

CITY OF *Flushing*



WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Hello!

The City of Flushing is providing this newsletter to help keep area residents and businesses informed with basic information that affects the community. A range of topics are included in a limited synopsis, for full details visit our website www.flushingcity.com or call City Hall at 810-659-5665.



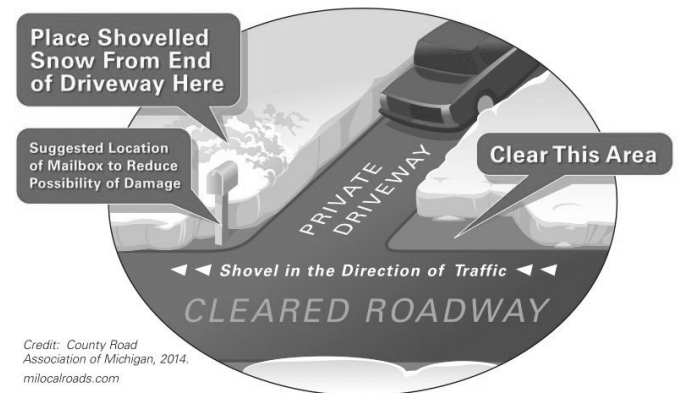
**NO OVERNIGHT PARKING
ON CITY STREETS
2:00AM-6:00AM**



**PROPERTY OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS -
CLEARING OF SIDEWALK RESPONSIBILITY**

Sec. 99.43. - Property owners or occupants to clearing off sidewalk. It shall be the duty of all persons owning or occupying any lot or part thereof fronting any street where sidewalks are or may be hereafter constructed shall clear, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow, ice, dirt, mud or other debris to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 24 hours after it has fallen or accumulated. If the owner or occupant fails to comply with this requirement, the city may remove the same and charge the cost thereof against the abutting property. The cost of bringing the premises into compliance shall be billed to the owner or occupant. In the event that the cost shall remain unpaid, then the treasurer shall levy and collect the amount due against such property in the manner provided by law.

Avoid the "Second Shovel"

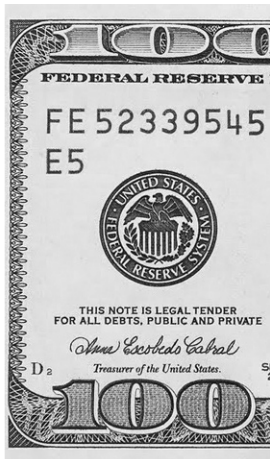


Credit: County Road Association of Michigan, 2014. mlocalroads.com

WHERE DO YOUR YEARLY PROPERTY TAXES GO....

Average residential house taxable value is 55,000 • Total millage rate for a primary residence is 42.4443 mills

One mill equals \$1.00 for every 1,000 in taxable value



\$31

CITY OF FLUSHING
OPERATING
BUDGET



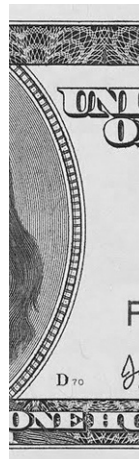
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GENESEE
COUNTY
TAXES



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STATE OF MI
SCHOOL
EDUCATION
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FLUSHING
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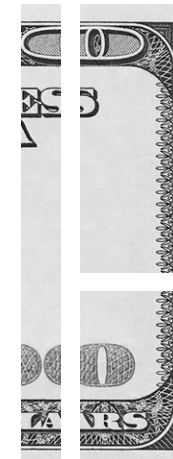
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GENESEE
INTER.
SCHOOL
DIST.



\$7

MOTT
COMM.
COLLEGE



\$3

MASS
TRANS.

\$2
GENESEE
DISTRICT
LIBRARY

\$1
BISHOP
INTER.
AIRPORT

DROP BOX PAYMENTS

City of Flushing offers a convenient drop box located outside City Hall, 725 East Main Street, to drop off your city payments after business hours or on the weekend. All city payments are accepted via the drop box, including property taxes, parking tickets, water bills, etc. Absentee ballots may also be placed in the box. The drop box is located in City Hall’s circle parking lot on the east side of the lot near the tree.



Thank You!

FLUSHING POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Bill Wilkins – 20 years of service
 Matt Jensen – 20 years of service
 Scott Matzke – 20 years of service

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 Phil Decker 25 – years of service

ASSESSMENT CHANGE NOTICES

Assessment change notices will be arriving by mail to property owners in February 2019. The assessment notice will include 2019 Assessed, State Equalized and Taxable Value and the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) percentage. Unless there was a transfer of ownership of a property in 2018 or a physical change such as new construction or demolition, the taxable value will only change by the rate of inflation. The principle residence exemption (PRE) should be 100%, if you own and occupy the property as your primary residence. Only one property can be claimed as a principle residence. Review the assessment, taxable value and PRE when the assessment notice is received in the mail. If you disagree with any of the information on the notice, you must appeal to the March Board of Review.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works strives to keep the roadways clear and safe as soon as the winter weather hits. It is important to stay clear of plow trucks. It can be extremely dangerous if the operator of the plow truck cannot see you, especially considering a plow truck weighs 17 times more than an automobile. A safe practice is to follow at least 4-5 car lengths behind plow trucks and give the operator plenty of room to do their job.

The time snow removal begins depends on the start and end times of the snowfall and its intensity. In a perfect situation snow plowing begins between 3-4 am. Streets are classified based on traffic volume. The major streets are plowed first followed by local streets, which include neighborhoods and subdivisions, then followed by cul de sacs.

Do not allow your children to play in snow piles near the street. Passing plow trucks could hit the snow pile injuring the children. Encourage children to use park facilities and or backyards for their snow activities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Make sure your chimney has been professionally cleaned and checked prior to using the fireplace this winter. Remember to dispose of any ashes from the fireplace in a safe way because ashes could still be hot and start a fire one or two days after the fire is out. If space heaters are used, make sure they are a safe distance from combustible items, such as curtains, bedding and or paper. Never leave a space heater unattended. Every house should have at least one carbon monoxide detector. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is a byproduct of fuel operated equipment including furnaces, hot water heaters and kerosene space heaters. If a carbon monoxide alarm goes off, leave the house immediately and call 911.

Required reporting can be found on 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).