



ROOSEVELT PARK REVIEW

June 2024

City Hall Closings

July 4th & 5th

Closed in observation of
Fourth of July

September 2nd

Closed in observation of
Labor Day

Upcoming Events

Water/Sewer Bills Due

Tues. July 2nd

Full Service Saturday

August 3rd

Election

August 6th

Community Yard Sale

August 10th

Movie in the Park

August 25th

Blood Drive

August 28th

Roosevelt Park Day

Sat. September 7th

Manager's Message

As we welcome the vibrant colors and renewed energy of summer, I wanted to take a moment to connect with each of you and share some important reminders and updates from the City of Roosevelt Park.

One of the things that make Roosevelt Park such a wonderful place to live is the strong sense of community that we share. As we spend more time outdoors enjoying the beautiful weather, let's remember to be considerate and respectful neighbors. Simple acts of kindness, like saying hello to those we pass by, or lending a helping hand when needed, can go a long way in fostering a sense of belonging and unity within our neighborhood.

With the arrival of summer comes the opportunity to spruce up our homes and yards. Let's take pride in maintaining our properties and keeping them clean and well-kept. Not only does this enhance the overall appearance of our community, but it also creates a more inviting environment for everyone to enjoy. Remember, a little effort in maintaining your property can make a big difference in the beauty of our neighborhood. I want to highlight this too because it is one of areas of concern that are shared with the staff here at City Hall.

As the days grow longer and the weather becomes more inviting, I also want to encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors. Whether it's a casual chat over the fence, a neighborhood barbecue, or a community gathering at one of our local parks, connecting with those who live nearby strengthens the bonds that tie us together as a community. City Hall also has a brief application for neighborhood block parties in which we can help with closing traffic for your stretch of street so neighbors can mingle and enjoy our incredible sense of community. If this is something that you would be interested in spearheading, please reach out us at City Hall and we would be happy to help!

Speaking of outdoor activities and foot traffic, let's all do our part to ensure the safety of our streets. Remember to slow down, obey traffic laws, and be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists. Together, we can create a safer environment for everyone to enjoy the beauty of our City.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to take advantage of the wonderful parks and recreational opportunities that Roosevelt Park has to offer. Whether it's a leisurely stroll through one of our scenic parks, a game of tennis at the local court, or a family picnic in the sunshine, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

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The parks will again see significant upgrades this year with new playgrounds installed in both Post Road Park and H.D. Carsell Park which is nestled between Chapel and Haverhill towards the west end of town. We also have a renovation of the tennis courts at the community center on tap for July which will see the addition of four fully dedicated pickleball courts and the full rehabilitation of the three full size tennis courts.

Along with ongoing projects, the Roosevelt Park Recreation and Parks Board has a great family Movie in the Park night planned for August 25th (mark your calendar now!) along with installing little libraries throughout the nine parks. Stay tuned to our City Facebook page for more fun parks options and programs coming up too.

Let's make the most of this summer season by exploring all that our City has to offer. As always, my door is open to hear your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns. Together, we can continue to make Roosevelt Park a place we are proud to call home.

Wishing you all a joyful and fulfilling summer season!



Jared Olson, City Manager

Beware of Scams- Protecting Your Home

Dear Residents,

Lately, there has been a disturbing trend of fraudulent companies targeting individuals who are behind on property taxes or facing the threat of foreclosure. These companies prey on vulnerable homeowners, promising relief but delivering only further financial suffering and possible loss.

It's important to exercise caution and skepticism if you're approached by companies offering assistance with your property tax or foreclosure issues. Many of these companies operate with the sole intention of scamming homeowners out of their homes and hard-earned money. It's crucial for all of us in Roosevelt Park to be aware of these scams and take proactive measures to protect our homes and our financial well-being. If you find yourself in a situation where you're struggling with property taxes or foreclosure, please know that there are legitimate avenues for assistance.

The Muskegon County Treasurer's office, reachable at (231)724-6261, can offer support and guidance to help you explore options to prevent tax foreclosure and find a way forward that works for you.

If you've already been contacted by such companies, please contact our police department or a trusted legal advisor before making any commitments. Understanding the potential consequences and verifying the legitimacy of these offers can save you from falling victim to fraud and protect the ownership of your home.

Together, let's remain vigilant and informed, ensuring that we don't become victims of deceptive practices. By knowing our options and seeking assistance from trusted sources like the Roosevelt Park Police Department, the Muskegon County Treasurer's office and legal advisors, we can protect our homes and our community from fraud.

Sincerely,

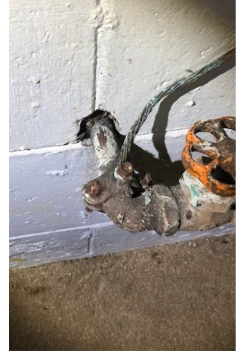
Toby Fredericksen, Roosevelt Park Rental Inspector

DPW Dirt

Water Service Lines Update

We're reaching out for your assistance! If your water meter is located in your basement, we kindly request your help in updating our records of pipe materials. Simply snap a few photos of your water meter and the pipe entering your home (see photo) and email them to bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org. Please include your address in the email.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to contact our DPW superintendent at 231-755-3721. Thank you for your cooperation in this important endeavor!



