



Roosevelt Park

Review | June 2026 ISSUE

CITY HALL CLOSINGS

July 3rd

Closed in observation of
the 4th of July

September 7th

Closed for Labor Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 23rd

Music in the Park

July 7th

Water Bills Due

August 4th

Election Day

August 8th

City Wide Garage Sale

August 21

Movies in the Park

September 12th

Roosevelt Park Day



Manager's Message

As summer arrives in Roosevelt Park, there is a great deal of positive momentum and community activities taking place throughout our city. From park improvements and community events to neighborhood projects and volunteer efforts, this season reflects the pride and dedication that make Roosevelt Park such a special place to call home.

We are finalizing the finishing touches on the new Linear Park Trailway project which includes the addition of nearly a mile of trail and future amenities. The project was completed utilizing several different grant funds which resulted in over 80% of construction costs being grant dollars. This includes the quarter mile loop west of Glenside to help promote healthy walking and running routines.

Over the summer, turf and grass/plant restoration will take place along with the installation of several benches, signage, and the first ever Roosevelt Park Story Trail which features seventeen separate stations of family books placed throughout the trail. Thanks to the Muskegon Area District Library (MADL) for this wonderful upcoming and ongoing partnership.

We are excited to once again welcome residents and visitors to our annual summer events. On June 23rd, our Music in the Park event will bring in the summer sounds of our local artists, Two Dudes in Flip Flops. This will be a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to gather and enjoy an evening together outdoors. Bring your lawn chairs and come relax!

Later in the summer, our Movies in the Park event on August 21st will provide another fun family-friendly evening under the stars. We also look forward to celebrating Roosevelt Park Day on September 12th, a community tradition that highlights the spirit, history, and people who continue to shape our city. We encourage everyone to come out and participate in these events throughout the summer season. Please keep an eye on the official City of Roosevelt Park Facebook page for more information and details of all the upcoming summer events.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the many artists and volunteers who contributed their creativity and talent to the eight Little Libraries located throughout our parks system. These beautifully designed libraries have added color, character, and accessibility to our public spaces while encouraging reading and community connection for residents of all ages. Their work has helped create lasting additions that our community can continue to enjoy for years to come.

Manager’s Message Continued...

Several exciting improvement projects are moving forward this spring and summer. At Hidden Park, work is underway on the development of a new community garden project that will create opportunities for residents to grow fresh produce, learn new skills, and strengthen neighborhood connections. Thank you to all the community volunteers who have stepped up to help with this first-of-its-kind project here in Roosevelt Park.

In addition, Fordham Park will see important playground updates and improvements designed to provide safer, more modern, and more enjoyable recreational opportunities for local families and children. As always, thank you to our residents, volunteers, staff, businesses, and community partners for your continued support and involvement. Your commitment to Roosevelt Park helps make our city stronger every year. Stay tuned for more updates, and as always, feel free to reach out to City Hall with any questions.



Jared Olson,
CITY MANAGER

Something New is Growing in Roosevelt Park


The community garden is officially underway at Hidden Park! Sidewalks are going in, the space is being leveled for raised garden beds, and plans are coming together to make this a place the whole community can enjoy.

This garden is being built by neighbors, for neighbors. The goal is simple: create a shared space to grow food, connect with others, learn about gardening, and spend time outdoors together.

Want to get involved, volunteer, or stay updated on future events and progress? Scan the QR code or reach out to rooseveltparkcommunitygarden@gmail.com.





You can also follow along on Facebook at [Roosevelt Park Community Garden](#) for updates, photos, and upcoming opportunities to get involved.

No gardening experience needed. Just a willingness to help something great grow. 




- *Community Garden Committee*

Little Libraries

We have 8 Little Libraries hidden around our parks. Can you find them all?  



If you'd like to donate books, please drop them off at City Hall. One of our amazing volunteers sorts each donation by genre and helps rotate selections between the libraries to keep every box fresh and exciting for readers of all ages.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who work tirelessly to make this program possible and continue giving back to our community. 

Clerk's Corner

The next election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, followed by the General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.

Michigan voters have several ways to cast their ballot:

- Vote absentee by requesting an absentee ballot through the Clerk's Office.
- Vote early during the designated early voting period.
- Vote in person on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

If you plan to be away during either election, now is a great time to make arrangements for an absentee ballot through the City Clerk's Office.

Voters can also:

- Register to vote online
- Check their voter registration
- Find their polling location
- Track their absentee ballot
- View important election deadlines

by visiting:

michigan.gov/vote

(or scan the QR Code below)



Have questions? Contact the Clerk's Office at 231-755-3721 ext. 1952 for assistance with voter registration, absentee ballots, election information, and more.

What's a voter's favorite type of music?

