



## **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SCOTT WITTBRODT**

I hope all you have had a wonderful spring and summer. Congratulations to all whose homes were recognized for The 2017 Mayor's Curb Appeal Award. They were as follows:

<b>Winners:</b>	<b>Honorable Mention:</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b> 116 Birney Street	702 Hart Street
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b> 208 Oakland Drive	311 Virginia Drive
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b> 1107 Borton Avenue	1304 Borton Avenue
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place:</b> 117 Main Street	305 May Street

First place received a \$100 gift certificate to VanOhtenham's Greenhouse. Second, third and fourth place received gift certificates provided by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in the amounts of \$50 and two \$25 respectively. Thank you to the DDA and VanOhtenham's for their generous donations. This is an annual event with the winners being chosen at the end of June each year. Please check the City's website( [www.essexville.org](http://www.essexville.org)) for the deadline to nominate properties for 2018.

Nominations for The Citizen of The Year Award are being accepted. If you would like to nominate someone for the 2018 award, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The nomination process has been simplified and only requires the completion of a one page form that can be obtained at City Hall or through the City's website. To be eligible for the award, a person must be a property owner, business owner or employee of the City of Essexville.

The high water level on the Saginaw River has kept the project to extend the clean-up of the shoreline of Smith Park from being completed this year. The plan is to replace the dilapidated cement with seawall from the end of the existing seawall to approximately halfway down the shoreline in 2018. A fishing pier is also to be installed at the park.

Chief Gutzwiller and Lieutenant House have recommended to the City Council that the current fire truck be replaced due to deficiencies with its operation. They have indicated that keeping the current fire truck in use prevents Public Safety from efficiently fighting fires and it is cost prohibitive to continue maintaining it. The Council has agreed that replacement of the truck is the best course of action. A new truck will be purchased in 2018 with a five year loan. Delivery is expected in March. To pay for that loan, the Council has increased the operating millage by 1.26 mills. This equates to \$1.26 per \$1000.00 of taxable value of your property. This increase will be seen on your winter property tax bill. Once the loan is paid, the Council expects to lower the operating millage by 1.26 mills.

Additionally, Chief Gutzwiller has revitalized the Neighborhood Watch program and has held two meetings. Please check the Public Safety Department's Facebook page to find out when and where the next meeting will be held.

The Water Transmission Line Project is moving along well and the transmission line is expected to be on line by the end of the year. I thank City Manager, Dan Hansford, and City Attorney, Jerry Pergande, for all their hard work to make this project come to fruition.

The Kids Safety Fest was held on September 30th and was well attended. Council member Jennifer Gradowski has organized this event for many years and put countless hours of work into making this year's festival a success. I commend her for all her effort. I thank Chief Gutzwiller and all the Public Safety Officers as well as Council Volunteers and all the staff from Public Works that worked the event. A special thanks to the DDA for sponsoring the event.

I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor in the coming year.



## **UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER DAN HANSFORD**

Dear Residents,

The contractors are finishing up the water line project and soon the line will be supplying water to Essexville directly from the new water plant in Bangor Township. Over all, the project went smoothly and without too many surprises. The completion date for the entire project is November 30, 2017. Both DVM and Rhode Brothers did an excellent job on this \$5.8 million dollar project. With the group of 14 owners of the new water plant agreeing to work together as one, the future for the entire Bay County water system looks very bright. In the near future you will all be getting the details of how this inter-jurisdictional co-operation will greatly benefit all of you in Essexville.

The Sewer Fund has not been operating at the level it should be for several years now and in September, under the managers suggestion, the City Council decided to add an increase of \$10.00 per quarter to each sewer customer in the City. This will help bolster the revenue for this fund. We are not allowed by State law to operate a revenue fund in a deficit. That is we can't allow the expenses to operate the sewer system exceed the revenue it generates so we needed to adjust the revenue. Council will review this fund's performance next September for any additional adjustments.

As we head into the 2017/2018 winter, here's hoping for a repeat of the mild winter like last year. The salt barn is full, the equipment is ready and the DPW men are cleaning up the leaves and cleaning the catch basins in preparation for the snow and freezing weather. Please try to keep your own sidewalks clear of snow and ice. If you're leaving the area for warmer climates don't forget to make arrangements for shoveling while gone.

The developer of Gateway Place, Ron Shorkey, has completed the development of this property by building the last two condos. This development has added some beautiful housing to our area.

Lastly, I want to wish all of you the best of holidays and a great 2018 to come! It's been a pleasure serving the people of Essexville as your Public Works Director and Manager for the last 10 plus years and I look forward to the future with all of you in this great community!

Thanks!

