



# City of Norway

July 2020

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## 2020 ROAD PROJECTS

During the recent budget hearings the city council worked with staff to appropriate funding to perform road improvements for 2020. Money was allocated and approved in the fiscal year 2020/21 budget which start July 1<sup>st</sup>. We are pleased to be moving forward with securing bids to have the following road sections improved starting this summer and ending by October 1<sup>st</sup>:

- Main Street from the viaduct north onto 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue ending at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue (roughly 3,200 lineal feet of crush and shape with 3 inch asphalt)
- Summit Road from Valley View to Swede Lane (roughly 4,400 lineal feet of asphalt overlay) Pearney Lane starting from approximately 1,885 feet south of Werner Lane north to Boundary Line Road (roughly 6,300 lineal feet of crush and shape with 3 inch asphalt)

More information will be provided when bids are received and we can get the contractor's schedule.

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Now that most things have opened, please remember to practice social distancing and be respectful of others.

**Please do your part to keep us all healthy.**



Wash your hands



Cover your cough



Stay home if you are sick



Stay 6 feet apart



**Summer Taxes Due August 17th**

## 2020 CENSUS OPERATIONAL ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO COVID-19

The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, will begin a phased restart of some 2020 Census field operations in select geographic areas this week. Updates on the operations resuming by location are available at [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov/2020census.gov). This webpage will be updated weekly as 2020 Census operations resume across the United States. The health and safety of Census Bureau staff and the public is of the utmost importance. All returning staff will receive safety training to observe social distancing protocols in the COVID-19 environment.



## UTILITY PAYMENTS/SHUTOFFS

The City of Norway Public Utilities understands the difficult issues facing many of our customers brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. With the state reopening in June, it is time to move forward and get your bills paid and account current. Again, if you are having financial difficulties and unable to make your payment please contact us immediately to discuss arrangements. Bills will not be forgiven however payment arrangements can be made. Please reach out to various agencies as increased funding has been made available through state and federal programs. Failure to communicate with the city will result in discontinuation of service (shutoffs).

## FIREWORKS REMINDER

In the spring of 2019 the State of Michigan amended the fireworks legislation changing the dates by which personal fireworks could be displayed. Shortly after the city amended their local ordinance (ordinance 433) to mirror the state law. The change involves mainly the dates and times by which personal fireworks can be legally discharged. The following days consist of; December 31 until 1am on January 1, the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45pm on each of those days, June 29 to July 4 until 11:45pm on each of those days, July 5 if that date is a Friday or Saturday until 11:45pm, the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45pm on each of those days. Discharge of fireworks cannot start until 11am on any of these dates.

***Pursuant to PA 256 of 2011 the penalty of violating ordinance shall be a civil fine of \$1,000 for each violation of the ordinance.***



## VOTING ABSENTEE/MAIL

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail. It's a safe way to vote and protect your health, and the process is secure and accurate. Absentee voting applications have been sent to voters across the state. However, people can still vote in person if they so choose.

As we approach this year's August and November elections, the coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing. An increase in absentee voting could limit traffic at polls, potentially keeping voters and poll workers safer. The Secretary of State felt that all voters should get an absentee ballot application by mail, and then use it if they so wish. It is up to each voter to decide if they want to fill out the absentee voter application. Polling locations will still be open in August and November. If you plan to vote in person, you do not have to fill out the application.

To vote by mail, fill out the application, print and sign it, and then mail, or email, Trisha Plante, City Clerk, 915 Main Street, Norway, MI 49870, [cityclerk@norwaymi.gov](mailto:cityclerk@norwaymi.gov).

If you check the box to be added to the permanent absent voter list, you'll get an application mailed to you before every election. But there's no commitment. If you apply to vote by mail, you can change your mind and vote in person.



## NORWAY CITY BAND

### Summer Schedule

Every other Tuesday @ 7:30pm  
July 14, 28, and August 4.



Please protect yourself & others by following the social distancing rules.

## Fire Permits are Needed!! BEFORE YOU BURN!

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



## 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](http://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.

## SCRAP TIRE GRANT

Beginning May 1st through November 30th residents can drop off loose passenger tires at the Solid Waste Transfer Facility. A property tax receipt and picture ID are needed to verify residency and a signature



## NORWAY AREA COMPOST SITE

The Norway Area compost site is now open and available for both

Norway City and Township residents **only!!!**

The site is currently open on a 24/7 basis for the benefit and convenience of our 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 2 inches in diameter, stumps, full trees, trash, and bags.

**Compost site will remain open as long as we do not have any issues with illegal dumping. If illegal dumping occurs, we will close down 24/7 access.**

As a reminder, there is NO curb side pick-up.



## SUMMER RESIDENTIAL SEWER CREDIT

### CITY OF NORWAY

Residential Sewer Credit Application  
June, July & August 2020

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Name on Utility Account*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Physical Address*

Credit is effective June 1, 2020 and goes thru August 31, 2020. 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.

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**Cut out and return to City Hall.**

