

CITY OF DOUGLAS NEWSLETTER

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2011 BRUSH AND YARD WASTE POLICY

The City will pick up brush and yard waste on all public City streets beginning the first Tuesday in April according to the new schedule below. If a large wind storm or ice event occurs, additional brush pick up will follow the event. Please remember that the City is not authorized to dispose of grass clippings and the burning of any yard waste within the City is prohibited.

PICK UP SCHEDULE

<u>East of Blue Star Highway</u>		<u>West of Blue Star Highway</u>
1st and 3rd Tuesdays		2nd and 4th Tuesdays
April 5, 19	Leaves and Brush	April 12, 26
May 3, 17	Leaves and Brush	May 10, 24
June 7, 21	June 7 and 14 Leaves and Brush	June 14, 28
July 5, 19	Brush Only	July 12, 26
Aug. 9, 23	Brush Only	Aug. 16, 30
Sept. 6, 20	Brush Only	Sept. 13, 27
Oct. 4, 18	Leaves Only	Oct. 11, 25
Nov. 1	Leaves Only	Nov. 8

The following guidelines apply:

- ◆ Brush and Leaves may not be placed out sooner than the weekend - three (3) days prior to a scheduled pick up date. Materials placed or left on the roadside at other times will be declared to be and constitute a nuisance in violation of City Ordinance 95.30.2 which is punishable as a Municipal Civil infraction.
- ◆ Resident-owned tree removal by a private contractor should include arrangements for the private contractor to chip and remove all limbs and brush.
- ◆ Leaves must be un-bagged and separated from Tree Limbs and Brush.
- ◆ Stack all material neatly behind the curb on your own property and out of the paved portion of the road - do not stack material in the street. Yard waste must be separated from tree limbs and brush.
- ◆ Quantity Limit. The pick up - per property/per scheduled pick up date - for brush and yard waste combined may not exceed the amount that can be loaded on a one-ton dump truck. Visualize a pile 6 by 10 feet and 4 feet high.

Yard Waste. We pick up: flower and hedge clippings, twigs, small sticks, vegetation, vines.

Tree Limb and Brush Collection. We pick up: tree limbs no larger than four (4) inches in diameter and six (6) feet in length.

Spring and Fall Leaf Collection. Spring leaves will be picked up until June 14 and Fall pick up will begin in October and may be scheduled into November as weather allows.

WE WILL NOT PICK UP: Tree stumps, tree limbs larger than four (4) inches or longer than six (6) feet, garbage, pet waste, GRASS CLIPPINGS, bricks, lumber or construction materials, any quantity of combined materials - per property/per pick up date - that exceeds what can be loaded on a one-ton dump truck.

HOURS AND SCHEDULES

CITY HALL (269) 857-1438
Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

COUNCIL MEETINGS
First and third Mondays 7:00pm

PLANNING COMMISSION
Second Wednesday 7:00pm

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Fourth Tuesday 7:00pm (As needed)

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Second Tuesday 6:00pm

All City meetings are held in Dutcher Lodge City Hall unless otherwise noticed.

City Manager William LeFevere

City Clerk Jean Neve

City Treasurer Bob Drexler

City Assessor Kelley Ziesemer
By Appointment
Tuesdays 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Community/Economic Development Director
By Appointment Ryan Kilpatrick

Police Department Chief Ken Giles
47 W. Center Street
Douglas (269)857-4339
Dial 911 after hours to speak to an officer.

Department of Public Works Director
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Did you know?????

New on the city website is the complete agenda packet for each regular city council meeting.

You may look up tax and assessing information on the City website. Log into: www.ci.douglas.mi.us then click on "Services", "Tax & Assessing" and "Property Tax & Assessing Information". The city zoning ordinance, code of ordinances and much more may also be found by logging into the city website.

The City of Douglas now offers the convenience of accepting credit cards for municipal payments. A third-party convenience fee will apply to cardholders who wish to pay via credit card.

Property characteristics and assessment sales data is available on the City website for your review to confirm our data is accurate.

2011 Recycling Collection Schedule

Recyclable material is collected curbside every other Tuesday.

May 3, 17	Oct. 4, 18	Allegan County
June 1*, 14, 28	Nov. 1, 15, 29	Recycling
July 12, 26	Dec. 13, 27	Ben Williams, Director
Aug. 9, 23		269 673-5415
Sept. 7*, 20		

*Collection is one day later due to holiday.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

City Council

Lisa Greenwood
Greg Harvath
Martha Hoexter, Mayor Pro Tem
Jane Mayer
Eric Smith
Renee Waddell, Mayor
Jim Wiley

Planning Commission

Matt Balmer
David Burdick
Ron Dellartino
Candace Dugan
Tara Frey
Mike Hurley
Alexa Urquhart

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jeff Greenwood
Kenneth Kutzel
Tarue Pullen
Bill Schumacher, Chair
Alexa Urquhart

DDA

Beau Breedlove
Helen DeGeatano
Mike Hurley
Sam Kendall
Kim Kubiak
Erin Molenhouse
Tedd Oyler
Bill Schumacher, Chair
Renee Waddell

Assessment Board of Review

Linda Anderson
Maria Droz
Paul Marineau
Alternate Vacancy

GET INVOLVED!

The City of Douglas offer citizens a variety of opportunities to participate in local government. Currently the following boards and committees are looking for new members.

