

NEWSLETTER



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Utility Bills/Rate Increases

Effective 7/1/2024 residents will see an increase to their water, sewer and garbage rates. These rate increases are necessary to pay for the needed repairs for our water and sewer lines, some of which are being mandated by the state. You can **view the rate sheet comparison on our website.**



Note From the Treasurer

The deadline to pay summer taxes without a penalty is **August 15th, 2024**. Please note that we accept payments via check, cash, ACH and card (there is a 3% charge when using a credit card which goes to our credit card processor). The City can only take payments for summer and winter taxes until the last day in February. After that, all payments need to go to the County Treasurer located at the Dickinson County Courthouse.

Due to the recent changes with the postal service we'd like to remind you can **receive your bills via email by filling out the form.** You can also sign up to **pay bills using ACH** and your payment will be automatically deducted from your account on the due date.

SIGN UP



Kingsford Heights Project



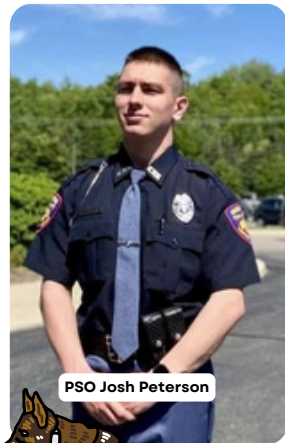
East Breitung Avenue Project

Department of Public Works

You may have noticed the orange cones, blocked off roads, heavy machinery and detours already but we have a handful of major infrastructure projects slated for this year and the following years to come. In June of 2018, the State of Michigan revised the Lead and Copper rule which required municipalities to inventory all water service lines and it was discovered that some, or all, of your drinking water service lines were made of galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead fitting or pipe have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water. As per State of Michigan regulations, the City is required to complete replacement of these service lines at the City's expense within 20 years beginning in 2018. **You can view details and updates for our projects as they are received on our website.**

Kingsford Public Safety

BIG NEWS! Since hiring 4 new officers to Kingsford Public Safety last year we have now added another officer, Joshua Peterson to the ranks. Joshua graduated from Oakland Community College Police Academy on May 23rd, 2024. Please join us in welcoming PSO Joshua Peterson to the department!



PSO Josh Peterson

Did you know that we will be adding a K-9 officer this year? His name will be SCOUT! Scout is a purebred Belgian Malinois and was donated to our department by an anonymous donor. We appreciate having this opportunity and what he will bring to our community! Scout will be serving the City of Kingsford and surrounding areas along with our 5 school districts!

For news and updates directly from Kingsford Public Safety be sure to **follow their facebook page.**



Note From the Assessor

The July board of review meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 at 4PM. The purpose of this meeting is to address clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact related to real and personal property assessments. Appeals may also be heard for current year only poverty exemption requests, but not poverty exemptions which were denied by the March Board of Review.

Reminder! With home improvement projects in full swing please make sure to **visit the assessing department page** in our website for the correct forms needed.



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Our Christmas event is **growing!!**
Are you Interested in volunteering at or sponsoring our Community Christmas Event? **Please contact Jennifer Castro**, 906-774-3526 ext. 3
Last year we had around 400 attendees who enjoyed music, games, and sweet treats! Details of the event will be posted on [our website](#) & [facebook page](#)!



Pictured: Mrs Claus & Santa with Hunter Reddinger at the 2023 Tree Lighting Event

CITY PARKS UPDATE

LODAL PARK

1. In case you didn't know, Kingsford's Lodal Park has four pickleball courts. The courts are just west of the current tennis courts and open for the public to play on. One of the fastest growing sports in the country, pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. It is played on a badminton-sized court with a tennis net, using a plastic ball with holes and a wooden or composite paddle. Pickleball can be played by two or four players, and is a fun, fast-paced game for all ages and abilities.

View this YouTube video for a good starting lesson.

2. We be putting in a volleyball court at Lodal Park. We are hoping this will be a great new addition to our park equipment
3. The Feeding America West Michigan Mobile Food Pantry will be operating from Lodal Park the following dates:

7/10/2024 - 9am

8/14/2024 - 9am

For more info on FAWM, **visit our website.**

FORD PARK

Thanks to the generous donation from Marty and Rick Lagina, received during our Centennial Event, Ford Park will have a new beautiful pavilion that includes lighting and electricity to be enjoyed for years to come!

Elections Department



Starting with the February 27th, 2024 Election, if you voted in person, you noticed if you vote in Precinct 2, your voting location changed. The polling location for Precinct 2 is the Kingsford City Hall Council Chambers. Both Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 are still separate but in the same location. There are a number of factors that resulted in the decision to move the precinct location some of them being:

1. **Since the passage of Proposal 2018-3, over 60% of voters now vote absentee. Early Voting is anticipated to account for almost 30% of voters in the future. This will result in a smaller margin of in-person voters on Election Day.**
2. **The cost of administering Elections has gone up significantly and combining the precinct locations helps eliminate extra unnecessary costs.**
3. **The Clerk and Deputy Clerk are on site during Elections to process same day registrations, discuss voter changes, and address any issues without having to leave one precinct to go to another.**

Any registered voter is eligible to request an absentee ballot. Please contact the clerk's office at 906-774-3526 ext. 6, stop in the City Hall to see Tanya OR **email the deputy clerk** to make your request. It is a fantastic way to vote and all absentee ballots are processed and tabulated on Election Day at the City Hall with a special team of Election Inspectors.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW in 2024 - EARLY VOTING ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Following the passage of Constitutional Amendment Proposal 2022-2 & Senate Bill 387 of 2023, we now have early voting for all statewide and federal elections which requires each municipality to provide nine (9) consecutive days of early voting for eight (8) hours per day. It was then decided county-wide that all of Dickinson County would vote at the Kingsford City Hall for early voting. Early Voting was a success with many noting how smooth & convenient the process was for them. The Early Voting time period includes 2 full weekends and 5 weekdays. If you are looking to avoid the lines, feel free to try it out!

Early Voting Prior to Tuesday, August 6, 2024 Primary Election:

Saturday, July 27 through Sunday, August 4 from 8am to 4pm

Early Voting prior to Tuesday, November 5, 2024 General Election:

Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3 from 8am to 4pm

Office Closings Garbage Day Changes

Thurs, Jul. 4 - Independence Day

Garbage: Mon, Tues, Wed (2 Trucks)

Mon, Sept. 2 - Labor Day

Garbage: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Thurs, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving

Fri, Nov. 29 - Day After Thanksgiving

Garbage: Mon, Tues, Wed (2 Trucks)

Tues, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Wed, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Garbage: Mon (2 Trucks), Thurs & Fri

Tues, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

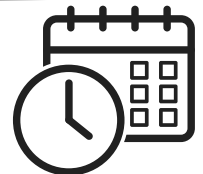
Wed, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Garbage: Mon (2 Trucks), Thurs & Fri

Garbage Schedule Explained:

*Mon, Tues, Wed (2 Trucks) means Monday & Tuesday remain the same, Wednesday will be normal Wednesday pick up and include Thursday's pickup as well.

*Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri means the schedule moves back one day for each location.



Important Dates!

Tues, Jul. 16 - July Board of Review 4pm

Sat, Jul. 27 - Sun, Aug 4 - Early Voting 8am - 4pm Daily

Tues, Aug. 6 - Primary Election Day

Thurs, Aug. 15 - Summer Taxes Due

Sat, Oct. 26 - Sun, Nov. 3 - Early Voting 8am - 4pm Daily

Tues, Nov. 5 - General Election Day

Thurs. Dec. 5 - Tree Lighting Event