



City of Norway

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City of Norway - Helps Feed the Community



The City of Norway receives roughly \$10,000 per year from its not-for-profit, member-owned wholesale power supplier, WPPI Energy as part of their corporate commitment to give back to its member communities. As a member of WPPI, community contribution funding has been made available annually through the WPPI Value for Community Programming Funds Program. The monies are separated into a number of spending categories which include community funding, branding activities, and energy efficiency projects. In 2020, a special program was developed to provide \$2,800 in Community Recharge funds were made available to help address the local health and economic impacts caused by COVID-19.

For 2020, to aid local relief efforts, the city made a donation to the Feeding America Program which is managed by four local churches: Bethany Lutheran, Evangelical Covenant, St. Mary's Catholic, and Grace United Methodist. A \$2,000 total grant was made to the local churches to support Feeding America to help refill local food banks and provide nutrition for residents in need. Grants were also awarded to the Grace United Lunch Program (GULP), and the Grace United Community Meals program. It is extremely important to support relief efforts especially during the current pandemic. We are proud to be able to help.

City of Norway - Electric Vehicle Charger



The City of Norway is increasing its efforts to be environmentally friendly with the recent installation of an electric vehicle (EV) charger. Located in downtown Norway, the charger is a sign of the community's commitment to moving towards a greener future.

The charger has been funded by the city's Downtown Development Authority, The City of Norway's Electric Utility, and grants from the Michigan Environment Great Lakes, and Energy and WPPI Energy. The DDA and the utility worked with the city to procure funding for the new charger. The utility's not-for-profit power supplier, WPPI Energy, provided a \$5,000 grant as part of their EV Technology Initiative. In addition, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy also provided 33% of the funding. With a total cost of \$77,300, the charger will be available to the public beginning January 4, 2021

The exact charger type is the ChargePoint Express 250. Based on DC fast-charging technology, it has an average charge time of 23 minutes. Users will pay \$0.3149/kWh during on peak hours and \$0.2456/kWh when off peak, with a connection fee of \$2.20 per visit.

Local businesses will likely benefit from the new EV charger. Located at 602 Main Street, users are within walking distance to all downtown businesses, and nearby organizations.

COVID UPDATE

The MDHHS has extended its current pandemic orders until January 15th. Unfortunately we will need to keep the city hall closed to daily walk up traffic however please call if you have any questions or need to speak with someone. Meetings can be scheduled if you call ahead. We will do whatever we can to accommodate you during this time of inconvenience.

Scrap Tire Program

Good news!! Due to available funds in the program the scrap tire program has been extended to August of 2021. You can get rid of those old scrap tires for free at the Dickinson County Transfer Station located in Quinnesec. Stop at the scales and register. You will need some identification such as a tax bill or utility bill to show your residence and they will direct you to the appropriate dumpster. Passenger vehicle tires only (cars and trucks). Oversized tires can also be dropped off but for a fee.



NO PARKING ON STREETS
3am to 7am—Nov.1 to April 1

You will be ticketed, No warnings will be issued.





WINTER GARBAGE COLLECTION - TIPS AND HOW TOS

Winter weather makes everything a little bit trickier. Even small things, like picking up your garbage, can become complicated when there are several inches of snow on the ground. To ensure that you receive consistent service, please make sure to follow these guidelines.

- ◆ Clear your garbage containers of snow.
- ◆ Use trash bags and keep the lid closed (*drivers will not reach into containers to remove items frozen to the bottom*)
- ◆ When snow is on the ground, shovel a space for your container where you usually place it. Place the can on a level area with no more than 3 ft. from the street.
- ◆ Do not put garbage cans on the street, as this creates a hazard to vehicles and street cleaners.
- ◆ Do not place your can on top of snow piles. Melting or shifting snow could cause the can to fall over and spill. It also makes it difficult for refuse workers to set them back down.

If you have any questions about collection, please contact the DPW shop or City Hall.

BOULEVARD TREES

Due to the weather conditions in December, cold weather and no snow, the DPW crews were out in the neighborhoods cutting down dead or dying boulevard trees. If you had one of your boulevard trees removed and are interested in having one replanted we encourage you to consider purchasing a tree in our tree replacement program. Contact the city hall to have your name added to the list. Pricing is based on the type of tree. The city will order the trees this spring in March with planting around Memorial Day. The purchase is tax deductible and very much appreciated. More information will be coming out in the February newsletter.

MAIN STREET PARKS

The city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has planned and managed the redevelopment of two downtown properties located at the corner of US 2 and by the American Legion. The projects are not yet complete but are very much along so the community can see their development. The old pocket park has been renamed "Viking Square" and now dons a new statue and simplified grounds. The remaining activities include the installation of wrought iron railings, plantings, lighting, benches, and an information board. The second property is "Veteran's Park" and is appropriately next to the American Legion. This park is also not yet complete as we will also be installing wrought iron rails, a flag pole, plantings, lighting, benches and tables. We are also looking into having a patriotic mural painted on the Legion wall. We hope to complete both these projects in 2021.

Online Bill Pay-Get Started with MyAccount

CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT Go to: norwaymi.gov and select "MyAccount". Be sure to use your correct account number and account name as they appear on your monthly utility bill.



VIEW & PAY YOUR BILL See your current and past billing history. Securely pay your bill using a credit card or bank account. Even easier, sign up for Auto Pay. You can also pay by phone at 866-647-2527.

MANAGE YOUR DATA After you have successfully created your MyAccount account you will be able to spot trends, track your usage and even take part in energy-related alerts and challenges.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE

- * *Planning Commission*
- * *Zoning Board of Appeals*
- * *Downtown Development Authority (must be a city resident).*

Applications are available at the Norway City Hall, 915 Main Street or on the City web page at www.norwaymi.gov.



Freezing Water Pipes

With the really cold weather

right around the corner we anticipate some freezing pipes. Just another reminder that if you think you need to run water in order to avoid freezing pipes call city hall first. If you run water without first getting city hall approval you will not get any discounts on your water bill for the running water.



By Charter winter taxes are due by

the 15th of February each year. The Norway City Council has traditionally extended the due date to the end of February. We again anticipate this will happen.