viking Feast

Strawberry Lake Torchlight Parade and Viking

Funeral Pyre

Sunday, October 13th

Viking Breakfast at Mike's on Main

Leif's Run—Start at Marion Park (5k, 10k, & Fun Run)

For More Information www.leiferiksonfest.com



#FirePreventionWeek
LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.
Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.



October 6th—12th

Strawberry Lake Walking Trail

Reminder of Construction

Work continues on the trail. The construction area is signed as closed. Anyone using the park, please stay clear of the contractors so that you and they can safely do their work. The project is scheduled to be completed this fall.



(need to show ID) **Scrap Tire Grant** (bring tax receipt)

City of Norway residents can drop off loose passenger tires at the Dickinson County Baler. Grant will run through December 1st or until the grant funds are depleted. For more information visit norwaymi.gov “

Jake Menghini Museum - Fall Art Show

Friday, October 11th & Saturday, October 12th

105 ODill Drive, Norway, MI



Don't forget to vote, November 5th! Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. Absentee Ballots will be available at City Hall.

Please contact the City Clerk, Trisha Plante at 906-563-9961, Ext. 204 with any questions.

Check out our NEW Webpage Design
Norwaymi.gov

Phishing: Don't Take the Bait

Phishing is when you get emails, texts, or calls that seem to be from companies or people you know. But they're actually from scammers. They want you to click on a link or give personal information (like a password) so that they can steal your money or identity, and maybe get access to your computer.



**BACK TO SCHOOL
SAFETY REMINDER
AHEAD**



Watch for children in school zones.



Thanks to ALL who helped make this years **Music In The Park** a success!!

Especially Carol Sundstrom

& Greg Hunt **Thank you!**