Poll-Kai

Alison Johnson,
CITY CLERK

Property Pride

A Summer Refresh for Our Neighborhoods
By Your Code Enforcement Team

Summer is here, and with No-Mow-May behind us, it's time to get back into regular property maintenance. A few quick reminders can help keep Roosevelt Park looking its best:

Keep Grass Trimmed

Grass and weeds should be kept under 6 inches. Regular mowing helps prevent pests, improves visibility, and keeps neighborhoods looking great.

Trash Cart Reminders

- Place all trash inside your cart with the lid closed.
- Return carts from the curb within 24 hours of collection.
- Extra bags left outside the cart may not be collected.

Proper Parking Matters

Vehicles should be parked in driveways or garages, not on lawns. Trailers, campers, and boats must be stored in side or rear yards, not in front yards or on the street.

Unregistered or Inoperable Vehicles

Vehicles without valid registration, license plates, or operating condition must be stored indoors or removed from the property.

Why It Matters

Code enforcement helps protect property values, safety, and neighborhood pride. Most issues are resolved with a simple reminder and a little attention.

If you have questions about property maintenance standards or want to request a courtesy review of your own property, feel free to reach out to our office.

Let's keep Roosevelt Park looking sharp all summer long.



Behind the Badge

Know the Law: E-Bikes vs. Electric Dirt Bikes in Michigan

As electric bicycles and electric dirt bikes continue to grow in popularity, the Roosevelt Park Police Department would like to remind residents that Michigan law treats these vehicles very differently.

Michigan recognizes three classes of legal e-bikes, all of which must have operable pedals and motors rated at 750 watts or less:

- Class 1: Pedal-assist only, up to 20 mph
- Class 2: Throttle-assisted, up to 20 mph
- Class 3: Pedal-assist, up to 28 mph (operators must be at least 14 years old) Not allowed on state-managed non-motorized trails.

Legal e-bikes do not require registration, insurance, or a driver's license and are generally allowed anywhere traditional bicycles may operate, unless restricted by local ordinance.

However, many electric dirt bikes and high-speed electric motorcycles do not qualify as e-bikes under Michigan law. Vehicles capable of speeds exceeding e-bike limits, or those lacking functional pedals, are typically classified as mopeds or motorcycles.

Electric motorcycles and electric dirt bikes operated on public streets, sidewalks, parks, or roadways must be properly registered and operated by a properly licensed driver. Depending on the vehicle classification, riders may also be required to possess a motorcycle endorsement and ensure the vehicle meets all street-legal equipment requirements.

Parents are encouraged to review the specifications of any electric-powered bike or dirt bike before allowing juveniles to operate them in public areas. Riders should also remember to wear helmets, obey traffic laws, and yield to pedestrians on shared pathways.

For additional information regarding Michigan e-bike laws and safety requirements, residents are encouraged to visit the Michigan Department of State or Michigan DNR websites.



As spring turns to summer, the Roosevelt Park Police Department reminds residents to help keep our community safe and welcoming for everyone.

Warmer weather brings more walkers, bicyclists, and children outdoors, so please slow-down in residential neighborhoods and remain alert near parks and crosswalks. Lock vehicles and homes, remove valuables from plain sight, and report suspicious activity promptly.

Parents are encouraged to discuss curfews, online safety, and summer activities with their children. Residents can also help by keeping properties well-lit and free of debris or overgrown vegetation.

Together, through awareness, communication, and neighborly cooperation, we can continue making Roosevelt Park a safe place to live, work, and enjoy the summer season.

Shawn Bride, CHIEF OF POLICE



Brush Pickup Reminder



DPW Crews will be removing brush bi-weekly on Mondays.

When preparing brush for pickup on Monday's, remember that we do not collect trees or bushes with root balls attached. Homeowners are responsible for disposing of root balls.

Also, please refrain from dumping piles of grass clippings, leaves, or any other debris on brush piles.

To ensure efficient pickup, keep brush lengths at 8 feet or smaller and neatly stack them with all ends facing the road.

Water Service Lines

Each year, the City is required to replace 20 water service lines and verify service line materials for our records. If your water meter is located in your basement, please email a photo of the service line (see example below) to bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org with the subject line:

Water Meter Photo – IIII S. Example Rd

Once the information is recorded, we will contact homeowners with steel or suspected lead service lines to schedule replacements.



Sewer Line Backing up?

If you experience a sewer backup during business hours, please contact City Hall at 231-755-3721 and inform the front desk of the issue. City staff will promptly assess whether the problem lies within the city's sewer lines. If determined to be a residential issue and you meet the senior millage program requirements, our team will work with you to develop a plan to address the problem.

For after-hours emergencies, please call the **non-emergency dispatch line** at **1-231-722-3524**. DPW personnel will assess the city's sewer lines first.



Should you have any questions or concerns about city operations, please don't hesitate to reach out to our superintendent at bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org or by calling City Hall at 231-755-3721 ext. 1955.

