

## City's 23/24 Street Projects

The City of Gaylord will have a busy year for street improvements this summer season. We are finishing up the utility upgrade project on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Just minor items need to be addressed, so it shouldn't interfere with any traffic in that area. Again, this project was 80% funded utilizing the ARPA funds received by the city with the balance coming from the City's Street Millage. The second project will be completing the work started on Clover Drive and Random Lane. Scheduling at the end of the season made this project impossible to finish prior to the weather turning bad. This allowed us to redesign part of the project and add curb, gutter, storm sewer and sidewalks to Clover Drive. We anticipate this project starting as soon as the weather allows and should be completed in early July. This year's intended project is the two blocks of North Elm between Mitchell St. and Petoskey St. as well as the block of Sheldon between Center Ave. and Elm. The project will include an upgraded water main, sanitary sewer and storm sewers as well as curbs, gutter, storm and a sidewalk being added to Sheldon Street. The roadway will be completely reconstructed as well. The project is currently out for bid and we anticipate it to be completed before the end of construction season this fall. These projects will be paid for utilizing the City's Street Millage as well as Local Street Funds.



**Spring Cleanup! Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

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### Gaylord Police Department Update

The Gaylord Police Department has recently added of a second school resource officer as part of a grant the Gaylord Police Department and Gaylord Community Schools received from the State of Michigan. In addition to helping keep our schools safe, in the summer months the officer will be used for traffic enforcement and the enforcement of city ordinance violations. To request target traffic enforcement of problem areas please call the Gaylord Police Department at 989 732-1777. If you have an ordinance issue to report (abandon vehicles, blight issues, etc.) you can contact Travis Hewitt, the Zoning Administrator, at 989 732-4060 or the Gaylord Police Department directly.

### Help us Find You

In the event of an emergency, every second counts. One of the easiest ways to help emergency services is to make sure your address appears on your home. Putting the street number of your address facing the street can result in faster response time for individuals who need immediate care.

Tips for home owners:

1. Display the numbers facing the street
2. Affix numbers to a stationary object
3. Make numbers plainly visible from the street at the point of the driveway
4. Numbers should be at least 3" in height
5. The color of the numbers should be in contrast to the background color
6. In the event that there is more than one unit, please indicate that on the doorway

**SUMMER Concert Series**  
**Claude Shannon Park**  
**126 W Main, Gaylord MI**

**MAY 12TH - The Remedee**  
**MAY 19TH - Hey Cuz**  
**MAY 26TH - Yankee Station**  
**JUNE 2 - Delilah DeWylde**  
**JUNE 9 - Aldrich & Co**  
**JUNE 16TH - The Sleeping Gypsies**  
**JUNE 23RD - The Marsupials**  
**JUNE 30TH - The Shawn Riley Band**  
**JULY 7TH - Pershayla & the Mayhaps**  
**JULY 21ST - The Accidentals**  
**JULY 28TH - The Real Ingredients**  
**AUGUST 4TH - Adam Hoppe, Dixon's Violin**  
**AUGUST 11TH - The Third Degree**  
**AUGUST 18TH - Spencer Opperman, The Hazel James Band**  
**AUGUST 25TH - The Kari Lynch Band**

**Follow us!**

**Friday Nights 7-10**  
**Bring a chair**  
**If the weather is bad**  
**shows will be held under the pavilion on court street**

## Upcoming Events

Visit [www.cityofgaylord.com](http://www.cityofgaylord.com) and check out the exciting events happening in Downtown Gaylord.



# Spring Cleanup! Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ Spring Cleanup is for City **residential** dwellings only. Please do not allow people who live outside the City limits to drop off cleanup items at your home.
- ✓ All items you want removed must be set out the night before cleanup day as Cleanup begins promptly at 7:00 a.m.
- ✓ Place all items behind the curb on streets with curbs, and off the traveled roadway on streets without curbs. Please do not leave anything on the right-of-way that you do not want

## As a general rule, cleanup items include:

- Household furniture, including chairs, couches, mattresses and tables. *Please take steps to ensure that these items do not become waterlogged in the event of rain and/or snow.*
- Appliances including hot water tanks, stoves, refrigerators and air conditioning units. Residents are responsible for the cost of having the Freon removed from refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc., by a certified contractor. **A certification sticker must be affixed to each unit indicating that the Freon has been removed. Any item that once contained Freon WILL NOT be picked up without a certification sticker.**
- Dry carpeting cut into lengths of four feet or less and rolled and tied securely.
- Small bundles of construction material no more than four feet long, tied securely and weighing no more than 50 pounds.
- All other items must be bagged, boxed, or bundled and weigh no more than 50 pounds each.

## Cleanup items **DO NOT** include:

- Any liquids including unsolidified paint.
- Appliances containing Freon.
- Chemicals or other hazardous wastes.
- Flammables and explosives.
- Broken glass.
- Dangerous items such as gasoline, propane tanks, or hot ashes.
- Motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries and transmissions.
- **TIRES**, railroad ties, burning barrels, concrete, blocks, brick, and stone.
- Wet carpeting, engine blocks, and any item too heavy to be lifted by two average people.

**Spring cleanup questions?  
Call City Office at 732-4060.**

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## Spring Yard Waste Protocols!

Through September 30, leaves, lawn rakings, and pine needles must be bagged. Please remember that the branches or bags need to be of a size that one person can handle.

Compost bags for grass cuttings, leaves, pine needles, and small twigs are available to City resident's free-of-charge as long as supplies last.

For those of you in the fall who rake leaves to the curb line; the City DPW asks that you leave such yard waste at the top of the curb or in the terrace areas. Such waste that is deposited into the gutter pan only blocks the roadway and plugs up the storm drains. Your assistance and cooperation is appreciated!

