

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

The City of Tawas City has a number of projects that will take place over the next year or so. We are excited about these projects but understand that they can cause temporary disruptions in the neighborhoods where they are happening. We appreciate your patience during our projects and ask that you contact City Hall at (989) 362-8688 or [info@tawascity.org](mailto:info@tawascity.org) if you have any problems with or concerns regarding the improvements.

**Street Resurfacing:** The following sections of streets are planned to be resurfaced in 2020 and 2021 –

- Fifth Avenue from First Street to Hemlock Street (Highway M-55)
- Second Street from Second Avenue to Fourth Avenue
- Sixth Avenue from Mathews Street to Second Street
- Court Street from First Street to the dead end behind the Iosco County Annex Building
- Townline Road from West Lake Street (Highway US-23) to the dead end at Lake Huron

**Bridge Repairs:** City staff is working with a contractor to reconstruct the bridges on First Street and Mathews Street this year. There may be times that the bridges will be temporarily closed and traffic will be rerouted to ensure safety for the travelers and workers while the work is being done.

**Water Main Replacement:** The City will be replacing the water mains on Sixth Avenue from Second Street to Mathews Street, and on Whittemore Street from Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue. This project will likely cause temporary interruptions in water services to neighboring properties but we will do our best to notify affected customers in advance. If you have any problems or concerns during the project, please don't hesitate to contact City Hall.

**Shoreline Park/Town Square:** The rehabilitation of the pier in Shoreline Park is still in the works. We're currently awaiting final permit approvals from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. The results from our 2017 community questionnaire showed that this project is a top priority for the community, Planning Commission, and City Council, and we're excited to move it forward to become a reality.

In addition to the improvements on the pier, the City received a grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase the property at 541 West Lake Street, which is directly adjacent to Town Square. The City already owns the building at 545 West Lake Street as well as the parking lot between the two buildings. Once we close on the grant and complete the project, we'll have the opportunity to add approximately 120 feet of frontage along Lake Huron to our parks system. We anticipate this project to be completed in the spring/summer of 2020.

**Various Parks along Shorelines:** Due to the high levels of Lake Huron and the Tawas River, there is some damage to structures and significant erosion at several of the City's parks. When the snow and ice melt in the spring, we will assess the damage and work with contractors for the best plan of attack to repair our parks. Please be patient with us as we work with Mother Nature to determine the best solution to make our parks usable for our residents and visitors, while still allowing Mother Nature to do her thing. In the meantime, we do ask for and appreciate your cooperation in staying away from the unsafe areas that are sectioned off with yellow caution tape.

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Have you ever thought about getting involved in your local government and being a part of making decisions that will have a lasting impact on the City's future? If so, perhaps you should consider running for the City Council! On November 3, 2020, registered voters of the City of Tawas City will be electing three (3) councilmembers for four-year terms, one (1) councilmember for a two-year term, and one (1) mayor for a two-year term. In order to be eligible to be on the ballot, you must pick up a Nominating Petition at City Hall and return it to the City Clerk with a minimum of ten (10) signatures of registered voters in the City of Tawas City, and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. If more than twice the amount of open seats are filed for any of the office, a Primary Election will be held on August 4, 2020 to narrow the field of candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Successful candidates will take office on January 1, 2021. Please consider serving the residents of Tawas City as it can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life!

## 2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

In November 2018, voters in Michigan passed Proposal 18-3 that brought a number of changes to Michigan voters.

One provision of the proposal is that now any registered voter in Michigan can vote by absentee ballot for any reason. If you are interested in receiving an absentee ballot for the March 10 Michigan Presidential Primary Election, or any elections thereafter, please contact City Hall at (989) 362-8688 or the City Clerk at [clerk@tawascity.org](mailto:clerk@tawascity.org) to request your absentee ballot application. You will have the opportunity to request to be placed on a permanent Absentee Voter list so applications for future elections will be mailed to you automatically.

2020 Election Dates		Proposal 18-3 also allows any eligible residents to register to vote at City Hall right up to and on the day of an election. You will have to show proof of identity and residency in Tawas City to register.
<b>Mar 10</b>	Michigan Presidential Primary	
<b>Aug 4</b>	State Primary	
<b>Nov 3</b>	State General Election	

Find out more information about Tawas City online:

[tawascity.org](http://tawascity.org)

**BE COUNTED!**

Every 10 years the US Constitution requires a head count of every person living in the United States, regardless of age, immigration status, or type of residency. The census population count determines political and congressional representation and how federal funding is distributed to states and cities.

The census forms will be sent to all addresses in the United States beginning in March 2020, and can be completed online, by phone, or on a paper form. It's important that every member of the household be counted. People who have no permanent residence, or live at two or more residences during the year, or are traveling for long periods of time, are all counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time.



**Every one counts.  
Everyone wins!  
And we're counting on you!**

**Text-to-911 is now available in Iosco County**

Effective on October 1, 2019, Iosco County residents in need of emergency services are able to text their need to dispatchers at Iosco County 911 Central Dispatch. Texting is not as instantaneous as placing a phone call, which means it may take a little more time to dispatch emergency personnel. As a result, you should only text 911 when calling is not an option.

An accurate count of our residents is important because it will affect funding for our community, our schools, and state for the next decade. Federal support for programs that use census data include Medicaid, nutrition assistance, highway construction and planning, Title I and special education grants, foster care and child care grants, K-12 education, Section 8 vouchers, and head start/early start programs.

Additional information regarding the 2020 Census can be found online at any of the following:

- [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov)
- [BeCountedMi2020.com](http://BeCountedMi2020.com)
- [Michigan.gov/census2020/](http://Michigan.gov/census2020/)

Beginning on April 1, 2020, Tawas City Hall will have new hours:

**Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, and Thursday**  
7:30 am to 5:00 pm  
**Friday**  
7:30 am to 1:00 pm

If you'd like to make a payment after hours, there is a drop box located in the parking lot behind City Hall.

**I M P O R T A N T D A T E S**

2020		2020	
Mar	10 Michigan Presidential Primary Election	Nov	2 regular compost pickup ends
Apr	10 Good Friday <i>City departments close at Noon</i>		3 General Election
May	4 regular compost pickup begins	26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday <i>City departments closed</i>
	25 Memorial Day <i>City departments closed</i> <i>garbage pickup will be on Wednesday</i>	Dec	1 Winter 2020 property taxes mailed
Jul	1 Summer 2020 property taxes mailed	24-25	Christmas Eve and Christmas Day <i>City departments closed</i>
	3 Independence Day Weekend <i>City departments closed</i>	31	New Year's Eve <i>City departments closed</i>
Aug	4 Primary Election	<b>2021</b>	
Sep	7 Labor Day <i>City departments closed</i> <i>garbage pickup will be on Wednesday</i>	Jan	1 New Year's Day <i>City departments closed</i>
	30 Summer 2020 property taxes due	Feb	15 Presidents' Day <i>City departments closed</i>
			16 Winter 2020 property taxes due

✂ Cut out the above information and keep it on your refrigerator for easy access to these important dates! ✂

Proud of our past. Confident of our future.