We wish you a pleasant summer and appreciate your cooperation and assistance!



Ben VanHoeven,
DPW SUPERINTENDENT

Treasurer's Two Cents



Finally winter has taken a backseat in West Michigan! I am excited for the spring and summer seasons and all our area has to offer. From hiking and camping at PJ Hoffmaster to soaking up the sun at one of our many area beaches and enjoying all the nearby festivals and events taking place, you don't need to travel far to find entertainment. And that's quite the blessing considering those gas pump prices. Rising costs are stressing me out. If you are like me and looking for ways to pinch pennies (well, nickels now since the penny is no more) we have a couple options to help you save a buck or two.

ACH Autopay will not only give you a dollar credit on your water bill, but it will also save you from paying unnecessary late fees, credit processing fees and postage. Sign up for Autopay and your water bill payment will be drafted from your checking or savings account on the due date. If you also sign up for Paperless Billing, you will receive an additional dollar credit on your water bill. An easy way to save \$2 each billing period.

Did you know you can also make unstructured payments on your water and sewer account? Many of our residents find it helpful to make small payments on their account each week, bi-weekly or monthly to avoid having to make one larger payment each quarter. If you are facing a past due balance and need assistance to avoid service shut-off, resources are available through [Mid Michigan Community Action](#) and [MDHHS](#). If you know you will not be able to make your payment before the due date, look into these agencies to see if they can help!



Kate Dibble,
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Summer property taxes are levied on July 1st and notices will be hitting mailboxes soon. Remember to submit your payment before the end of the business day on September 14th to avoid interest charges. If you recently purchased your home and have a tax assessment that seems higher than expected, it is probably due to the uncapping process.

In 1994, Michigan Voters passed Proposal A, which limits the growth in property taxes to the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less, but only until ownership of the property is transferred. Once ownership is transferred, the property's taxable value is uncapped and increases to the same level as the assessed value in the year following the sale. In most cases, buyers will see a substantial increase in property taxes depending on the gap between the taxable value and the assessed value of the property.

The formula under Proposal A ensures a property's taxable value does not grow as fast as the property's assessed value, which should be at or near 50% of market value. However, once the property is sold, the taxable value is uncapped and increases to the assessed value for the year following the sale.

For example, a new home is purchased for \$200,000 (market value). The assessed value is \$100,000 (50% of market value) and the previous taxable value was \$75,000. The gap between the assessed value and the taxable value depends on how long someone has owned the property. Once a purchase happens, the taxable value rises to match the assessed value and thus the "uncapping" of the taxable value occurs. For the following years of ownership, the taxable value again falls under the rate of inflation or 5% cap. If you have additional questions or would like further clarification on the topic, please feel free to contact the Assessing Department at 231-799-6806.



City of Roosevelt Park Recycling Collection Calendar

Holiday - Service is delayed by one day if your collection is on or after the holiday

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Collection Route 2565 - East of Roosevelt Rd.

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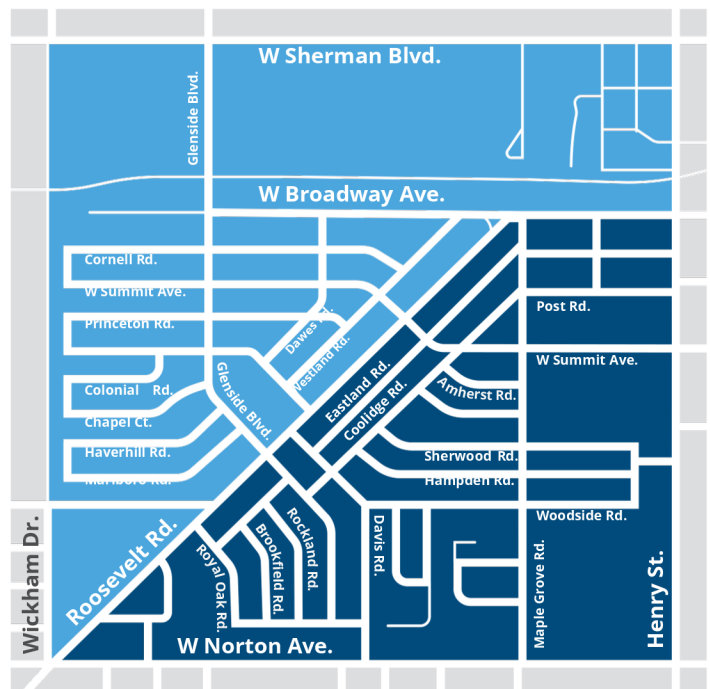
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Visit us online for updates and news

The official website is www.rooseveltpark.org Find up-to-date information regarding events happening in the City, City Council meeting minutes and other important documents such as the City budget. You can also keep in touch with what is happening in the City on our official "Roosevelt Park Michigan" Facebook page. Have suggestions? Contact City Hall.

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