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THE CLERK’S NOTES
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LARGE JUNK PICKUP—April 22
Cans/lids, NO refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners; NO items over five feet (5’) in length; NO auto parts, engines, tires, batteries, oil/diesel drums, gasoline; NO materials that are prohibited from disposal in TYPE II landfills (paints, solvents, oils, etc) Paint cans will only be accepted if they have been opened and paint is completely dried; NO propane/gas tanks; NO yard waste will be accepted; NO building material; NO Burning barrels/Ashes; NO dead animals; NO Medical Waste; NO hot tubs; NO iron/steel/cast iron; NO ammunition or fireworks; Mattresses/Box springs must be wrapped in plastic; broken windows/glass must be in a box taped shut and clearly marked, “broken glass” Small, loose items must be bagged or boxed & easily handled by two men; Have items out for pickup by 6:00am April 22 but not before April 19.

Note: Council Meeting’s Dates on page 4

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—Dan Staunton, Superintendent
621-3022

EMERGENCY ………………………………………………… 269-208-5238

¬ WATER SHUT OFF—If your water is shut off for non-payment and you want your water turned back on the same day, you must make your payment before 4:00 P.M. Any payments made after 4:00 P.M. will be turned on the next business day.
¬ HOUSE NUMBERS—Are your house numbers visible to emergency and city services personnel?
¬ STREET LIGHT OUT—If you notice a street light out, please report the pole number and location to AEP 800-311-6422
¬ SPRING REMINDERS—
  ¬ Hydrant Flushing—April 20-24
  ¬ Brush Pick-up—May 4-8
  ¬ Leaves Pick-up—May 11-15 Please separate leaves and brush before putting on tree lawns.
  ¬ Do not put grass clippings, leaves & brush in the street to block & clog storm drains.
  ¬ If you have a sewer back-up: call immediately for assessment.
  ¬ Do not dispose of medication using the sewer system, a Red Med Box is located at City Hall for disposal.

Lawn Makers make sure they are Clean & Working when you contact them for the spring & summer season. Call DPW for an appointment to have your meter checked.

Did you Know?
SIREN ALARM TONES
(3) THREE MINUTE STEADY SIREN = TORNADO WARNING
3 THREE UP & DOWN TONE = FIRE

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD
Hartford Public Library
www.hartfordpl.michlib.org
Strawberry Run—June 13
Info @ 621-3651
Strawberry Festival June 12 & 13
www.hartfordmichamber.org
Seeking Volunteers Contact: hartfordchamber@gmail.com 629-6303

Hartford Police—Jim Coleman, Ordinance Officer 621-3225

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS
OVERGROWN LAWS—Make provisions to mow your grass at least once a week. Grass grows a plan to have it mowed!
INOPERABLE/JUNK VEHICLES ON PROPERTY—Please make sure all vehicles stored on your property are currently licensed and operational. This can easily give the impression of blight or a property not well maintained. Please take pride in your property & the City of Hartford.

FREE RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND MAY 21-23 NO PERMIT NEEDED METAL PICK-UP—APRIL 20
Visit Smart911.com to read more about how this could help you, your family & pets.

2020 Election News—Are you registered to vote in the jurisdiction where you live? Go online to Michigan.gov/sos to check your registration status. March 10, Presidential Primary; August 4, State Primary. Need an absent voter ballot for the election, contact the clerk for application. Polls Open 7am-8pm at 15 S Maple St, His Place Community Center.

Water News—If you have a lot of outside water usage you may want to purchase an outside lawn meter for $100.00. This will allow you to receive a credit on the sewer portion of your water bill. Saving you $.45 per 1000 gallons.

February 24
April 27
July 27

Meetings are open to the public

2020 MONTHLY MEETINGS
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 18
June 22
July 27
August 24
September 21
October 26
November 23
December 21
MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND START AT 7:30 P.M.

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Avoid Late Fees—When the office is closed you can put your utility or tax bill in the drop box on the EAST side of City Hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
March 9 & 12, BOR 2pm-7pm
March 10—Presidential Primary Polls Open 7am-8pm
March 12-20—Census
May 18—Council Meeting
May 25—Memorial Day City Hall Closed
May 25—Memorial Day Parade 10am, Service to follow in Ely Park
June 11—Concerts in the Park 7:00pm
June 12 & 13—Strawberry Festival—Volunteers Needed
June 13—Strawberry Run
July 3—Independence Day, City Hall Closed

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Hello and Happy Spring! I just want to touch briefly on some previously reported subjects.

Property you either rent or own must be maintained to the standard of Hartford City Ordinances. Property must be free of trash and/or items such as tires, appliances, mattresses, trash, etc.

Lawns must be regularly mowed. Grass cannot be higher than seven (7) inches or more. We have had several recalcitrant offenders so this year, Property owners & residents will be given one (1) notice to mow. If not mowed in the allowed time a citation will be issued and the City will mow the property at the owner/ residents expense.

Also, please do not place Basketball apparatus by the road! We will be enforcing that ordinance as well! Your child’s safety is very important to us! One more reminder – please use sidewalks instead of the middle of the roadways and railroad tracks to walk on!

Now I have a new request! Please? Please make sure that your addresses numbers are readable from the roadway! In an emergency, it could be a matter of life or death!