Brush Pickup Reminder

When preparing brush for pickup on Mondays, 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.



Help Us Keep Our Sidewalks Safe!

Your assistance is vital in ensuring the safety of our community's sidewalks. If you spot any sidewalk hazards such as lifted sections of 2 inches or more, please don't hesitate to reach out. Simply send an email to bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org with the address of the affected sidewalk. Your input helps us maintain a running list of areas in need of repair, allowing us to address trip hazards promptly and efficiently. Together, we can make our sidewalks safer for everyone. Thank you for your support in keeping Roosevelt Park a walkable and welcoming place for all.



Emergency Sewer Cleaning/Backups Program Announcement

The City of Roosevelt Park is pleased to announce a new pilot program aimed at assisting qualifying homeowners with emergency sewer cleaning/backups made possible through a portion of the senior millage funding. If you experience a sewer backup during business hours contact City Hall front desk and inform us of the issue. For after-hours emergencies, please call the non-emergency dispatch line at 231-722-3524. 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 program's requirements, our team will work with you to develop a plan to address the problem.

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

Ben VanHoeven, DPW Superintendent



Pointers from the RPPD

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Roosevelt Park Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of the citizens in our community. Impairment, speeding, disregarding traffic control devices, and other dangerous driving behaviors jeopardize the safety of other people on the road. We continue to enforce traffic laws with the goal of reducing collisions, educating the citizens in our community, and keeping our community safe. This is achieved through the establishment of preventative patrols to manage specific categories of unlawful driving behavior.

Traffic enforcement strategies are based on collision data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. Several methods contribute to our overall goal: arrests, citations, warnings, and education. Through these methods and efforts, we strive to educate our community on the importance of safe driving and we aim to keep our community safe.



Bicycle Safety remains a key concern and top priority in our community year-round. It is the goal of the Roosevelt Park Police Department to reduce the number of collisions, injuries and deaths involving bicyclists by providing education and increasing enforcement to help safeguard everyone on the road.

The Roosevelt Park Police Department aims to remind bicycle riders to follow the same rules of the road as drivers, including stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, and not riding distracted or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Drivers should remain vigilant in looking out for bicyclists, and remember, Michigan law requires drivers to allow at least three feet of space when passing a bicycle on the road.

To help keep bicyclists safe on our roadways, the Roosevelt Park Police Department has the following reminders:

- ◆ Bike riders should always wear a helmet.
- ◆ When cycling, use hand signals for turning and stopping.
- ◆ Drivers should look behind them before making a turn at an intersection, changing lanes, pulling away from a curb, opening their door, or when reversing or leaving a parking space.
- ◆ Bicyclists should always ride in the same direction as traffic.
- ◆ Bicyclists should make themselves visible by wearing brightly colored clothing, and reflective clothing in low light conditions.
- ◆ Bicyclists are reminded to use lights from dusk to dawn (white light to the front; red flashing light or reflectors to the rear). Both drivers and bicyclists should avoid distractions like using their cell phone.

Shawn Bride, Chief of Police

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The ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM will be discontinued by the State of Michigan after 2024. If you are not on the PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST already, you will be receiving one more request form in the mail soon. Check the box and return the form to be placed on the permanent absentee ballot list. Those on the permanent list will automatically be issued an absentee ballot for all future elections. Anyone not on the list will need to request an absentee ballot if they want one in the future.

A few residents have asked me some elections questions lately that I want to help clarify. Voters must do their own research on election subjects. This includes up-coming ballot proposals and what they are all about, as well as candidates running for office including our own City Council. Neither City Hall employees nor the City Clerk, can advise you on candidates or ballot proposals. Write-ins seem to be a confusing topic as well. For a write-in vote to be valid and counted, the candidate must have filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in with the County on or before 4 pm the Friday preceding the election. I agree in most cases there does not seem to be enough information out there. If you watch the local paper, call your county clerk's office 231-724-6425 or go to Michigan.gov/sos/elections/voter-education, these resources should help.

Mark your calendars, we have two elections coming up. The Primary on Tuesday August 6th and the General election on Tuesday November 5th.

There have never been more ways a resident can vote:

1. [Absentee voting](#)

Previously a voter needed a documented reason why they could not make it to the polls on election day, now every voter can choose vote from their living room couch!