**Downtown Development Authority
Assessment Board of Review (Alternate)
Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals**

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please send a letter explaining your interest in that board. Applications are kept on file until needed. Send your letter to the attention of the Mayor at City of Douglas, P.O. Box 757, Douglas MI 49406.

These are great opportunities to get involved and serve your community.

The City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day Parade will march down Center Street to Beery Field at 10:00 a.m. Veteran's Dedication Ceremony at Beery Field following the parade.

FREE RECYCLING EVENT!

A free recycling event will be held at the Saugatuck Township Fire Department on Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Residents must show I.D. to ensure they reside in a participating township or city.

Household Hazardous Waste and Unwanted Medications will be collected.

<u>Home</u>	<u>Yard, Garage</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Oil-based paint	Weed killer	Fluorescent Bulbs
Wood stain	Fertilizer	Mercury Thermometers
Cleaning products	Pest poisons	Batteries (not auto)
Adhesives, glue	Pool chemicals	Aerosol cans
Paint thinner	Auto fluids	Antifreeze

NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WEEK

May 15 to 21 is the week to honor our city's finest..... our great Police Department.

We salute Chief Giles and his officers for all they do to make this a safe community to live and work in!

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS APPRECIATION DAY

May is the month to show your appreciation to another group of public employees.....our busy Department of Public Works.

Max Rodgers, James, Perry, Tom Bruursema, Larry Dean and Tim Giles do a fantastic job of keeping our city streets plowed, the parks beautiful and the leaves and brush collected.

Thanks for a job well done guys!

General Tax Information to Remember

The City of Douglas sends out tax statements twice a year. The summer bill is mailed to property owners the first week of July and is payable by September 14th. The winter bill is mailed the first week of December and is payable by February 14th. Penalties and/or interest are added after these due dates. The summer and winter bills combined cover a calendar year tax obligation. **If you have not received your tax statements by the middle of July and December please call the Treasurer's office for a duplicate copy.**

To qualify for a **Principal Residence Exemption** (P.R.E.) you must own and occupy your residence by May 1st. Your driver's license, voters registration and federal income tax return must reflect this address. If you have a 100% P.R.E. exemption you are exempt from paying the school operating millage and will see the word "EXEMPT" on that line of the tax bill.

FUN FILLED DOUGLAS EVENTS

April 29 - June 20	"PIE, From Michigan Orchards to the American Dinner Table and a Factory for the Arts" exhibit at Saugatuck Center for the Arts
May 15 - July 1	Old School House History Center Exhibition of "Village Places" and "Village Life"
May 19 - 21	Michigan Historic Preservation Network 31st Annual Statewide Preservation Conference held at the Old School House
May 28 - October 30	"A Village Patchwork: Tales of Everyday Life in Saugatuck - Douglas" exhibit at Saugatuck-Douglas Museum
April 7 , 20 May 5, 19	Library Movie Nights
April 24 1:00 p.m.	Hat Parade and Easter Egg Candy Hunt at Beery Field
May 14	Center Street Merchants Spring Preview
May 16	Community Pride Day. Planting of Center Street Flower Beds
May 21 2:00 p.m.	Douglas Dutchers Base Ball Opening Game at Beery Field
May 26	National Department of Public Works Appreciation Day
May 30 10:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade, Center Street
June 30 5:30 p.m.	Douglas Social

Need a Gift?

The City of Douglas has 100% cotton logo t-shirts and polos for sale at City Hall. The shirts come in dark green or navy, adult sized small thru 2X. Polos sell for \$18, T-shirts are \$15. Great for gifts or a nice present to yourself.

Community Pride Day

Monday, May 16th, students from Douglas Elementary helped City of Douglas staff and volunteers plant flowers along Center Street. Everyone gathered at 10:00 a.m. with trowels in hand and dug in to create some beautiful flower beds. The students and volunteers were then treated to hot dogs, chips, and soda at Beery Field.

Thank you Douglas Elementary students for lending a hand.

2011 Douglas Dutchers Home Game Schedule

May 21 2:00 p.m.	vs. Huntingtn Champion Hill Toppers
June 18 2:00 p.m.	vs. Rochester Grangers
June 25 2:00 p.m.	Hometown Classic Dutchers Alumni Game
July 23 2:00 p.m.	vs. Munster Centennials
July 30 2:00 p.m.	vs. House of David Echoes
August 13 2:00 p.m.	vs. Mississinewa Silverheels
August 20 & 21 9:30 a.m.	Basket Factory Vintage Base Ball Festival featuring 5 vintage clubs, members of the All American Girls Professional Base Ball League Civil War reenactment and vintage games for children

All home games played at Beery Field, Douglas. For a complete schedule, roster and more information visit www.douglasdutchers.org See the Dutchers in the May 14th Tulip Time Festival Muziek Parade, Holland.

2010 US Census Facts and Figures

<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Allegan County</u>	<u>City of Douglas</u>
2000: 9,938,823	2000: 105,631	2000: 1,214
2010: 9,883,640	2010: 111,408	2010: 1,223

Michigan's population when it was admitted to the Union in 1837 was 212,267. Sault Ste. Marie is the oldest community, founded in 1641. Detroit was first incorporated as a "town" in 1802 and as a city in 1815. Grand Rapids was incorporated as a city in 1850.

The only city/city/village consolidation in Michigan occurred in 2000 when the cities of Iron River and Stambaugh and the village of Mineral Hills merged.