If you are going to be going on vacation and would like a property check done on your home, please stop by the Hartford Police Department we have a form that you can fill out for the request. There is no time limit on when you have to do this! We would be more than happy to protect your property so that you have one less thing that you should have to worry about while you’re on vacation! The Hartford Police Department hopes you have a great Spring and Summer!!

Chief Tessa Beitrans

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Hartford Police—Tressa Beitrans, Chief of Police 621-3225—beitrant@cityofhartfordmi.org
I want to make sure everyone is well aware of the significance of the upcoming 2020 Census. We are going to need the participation of every city resident in order to get an accurate count because of the following reasons:

Participating in the census is required by law, so it is obligatory for everyone to register and be counted. A complete and accurate count is critical for our community because the outcome of 2020 will affect the funding our community receives, Congressional representation, and the distribution of other resources.

The Census provides critical data that lawmakers, Business Owners, School Districts and many others provide to daily services, product & support for individuals and our community. Every year, billions of dollars in Federal funding go to Hospitals, Fire Departments, Schools, Roads and other resources based on the Census data.

Any mistake, inaccuracies and misconduct that occurs during the census will stay with us for the next ten (10) years which could mean the loss of several millions of dollars.

It is very easy to get counted. Once you receive an invitation to participate, there are three ways to respond: Online, by phone or by mail. Invitation should be delivered between March 12-20, 2020. The City is partnering with Hartford Public Library for Assistance in filling out census forms and Computer Access. I hope everyone will try your very best to get counted, so that the City can receive an accurate count and the benefits that go with it.

OVERSIZE BRUSH LIMITS & BRANCHES—The City picks up brush and leaves at different times. Please make sure you separate the leaves from the brush. The brush must not exceed 4" in diameter. If you cut down a tree, it is your responsibility to get rid of the brush. Do not pile your brush against the fence, poles or trees. We try to help, but please help us in the process. MAY 8 is the LAST DAY for Spring City Brush Pickup. A permit will be required after May 8.

JOIN THE POTHOLE PATROL! Its Pot Hole season, the brutal winter weather is going to leave us with an abundant harvest of pot holes. Their size and depth, untreated with the freezing and thawing continues to take a heavy toll on our roads. We are going to need your help in reporting potholes to Public Works calling 621-3022. When reporting a pothole, please give the name of the street and the location of the pothole as accurately as possible. Your assistance is very important to us and we will have it repaired as soon as possible.

DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT? - When in doubt call us and we will let you know. Building without a permit is a violation of City Code with a severe penalty. A Building Permit is good for six months, call City Hall if you cannot finish the building within the six month time frame, do not leave your project unfinished.

HOME IMPROVEMENT—Did you know you can make improvements that enhance the value of your home, prolong its life and add to its value? There are several things you can do with the added cost of these improvements. Home owners make changes to their homes all the time to increase its value and comfort. A few examples are adding a room, remodeling, adding an addition, or making any other improvements that will enhance your home.

SPRING & SUMMER REMINDERS! UNREGISTERED & UNINSPECTED RENTAL PROPERTIES—Register your rental property & make an appointment for inspection. The inspection allows you to occupy an occupancy permit or gives you the opportunity to repair what makes your property deficient of code. Registration is only $5.00 and makes your rental property code compliant.

UNWANTED VISUAL OBSTRUCTION—Shrubbery growth near street corners cannot obstruct the view of drivers. Please trim your shrub to ensure that pedestrian and drivers can safely cross the streets without getting into an accident. This could be a serious safety issue, if not addressed.

Treasurer’s Desk — Pam Shultz—citytreasurer@cityofhartfordmi.org

City Officials
Mayor.............................................Richard A. Hall
Mayor pro-tem..................................John Miller
Commissioner.................................Ron Butters
Commissioner.................................Frank Dockter
Commissioner.................................Dennis Goss
Commissioner.................................Tony Tibbs
Commissioner.................................Hollan Sullivan
Assessor..Angela Story.................207-2950-264-2424
Ordnance Enforcement Officer........Jim Coleman
Building Inspector.........................Chuck Moore...569-0015
Electrician...Bob Winchester.........217-1866
Mechanical Inspector......Walt Devisser.....427-7543
Plumbing Inspector........Mike Fields........269-348-4368

Hartford Fire Dept—Chief Robbie Harting—hartfordfirechief@gmail.com

Tornado Information
According to the National Weather Service, April thru June is the tornado season for this area. It is important to always have a plan and to practice it with all family members.

The following information will explain the differences between a Tornado Warning and Tornado Watch. It is important to remember that for Tornado Warnings, there will be a 3-minute steady tone on the fire sirens (located on the City’s water tower) and will also be broadcast on local radio stations and TV stations. No Siren will sound for a Tornado Watch.

TORNOADO WATCH: A tornado watch is issued when weather conditions are such that a tornado could develop. Remember to stay tuned to the radio or the news on TV. TORNADO WARNING: THANK YOU Hartford Fire Department for providing the Community with an enriching variety of entertainment.

The Hartford Fire Department has FREE-SMoke ALARMS. The Hartford Fire Department in conjunction with the Red Cross has received FREE SMOKE ALARMS for Hartford residents. Some stipulations apply. To see if you qualify for a FREE SMOKE ALARM contact the Hartford Fire Department for more information at 269-621-4707.

Concerts in Ely Park
The 2020 Concert Series will be every Thursday at 7:00pm in Ely Park beginning June 11th and run through August 10th. Hartford Heritage Club for providing the Community with an enriching variety of entertainment.