## Otsego County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day



Saturday, July 8th, 2023  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Otsego County Road Commission  
669 W. McCoy Road, Gaylord.  
Visit [www.otsegocd.org](http://www.otsegocd.org) for more info.

## No Wipes Down Pipes!

The City of Gaylord would like to remind people to be careful about the materials you are flushing down your toilets. We have seen a dramatic increase in the “flushable wipes” which have led to costly sewer backups and clogged pumps in our wastewater system. These “flushables” have become a threat to our sewer system causing expensive clogs and messy sewage backups in homes and businesses. These items do not disintegrate like common toilet paper and the only way to dispose of them for us is to remove them at pump stations or manholes. We ask that “flushable wipes” be disposed of in your garbage as opposed to flushing down the toilet. Below is a list of items that should not be flushed:

- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, “flushable”)
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non-organic materials
- Fats, oils and grease
- Dental floss, Q-tips, and cotton balls
- “Swiffers” toilet bowl scrub pads
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels, facial tissues
- Seeds, peelings, egg shells, nutshells, and coffee grounds
- Bandages and bandage wrappings
- Clothing, wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Plastic of any kind
- Medicines/pharmaceuticals
- Harmful chemicals such as solvent-based glue, paint, strippers, wood preservatives, nail polish, antifreeze, engine cleaners/degreasers, gasoline, motor oil, fertilizers, pesticides, and pool/spa chemicals

All of these items have harmful qualities which do not work well in our municipal sewer system. We would like to remind you all that our Gaylord Wastewater Treatment Plant is a biological based facility. We want to thank you for helping keep our systems operating in good condition!

## Property Maintenance

Summer is almost here, and the sound of lawnmowers buzzing is just around the corner. The City of Gaylord would like to remind all residents that it shall be the duty of every person who owns and land within the corporate limits of the City, must mow their grass a minimum of three times per summer, once before June 1<sup>st</sup>, once before July 15<sup>th</sup>, and once before September 1<sup>st</sup>. This ordinance exists to prevent weeds from growing to seed or to blossom and to prevent such dead grass and brush from becoming a fire hazard, and to keep the grass from growing to an unsightly condition. If you receive a notice from us reminding you to cut you grass and you believe we’ve made a mistake, we apologize in advance and hope that you would contact our office so we can update our records accordingly. Edging of sidewalks is another tip that homeowners suggest, giving your property more curb appeal. For questions regarding this ordinance, please contact us directly at City Hall, Monday thru Friday.

## Upcoming Election Dates

One of the biggest ways to let your voice be heard is by voting in your local elections. Don’t forget these dates for the upcoming elections:

Special Election	5/2/23
Primary Election (If Needed)	8/8/23
General Election	11/7/23

## Code Red

Code red is a fairly new program to Otsego County and has been proven to be very useful already. This was designed to keep citizens informed by using a “reverse 911 emergency notification system” that allows our County Emergency Manager to alert the community of important information.

Some things that you may be notified about include City wide run water notices, Evacuation notices, Boil Water Advisory’s, Missing Children Alerts, or anything deemed an emergency situation.

Interested citizens can sign up for this free service by visiting the Otsego County Website at [www.otsegocountymi.gov](http://www.otsegocountymi.gov) and clicking on the “Code Red” box. Once your information is entered you will begin receiving any calls that may pertain to you.

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to Otsego County at 989-732-6484.



If you are enjoying a nice leisurely walk with your pet, keep in mind that there is a leash law the Otsego County Animal Control may enforce and we also request that you clean up after him/her.

Be aware that a new station for dog waste has been installed at the Claude Shannon park downtown that may be utilized. This is in addition to the station already located in our beautiful Aspen Park.

Please remember that animals are prohibited in all other City of Gaylord parks.



### **Downtown Gaylord Farmers Market**

Under the Pavilion on Court •  
Come check out locally grown  
produce, homemade crafts, and  
locally produced products.

For more information call Mike at

989-619-8917



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May 13 – City Spring Cleanup May 29 Memorial Day – City Office Closed First Week of July – Summer Tax Bills Mailed Out	July 4 Independence Day – City Office Closed July 11 through 15 – Alpenfest September 4 Labor Day – City Office Closed
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The City of Gaylord does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities desiring to attend City meetings/hearings. Three weeks advance notice is requested. Please call the City at 732-4060 for more information.	
The <b>Gaylord City Council</b> meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. The <b>City Planning Commission</b> meets 4 times a year or as needed. Please call the City to schedule projects needing review. The <b>City Zoning Board of Appeals</b> meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month as requests for variances are submitted. Notice for each meeting is published in advance. The <b>Gaylord Downtown Development Authority</b> usually meets the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. Please call or visit our website for meeting dates.  :>:<:>:<:	Mayor: Todd Sharrard, 989-619-0906 Council: Ward 1: Jordan Awrey, 989-858-6262 Ward 2: Robert Wilson, 989-858-0964 Ward 3: Steve Hartz, 989-619-8636 At Large: Vic Ouellette, 731-1906 At Large: Al Witt, 906-203-7523 At Large: Michael Ryan, 989-350-5042 Chief of Police: Frank Claeys, 732-1777 City Assessor: Holly Franckowiak 732-4060 City Manager: Kim Awrey, 732-4060 City Clerk: Jennifer Molski, 732-4060 City Treasurer: Travis Hewitt, 732-4060 DPW Superintendent: Alan Zielinski, 732-5475 WWTP Superintendent: Aaron Knopp, 732-0750
Public meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of Gaylord City Hall, 305 E. Main Street, Gaylord.	

