

CITY OF OLIVET

Event Calendar

January

January 1

New Year's Day
(City Hall Closed)

January 13

City Council Meeting
7:00 pm @ City Hall

January 20

Utility Bills Due

February

February 10

City Council Meeting
7:00 pm @ City Hall

February 14

Winter Taxes Due

Valentine's Day



March

March 2

Final day for
Winter Tax payments

March 8

Daylight Savings Time
begins

March 9

City Council Meeting
7:00 pm @ City Hall

March 9 & 10

Board of Review

March 10

Presidential Primary
Election

March 17

St. Patrick's Day



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Winter 2019 Newsletter

- Mayor's Corner
- Dog License Changes
- Winter Tax Information
- Election Results
- Water/Sewer Billing Update
- March Presidential Primary
- Winter Safety Tips

Mayor's Corner

Happy new year!

I am so pleased to continue serving the City of Olivet as mayor. Our council has members with diverse interests to serve you as well. I hope you'll contact one of us to share your ideas or concerns. The more we know about the people in our community, the better we can represent your interests.

We currently have an open seat on the Planning Commission and an opening for someone to serve on both the Planning Commission and Zoning Board. Both of these groups meet to review proposals when a property owner would like to do something a bit different from the normal use in the city. If you might be interested, please contact City Hall to learn more and to put your name in for consideration. We need many people to do all the work the city requires.

I like to think of every new year as a fresh start. Take some time to think about what you'd like to do this year - or what you'd like not to do anymore! See if you can make even one small change for yourself in 2020. This is how we grow, how we stay interested in what we're doing, and how we continue to develop empathy for those around us. And all of these are what we need to build a solid community, filled with people who care about our neighbors and our neighborhoods.

As always, if you have comments or questions for me, you may contact City Hall to make an appointment or come by to see me during my office hours.

See you around town!

Laura

November Election Results

- Laura Barlund-Maas was reelected to the office of Mayor
- Steve Penny and Joe Hoffdahl retained their seats on the City Council
- At the December meeting, Don Walker was appointed to the City Council by Mayor Barlund-Maas to fill the seat previously held by Larry Marsh

Water/Sewer Billing Update

Beginning January 1, 2020, the following changes will go into effect:

1. Any account issued a **Red Tag Notice** for late payment will be assessed a \$20.00 fee.
2. When service is shut-off due to non-payment, a \$20.00 Turn-On fee will be enforced. The amount due, as well as the fee, must be paid prior to service being restored.

Have you liked the City of Olivet's Facebook page yet? We use it to bring you important information from the City, public events, and the many things that make this community special. Check it out and follow us today!

ESFI Heat Your Home Safely

32% of home heating fires are caused by space heaters.

MORE HOME FIRES OCCUR during the cold winter months than at any other time of year.

Make Sure to Follow These Important Tips Before You Plug In

Four Home Heating Tips to Live By

- 1** KEEP ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN at least three feet away from a heating source. **3ft**
- 2** HAVE YOUR HEATING SYSTEM inspected annually.
- 3** KEEP VENTS CLEAR of dust and debris.
- 4** INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.

www.esfi.org | facebook.com/ESFI.org | twitter.com/ESFIdotorg

Winter Property Tax Information

Winter Tax Bills have been mailed to property owners. If you did not receive your bill, please contact City Hall for a copy.

- Winter Taxes are due on February 14, 2020. Penalties and interest begin on February 15.
- Payments will be accepted at City Hall until March 2.
- After March 2, all tax payments will need to be sent to the Eaton County Treasurer's office.

Presidential Primary Election Information

March 10, 2020

- Absentee ballots are available beginning January 27
- Voting will be held at City Hall with polls open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Need to register to vote? Residents with a valid Michigan Driver's License or State ID Card can register online at: www.Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration

Winter Fire Safety Tips

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can catch fire.
- Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Use battery operated LED lighting during a power outage.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from combustibles. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to bed.

Dog Licensing

The Eaton County Treasurer's Office has made changes to the dog licensing process. As a result, City Hall will no longer be issuing dog licenses. You will be able to request a license locally at the Eaton County Humane Society, by mail or visiting www.eatoncountytreasurer.org.

More information is available at City Hall and on our website www.cityofolivet.org

THE SEASON OF SNOW AND ICE IS HERE

- Remember it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice.
- Michigan Vehicle Code states "A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway".
- Seasonal Parking Restrictions are in effect. No parking on any street within the City is allowed between 2 AM–6 AM until April 1.

Contacting the Police

The easiest way to contact an officer to make a report of a non-emergency nature is to call the Eaton County Dispatch Non-Emergency number at (517)543-3510. They will contact an on-duty officer to assist you.

Our police are often out of the office patrolling or assisting the public so the office phone is not always staffed and is meant for record requests, general questions, etc.

As always, call 911 for all emergencies.

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

BEFORE COLD WEATHER SETS IN:

- Check sprinkler or irrigation systems**
Make sure you've turned everything off and fully drained the system.
- Identify your home's freezing points**
Check your home for pipes in areas that might be prone to freezing, such as crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages, and exterior walls.
- Know how to shut off your water**
Locate your main shutoff valve
- Strengthen your defenses**
Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by closing off crawl spaces, fixing drafty windows, insulating walls and attics, and plugging drafts around doors.
- Protect your pipes**
Where pipes are exposed to cold, wrap them with insulation or heat tape (even fabric or newspaper can help).

In extreme cold weather, leaving cabinet doors open to allow heat to reach pipes can help prevent freezing. Another tip is to allow a faucet to drip continuously. This will keep the water moving inside the pipes and make them less likely to freeze.

Utility Billing Information

- Utility bills are due on Monday, January 20.
- Accounts are considered Past Due on January 21 and a 10% penalty will be added to any outstanding balance.
- Payment plan options are available. Contact City Hall for more information.
- Red Tag Notices will be delivered to homes on February 6. The full amount shown on the tag will be due by 5:00 PM on February 10 to avoid service shut off.