

CITY OF OLIVET



SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Corner – It's starting to look like spring!

April is the month when the city accepts petitions from those who'd like to run for a seat on the city council. Every two years, we elect three general members for the council and one person to serve as mayor. I have been in both positions and can attest that both are rewarding roles to play within the city, but they both require much responsibility.

For either position, it is most important that the person elected is disciplined enough to contact City Hall and the appropriate department heads each week for updates on activities and issues. Simply coming to council meetings each month is not enough to serve our city and its people well. To make good decisions at monthly meetings, members of the council must be thoroughly informed of the issues surrounding each decision and consider who each decision will impact. Council members need to be available to city employees for consultation and then trust them to do their jobs. We have excellent staff in all of our departments who are dedicated to improving city services as much as possible given our limited means.

If you are interested in running for one of the available positions, there are some informational packets at City Hall that describe some of the roles elected officials serve. Please feel free to pick up one of these and/or contact me or another council member for information. We'd be happy to answer your questions so you can have a better idea of whether you have what it takes to be a council member and whether now is the right time for you to serve.

As always, if you have comments or questions for me, you may contact City Hall to make an appointment or come by to see me during my office hours, most Mondays and Thursdays, 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hope to see you around town!
Laura

2019 CITY ELECTIONS – NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Nominating Petitions for Non-Partisan elected officers for the City of Olivet may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours.

The offices to be filled are: Mayor (2-year term) and three (3) City Council Seats (4-year term).

Petitions must be returned to City Hall by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.**

Qualifications for office are as follows:

1. Must have been a resident of the City of Olivet for the last 18 months.
2. Must be a Citizen of the United States and a registered voter in Olivet.
3. Shall not be in default to the City of Olivet.

EVENTS CALENDAR



APRIL

April 8 - City
Council
Meeting

April 22 -
Earth Day
Utility Bills
Due

MAY

May 12-
Mother's
Day



May 13 -
City Council
Meeting

May 27 -
Memorial
Day
(Office Closed)



JUNE

June 10 -
City Council
Meeting

June 16 –
Father's Day



Fire Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrants are scheduled to be flushed the week of **April 15th.**
If you notice changes in the water color or pressure, it is temporary.



Open Burning Regulations

"Open Burning" is the burning of unwanted materials such as paper, trees, brush, leaves, grass and other debris where smoke and other emissions are released directly into the air.

Michigan air quality and solid waste regulations prohibit open burning that creates smoke or odor nuisances. Residents may burn tree limbs, brush, stumps, evergreen needles, leaves, and grass in a safe manner once a Burn Permit is obtained from the City.

Burning of building materials or household trash is NOT allowed at any time.

More information is available on our website
www.cityofolivet.org

BURN PERMITS

The City of Olivet asks residents who wish to burn their lawn debris, to contact City Hall or the Burn Permit Line to request a permit prior to burning. The following information will be needed:

- First and Last Name of resident
- Phone number of resident with area code
- Address of burn site
- Start date of burn and for how many days (6 days maximum)
- Type of materials burning

City Hall (269) 749-4961
or
Burn Permit Line
(269) 280-5017



Did you know 3 out of 5 home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms? When was the last time you checked your smoke alarm or replaced alarms that were over 10 years old? 138 people died throughout Michigan in 2018 because they did not have working smoke alarms or did not have and practice their home fire escape plan.

The Olivet Fire Department will install new smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, upon request, in owner occupied homes. Please call (844) 978-4400 or email escape@wotv4women.com to schedule your installation.

QUARTERLY UTILITY BILL INFORMATION

- *Utility Bills are due on **April 22nd** this quarter.
- *Bills are considered past due on **April 23rd** and a 10% penalty will be added to balance due.
- *Red Tag Shut-off Notices will be rubber-banded to your front doorknob on **MAY 17th**. The amount due will be listed on the Red Tag and must be paid by **5:00 pm** on **MAY 20th** to avoid shut-off.



Police News

If you have not already done so, you **MUST** register your golf cart before operating it on the streets within the City Limits. Failure to register could lead to impoundment and/or a misdemeanor traffic citation. **NO OTHER TYPES OF SPECIAL VEHICLES, ORV or ATVs** can be registered with the city and **CANNOT** be operated on the roadway at **ANY TIME**. Rangers and like vehicles that are properly insured and made legal with the Secretary of State can be operated on the roadway and do not need to be registered with the City. Any questions call the Police Department at (269) 749-9961.



Please help protect and preserve our water quality. Use phosphorus free fertilizers as you prepare your lawns this spring.

Remember to Sweep It Up! Fertilizers and lawn clippings can not be swept into the roadway.

Please help keep Olivet clean!

Department of Public Works News

Debris from your spring outdoor cleanup can be taken to the compost site located at 4243 W. Butterfield Hwy. Site is open to residents 7 days a week. As a reminder, the leaf and grass area is on the right-hand side as you pull into the driveway. The brush area is farther back just before the tower. Please follow the signs for direction.

Building materials are not allowed at the site and if found may cause the City to close the program.