2. [Early in-person voting](#)

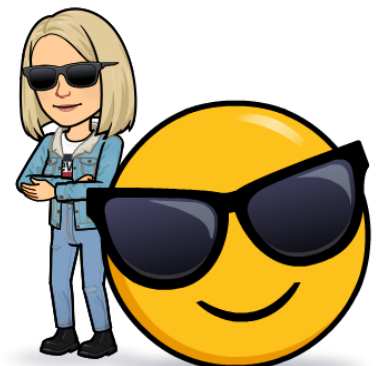
Early in-person voting starts 9 days prior to an election. However, this is only mandatory for certain elections. Contact the clerk, or click the link above for more information on if this option is available and where it is taking place.

3. [At the polls on election day](#)

Tried and true, you can come in person, on the day of the election from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Roosevelt Park Community Center and cast your ballot.

What's the most unfair thing about American Politics?.....
We get 50 choices for Miss America, but only two for president.

Ann Wisniewski, City Clerk





TREASURER'S TIDBITS

Hello Roosevelt Park! June has arrived, and I can not wait to relish the fleeting months of summer! If you are an avid beach goer, the City of Muskegon has seasonal parking passes for sale. If you live here, in the City of Roosevelt Park—you will need a Non-Resident Beach Parking Pass which is \$20 for the May 15th-September 15th season. Daily passes are also available. Check out their website for more information! <https://muskegon-mi.gov/explore-muskegon/parking-transportation/parkingpass/>

Roosevelt Park Day - Saturday September 7th will be here before we know it! Come see Two Dudes in Flip Flops, Up Coast Kin and the Steve Rivers Band performing live music at the beer garden stage! We are going to have the arts and craft show again, delicious food truck eats and some new kids activities! Keep an eye on Rooseveltpark.org and <https://www.facebook.com/roosevelt.parkmichigan> for more information and updates on the event.

Summer property taxes are levied on July 1st and those notices will be hitting mailboxes soon. Remember to submit your payment before the end of the business day on September 16th to avoid interest charges. Where does your summer tax money go? Summer taxes consist of State Education Tax, Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Tax, Mona Shores School Tax and Muskegon County Operating Tax.

Inflationary increases are being felt everywhere, and it is no different for cities. Water provided to the City of Roosevelt Park is purchased from the City of Muskegon. Muskegon has notified us their rates are increasing on June 1st which means the next water bill you receive around September 1st will include that rate increase flow through.

Kate Dibble, City Treasurer

LIBRARY LOWDOWN

Howdy there, fantastic folks! Get ready to lace up your sneakers and get your game faces on because we've got a lineup of slam-dunk events headed your way at Community Center Park!

Animal Meet and Greet: Thursday, June 27, 6pm Ever dreamt of petting adorable baby goats and rabbits? Well, grab your overalls and prepare for a hoofin' good time because we're teaming up with Muskegon County 4-H to bring the farm to the city! Join us for an unforgettable Animal Meet and Greet where you can get up close and personal with these furry critters. Plus, get ready to churn up some delicious goat milk ice cream! It'll be udderly fantastic! Find the event details at <https://madl.org/RooseveltPark>

Kids Outdoor Games: Thursday, August 1, 6pm Calling all little athletes and families who love fun! We're gearing up for a showdown at Community Center Park with the Boys and Girls Club, Neal Fitness Club, and Kids Food Basket for an action-packed evening of Kids Outdoor Games! Let's hit the field, swing for the fences, and score some touchdowns with games that'll have us laughing harder than a referee's whistle at a clown convention. Stick around after the games for a food demo guaranteed to be a home run for your taste buds!

Y'all mark your calendars, spread the word, and get ready to make some slam-dunk memories with us at Community Center Park and with our great co-sponsors! See you there, sports fans! Check out the full calendar at MADL.org/Calendar and sign up for monthly emails at MADL.org/SignUp.

We'll see you at the library!



From the Front Desk

The official first day of Summer is June 20th. Although we had a very mild winter, we are still looking forward to warm weather and sunshine. We have so much to be thankful for with our beautiful lakes near by, and great parks where there is so much to do for children and adults. School will be out soon, kids will be outside riding bikes and running around. They don't always pay attention, so keep a watchful eye and please be careful when driving through the neighborhood. The city-wide yard sale is Saturday, August 10th. If you have items you no longer want or need, this is a great opportunity to set them out and make a little money. Roosevelt Park Day is Saturday, September 7th and it is so much fun with games for the children, great food trucks, arts and crafts booths and live music. Hope to see you there enjoying the day!

Do you have a dog? Just a little reminder on your responsibilities as a dog owner. Always have your dog on a leash no longer than six feet and of sufficient strength when walking them. Please pick up their messes on private and public property and discard the waste properly in your garbage. Every dog should be vaccinated after turning four months old, and need to be licensed by the County of Muskegon. Dog licenses are no longer available at City Hall, but can be obtained at the County of Muskegon Treasurer's office or you can mail your renewal directly to the County.

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!

Cheryl and Sue

ASSESSING FAQS

Uncapping Residential Property Taxes.

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.

While this is only a brief overview of the current 1994 statute and examples of how it operates, 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 Norton Shores/City of Roosevelt Park/Fruitport Township Assessing

p 231-799-6806

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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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