



City of Norway

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Over the past month the covid cases in the UP and the State of Michigan have increased causing the Governor to make additional executive orders limiting or slowing down some of our “opening up” activities. The latest EO 160 brings the indoor gathering number back down to 10. The UP is still allowed to have social outdoor gatherings at 250. You still need to practice safe distancing and mask wearing. Also because of this new order, the city council and other government meetings will be back to on-line (zoom) meetings. During the summer some of our committees such as the Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission, and DDA have met outside but if we now get bad weather we will have to go back on line. Businesses also need to adhere to stronger measures such as face masks for public entry. Please do not yell or argue with the business owners or employees. They are required to ask and require mask wearing. We know that some of you cannot actually wear a mask for medical purposes but please keep in mind and be courteous other people who are also not comfortable seeing people without masks. This is a public pandemic and the consequences are serious. Socially speaking we hope we can all get through this as a vaccine will eventually come. Until then lets respect each other especially those employees that need to follow those rules.

CITY OF NORWAY COMMUNITY RECHARGE FUNDING

Local not-for-profit public power utilities such as the City of Norway have a rich history of giving back to the people they serve through a range of community support programs. Now, more than ever, community members and organizations in our community need additional support due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency. The City of Norway is partnering with WPPI Energy to help address the local economic impacts of COVID-19 by offering mini-grants to eligible not-for-profit organizations in the Norway Electric territory. To be eligible, an organization shall be a not-for-profit and provide relief services for low-income or people economically affected by the COVID-19. One time grants are available for up to \$500. If you are an eligible organization please fill out the application and return to the Norway City Hall at 915 Main Street.

ELECTRONIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACCESS

In accordance with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services’ recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Executive Order 2020-154 Alternative Means to Conduct Government Business during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City of Norway will hold meetings via video conferencing. Members of the public wishing to participate in a meeting through electronic means will have access to meetings through the following methods:

To access the electronic meeting, there are two options available;

1. VIDEO To join the meeting via Zoom, please click on the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/540953054> Meeting ID: 540-953-054

* In order to participate in conversation using this method, your device will need to have a web camera and microphone

2. PHONE ONLY
To dial in by phone only (no video), please dial one of the following phone numbers and enter the Meeting ID when prompted. 1-253-215-8782, or 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 540-953-054

Council Meeting Date Change

There will be three (3) Council Meetings in August. August 3rd, 17th & 31st.

The September 7th Council Meeting has been rescheduled to August 31st in observance of Labor Day.



2020 CENSUS—Shaping Your Future



The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems. Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education. The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

Census results affect planning and funding for infrastructure—including programs for highway planning and construction, Section 8 housing, federal transit, community development, and rural water and waste disposal systems. *Curious about what other programs are impacted by census data? To see a full list go to:*

<https://2020census.gov/content/dam/2020census/materials/partners/2020-01/Uses-of-Census-Bureau-Data-in-Federal-Funds-Distribution.pdf>



ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMIT

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.

Fire Permits are Needed!!

BEFORE YOU BURN!

<http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/BurnPermits>

Summer

Taxes Due

August 17th



Grass Clippings

Do not sweep or deposit grass clippings into the city roadways. Per Ordinance 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.

Jake Meneghini Museum

Remains Closed Summer, fall activities suspended due to COVID

At the June board meeting of the Jake Meneghini Museum of Norway, the decision was made to suspend tours, Music at the Farm (with Norway City Band), the Fall Art Show, and office operations. In the interest of the health and well being of our guests, volunteers, and staff, the board felt this was best for all involved.

‘During the time of this unique virus, Covid-19, it is felt that in order to protect everyone involved it is necessary to implement this decision until further notice.

We thank all the supporters of the museum and look forward to having you visit the Jake Meneghini Museum during safer times.’

- Bill Trombley, President of the Museum board.

Membership are still available; \$10.00 for an Annual Membership, \$100.00 for a Lifetime Membership; and Memberships as a gift are also available. \$5.00 per adult and children thru senior in high school FREE. Contact the Museum at 563-5586 for more information.

NORWAY AREA COMPOST SITE (Reminder)



The City and Township of Norway just completed an expensive brush chipping project to clean up the site. Due to the large number of illegal dumping that’s occurred over the past two years it was necessary to install security cameras. This is a tremendous benefit for both city and township residents so please help us to keep the collection of compost material orderly and legal as per the guidelines. Please note the following:

- The site is currently open 24/7 for city and township of Norway residents (only)!
- Follow the signs and deposit in designated areas
- Grass Clippings and leaves (**NO BAGS OR TRASH**)
- Brush must be under 2 inch in diameter (**NO STUMPS or FULL TREES**)

The Norway Area compost site is available for both Norway City and Township residents **only!!!**