Dan



## **ELECTION NEWS FROM CITY CLERK SARAH WILCOX**

Thank you to our election inspector's, Public Works and the Public Safety Departments for their help with the November General Election. Congratulations to Adam Hughes, Dennis Rondeau and Russ Tanner for being elected to the City Council. Adam will be serving a partial term ending November 17, 2019 and Dennis and Russ will be serving a full 4 year term. I would like to thank Bob Mantei and Tom Rehms for their many years of service to the City of Essexville as Councilmembers.

**2018 Michigan Election Dates (Contact City Hall for more information)**

**Primary Election:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018

**General Election:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018



## TAX DEADLINES FROM CITY TREASURER FRAN DEWYSE

Your 2017 Winter Tax Bills are due without penalty by February 14, 2018. You may pay your 2017 Summer and/or Winter tax bills here at our office until Tuesday, February 28, 2018. Unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Bay County Treasurer on March 1, 2018.



## PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR - WILLIAM H. GUTZWILLER, SR.

- Please look for us on Facebook. The Essexville Public Safety Department will provide current and relevant information as needed to promote safety in our community through this media outlet. Also, please remember our Crime Tip Line if you would like to report possible criminal activity anonymously. Just dial our office number and choose the option for the Crime Tip Line.
- Any residents that need assistance in changing the batteries in their smoke alarms should call our office at (989) 892-2541. We will make arrangements for a Public Safety Officer to help make certain that the alarm is working properly.
- With winter on the way, we ask residents to remember that it is the homeowner's obligation to have snow cleared from the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours.
- Residents that may be leaving their home for the winter season may fill out a Vacation Information Sheet to request that Public Safety keeps watch of your property while you are away. The form is available at City Hall and on the City's website [www.essexville.org](http://www.essexville.org).



## WASTE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

The only changes in 2018 to your normal Monday or Tuesday pickup schedule will be as follows:

No collection on these Monday holidays. The collection schedule will be one day behind these weeks. Monday's collection will be Tuesday. Tuesday's collection will be Wednesday.

<b>New Year's Day</b>	Monday, January 1, 2018
<b>Memorial Day:</b>	Monday, May 28, 2018
<b>Labor Day:</b>	Monday, September 3, 2018

No collection on this Tuesday holiday. Waste Management will work Monday. They will be off Tuesday for the holiday and collect Tuesday's garbage on Wednesday.

<b>Christmas:</b>	Tuesday, December 25, 2018
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**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Put your live Christmas tree out by the street and it will be picked up on your regular trash collection day during the first two weeks in January. Trees must be free of garland and tinsel and cannot be in a bag of any kind. Regular yard waste will **not** be picked up during this time.

Please be aware, trash is not to be placed at the curb any earlier than 5 p.m. the day before your regularly scheduled collection day. All trash must be placed in trash bags. Please have the area and pathway around your container salted and cleared of snow and ice. Also, keep the container lids closed to avoid snow accumulation inside the container which adds excessive weight and takes up valuable room.



## YARD WASTE COLLECTION FOR 2018

Yard waste is picked up by Waste Management yearly from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember to mark your bins with Yard Waste Stickers (available at City Hall) or use brown yard waste bags.



## RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Recycle is picked up by Waste Management every other week. The schedule is outlined below. Remember to mark your bins with Recycle Stickers or request a Recycle Bin (both available at City Hall). Only one bin is provided to each household. Should you have questions about what can be recycled and how, please contact City Hall for information. Note: Junk mail may be recycled, but plastic windows in the envelopes must be removed.

<b>MONDAY SCHEDULE</b>					
January 1, 15, 29	February 12, 26	March 12, 26	April 9, 23	May 7, 21	June 4, 18
July 2, 16, 30	August 13, 27	September 10, 24	October 8, 22	November 5, 19	December 3, 17, 31
<b>TUESDAY SCHEDULE</b>					
January 2, 16, 30	February 13, 27	March 13, 27	April 10, 24	May 8, 22	June 5, 19
July 3, 17, 31	August 14, 28	September 11, 25	October 9, 23	November 6, 20	December 4, 18



## BRUSH SCHEDULE FOR 2018

The chipper will start on one side of the City and continue through until all streets have been serviced. Please make sure your brush is out **at the curb Sunday night after 5 p.m.** to ensure that you do not miss the service.

**April**  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 16<sup>th</sup>

**May**  
May 7<sup>th</sup>  
May 21<sup>st</sup>

**June**  
June 4<sup>th</sup>  
June 18<sup>th</sup>

**July**  
July 9<sup>th</sup>  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**August**  
August 6<sup>th</sup>  
August 20<sup>th</sup>

**September**  
September 10<sup>th</sup>  
September 24<sup>th</sup>

**October**  
October 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**November**  
November 5<sup>th</sup>  
November 19<sup>th</sup>