# THE CITY OF OLIVET





Winter 2024

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### Mayor's Corner

Happy new year!

I hope you're enjoying some of the many holiday opportunities of the season! Lots of traditions and events and people to enjoy—and quiet time with a book and hot chocolate can also be lovely!

I am very happy to continue serving the City of Olivet as mayor. I'd like to acknowledge Commissioner Steve Penny's many years on the City Council. Steve has stepped away from this role after serving most recently as Police Commissioner. In all decisions, he was considerate of those in our community, whether he knew them personally or not. All of us will miss Steve Penny's thoughtfulness. We now welcome Joe Davis to the Council as our new Police Commissioner! I am confident Joe will also serve Olivet well.

For your information, Eaton County is suggesting that communities having their local elections on the odd years switch to the even years to match the state and national elections. This would cut election costs and save time for election workers as well as save some of your time voting. So we'll be looking at this opportunity in the next year to determine a process that makes sense for Olivet and our voters.

Every year, we have new ideas to consider, long-time community values to support, and friends to greet on a regular basis. I hope 2024 is a great year for you and for the City of Olivet!

See you around town!

Laura

#### \* UTILITY BILL UPDATES \*

- ❖ Please remember it is your responsibility to keep your account information updated.
- ❖ Water bills are due on January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Payment plans are available. Reminder calls will not be made for payment plans.
- ❖ Four days before the shut-off date, red tags for delinquent accounts will be issued with a \$20.00 fee.
- Nonpayment will result in water shut-off on the date specified after red tags are issued.

### **JANUARY**

Happy New Year! City Offices Closed January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**City Council Meeting
7:00 pm

January 22<sup>nd</sup>
Utility Bills DUE

#### **FEBRUARY**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**City Council Meeting
7:00 pm

February 14<sup>th</sup>
Winter Taxes Due

February 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Early Voting for Presidential Primary Election

**February 27**<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary

Election at City Hall 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

### **MARCH**

March 11<sup>th</sup>

City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**City Hall** 

269-749-4961

Olivet Police

269-749-9961

Non-Emergency Police

517-543-3512

**All Emergencies** 

911



#### CITY HALL

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – 9am – 5pm Tuesday – 9am – 5pm Wednesday – 1pm – 5pm Thursday – 9am – 5pm Friday – 9am – 5pm



### POLICE BEAT

#### Properly prepare for a winter storm

- **Sign up for local alerts.**
- \* Know the difference between an advisory, watches, and warnings.
- **Winterize your home and automobile.**
- \* Safeguard critical documents.
- **\* Understand cold weather dangers.**
- **Stay indoors.**
- **B** Dress in layers.
- **Bring pets inside.**
- Never heat your home with cooktops, ovens, camp stoves, grills, or gas/propane heaters, and never use a generator inside.

#### WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are DUE February 14, 2024. After February 14, interest will be added to the amount due. Payments may be made in person, mailed to City Hall, dropped off in the mail slot of the City Hall door, or deposited in the City of Olivet Drop Box located outside of City Hall. If you would like a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or provide your email address.

### **Early Voting Site & Hours**

All qualified electors have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in the tabulator beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election. Early voting will be available at the early voting site for the hours listed below.

Early Voting Polling Location	Early Voting Hours	
Carmel Township Hall 661 Beech Hwy. Charlotte, MI 48813	Sat/Sun	8am - 4pm
	Mon/Tue/Wed	9am – 5pm
	Thur	Noon – 8pm
	Fri	7am – 3pm



## **DPW News**

Seasonal parking restrictions are in effect between 2 am and 6 am now through April 1<sup>st</sup> to make sure the roads are cleared for snowplowing.

The snow and ice season is upon us, so please clear your sidewalks. City policy says it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalk clear and to not put the snow in the roads when clearing sidewalks or driveways.



Olivet High School
Winter Homecoming
February 2<sup>nd</sup>



### MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>

Change your clocks

Davlight Saving Time



### Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

- Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source.
- Keep portable generators outside away from windows and as far from your home as possible.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance into an electrical outlet at a time and NEVER use with an extension cord or power strip.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents annually.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep them outside at least 10 feet from your home.
- Turn space heaters off and put fires out completely when you go to bed or leave.
- Install and test carbon monoxide and smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Have an escape plan and practice it.

Need a free smoke alarm? Call the Fire Department at 1-269-749-9106 or City Hall at 1-269-749-4961.