

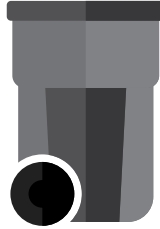
# CITY OF *Flushing*



## SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### **SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES**

Every five years the City of Flushing goes out to bid for solid waste collection, recycling and disposal services. Bids were received from Waste Management, Emterra and GFL. Emterra was awarded the three year contract with two one year optional extensions. The service provider will change from Waste Management to Emterra in July 2019. Service days WILL NOT change. Recycling will continue to be every other week and seasonal yard waste pick up will continue March – November. Additional information on this service can be found on the city's website: [www.flushingcity.com](http://www.flushingcity.com).



*Thank You!*

#### **RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

Eric Earns – Police Department 20 years

Mike Badder – Fire Department 35 years

Greg Beckley – Fire Department 30 years

Jeff Clark – Department of Public Works 20 years



### **GRASS, NOXIOUS WEEDS**

The city may enter upon premises and mow, cut or destroy the grass and or weeds that are higher than 6 inches. The cost of bringing the premises into compliance will be billed to the owner or occupant. Individual compliance notices will not be mailed to property owners. Public notice of such ordinance has been published in the newspaper and posted in four public locations

- Flushing City Hall
  - Flushing Area Senior Center
  - 67th District Court -Flushing Court
  - Genesee District Library - Flushing Branch.
- (Chapter 96 Nuisances - Noxious Weeds and Refuse)

### **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS**

In all residential districts, open storage of any and all trailers and recreational vehicles (boat, personal watercraft, snowmobile, camper, motor home, detachable camper tops or any other similar vehicle) is allowed only in the side or rear yard with additional requirements per ordinance. Driveway storage is not permitted under ordinance. The task of loading or unloading in the driveway is allowed and shall be completed within 24 hours and the trailer and or recreational vehicle needs to be returned to storage in the side or rear yard.

*(Section 153.109 Performance Standards - Storage)*

### **FISCAL BUDGET 2019-2020**

12.9941 mills will be levied for the general operating requirements of the City of Flushing, while assigning 2 of those mills to the Capital Improvement Fund. Special assessment for curbside services is set at \$229 for a single residential equivalent unit. The City of Flushing can no longer levy 13 mills due to millage rollbacks as required under the Headlee Amendment. The Headlee Amendment, adopted in 1978, requires the city to reduce its millage rate when annual growth on existing property in the city is greater than the rate of inflation. The curbside services assessment was increased to cover actual costs of a new solid waste collection, recycling and disposal services contract and maintain Department of Public Works services of seasonal leaf collection and weekly brush and chipping services.

### **UTILITY RATES**

THE CITY OF FLUSHING WILL BE CONVERTING FROM A POSTCARD BILL TO A FULL PAGE UTILITY BILL IN 2019.



Operating, Debt and Maintenance Charge per Unit (Readiness to Serve)

**Water**  
\$63.00/quarter

**Sewer**  
\$35.00/quarter

Water Usage and direct supplies per unit (Commodity Charge)

**Water**  
\$7.82/1,000 gallons

**Sewer**  
\$5.05/1,000 gallons

*Rates shall be in effect on July 1, 2019*

*Residents using less than 10,000 gallons of water each billing quarter will see a reduction on their utility bill. A rate calculation presentation can be found at [www.flushingcity.com](http://www.flushingcity.com).*

### **THE CITY'S NEXT ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

ON THE BALLOT WILL BE:

Mayor

District 1 Councilmember

At-large Councilmember

District 3 Councilmember

#### **PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT LIST**

For your convenience, the City of Flushing maintains a permanent Absent Voter Ballot (AVB) List. Should you choose to be on this list, prior to every election you will receive through the mail an Application to Vote (or a "dual" application in years where there is a primary and a general election) that you must sign and return to City Hall. After you have signed and returned the Application to Vote for the applicable election(s), you will receive a ballot when they have been printed and delivered to City Hall. If you choose not to vote, or not to vote by AVB, in any given election simply do not send back the Application to Vote, and you will not receive a ballot.

### WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

The \$2.7 million water main improvement project will be closed out in June 2019. This project included the replacement of 4 inch water mains throughout the city and an 8 inch water main on Deland Road.

A \$3.25 million waste water treatment plant improvement project is being designed. The plant has not had any major improvements or renovations since 1988. This project stems from the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Both projects are financed by the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development.

Asset management plans have been created and submitted to MDEQ for the city’s water distribution system, waste water treatment plant and sewer collection system. These plans formalize the city’s inventory, inspection and condition assessment of its utility infrastructure. The plans require tasks, such as, but not limited to, turning water valves, hydrant flushing, sewer main cleaning/televising and manhole inspections.

### FEDERAL ROAD FUNDING

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has awarded the city federal safety funds to complete a 4 to 3 lane conversion on East Pierson Road from Elms Road to Main Street/Flushing Road (FY2019), install two radar speed signs along Main Street (FY2019)



and complete a 4 to 3 lane conversion on Main Street from Chamberlain Street to Pierson Road (FY2020). These projects are the result of traffic studies, concerns and complaints received from residents and traffic crash/accident data. Three possible road projects are being considered for federal funding under the county wide FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed projects are repaving Seymour Road from West Pierson Road to Emily Street (FY2021), repaving Main Street from Main Street Bridge to McKinley Road (FY2022) and the construction of a roundabout at East Pierson Road/Flushing Road/Main Street (FY2023). The road projects listed above would be possible due to \$1,084,659 in federal transportation grants, if awarded and accepted by the city.

**NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY STREETS 2:00AM-6:00AM**

## MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL CODE

**BUILDING PERMITS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PER THE 2015 MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL CODE ADOPTED BY THE BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CODES UNDER THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS:**

- 1. One story detached accessory structures, if the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet\*
- 2. A fence that is not more than 7 feet high\*
- 3. A retaining wall that is not more than 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
- 4. A water tank supported directly upon grade if the capacity is not more than 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2 to 1.
- 5. A sidewalk or driveway that is not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route\*
- 6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- 7. A prefabricated swimming pool that is less than 24 inches deep and not greater than 5,000 gallons and is installed entirely above ground\*
- 8. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached 1 or 2 family dwellings.
- 9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- 10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point as prescribed by Section R312.1.1, are not attached to a dwelling or its accessory structures, are not within 36 inches of a dwelling or its accessory structures and do not serve any ingress or egress door of the dwelling or its accessory structure\*

*(Michigan Residential Code - Section R105 - Permits)*

*\* These items may not need a building permit, however, the City of Flushing requires a permit for such items per an adopted local ordinance*

Required reporting can be found on [www.flushingcity.com](http://www.flushingcity.com) for the following state laws: P.A. 268 of 2016 (CVTRS) (City Village and Township Revenue Sharing), P.A. 202 of 2017 (Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act), P.A. 530 of 2016 (Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act) and P.A. 51 of 1951, Section 18j (State Trunk Line Highway System).