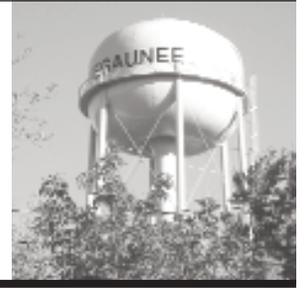




City of Negaunee Municipal News

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Voters renew city millages

Two renewal millages were put before the voters on Tuesday, November 7.

The Parks and Recreation Millage Renewal passed with a vote of Yes 797 to No 259. It is for a period of 20 years, from 2017 to 2036, both years inclusive, to be levied beginning December 1, 2017. The Capital Equipment Millage Renewal passed with a vote of Yes 838 to No 219. It is for a period of five (5) years, from December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2021, both years inclusive, to be levied beginning December 1, 2107.

There were three seats open on the Negaunee City Council. Two seats were for a three-year term expiring November 30, 2020 and one seat for an unexpired term ending November 30, 2018. Paul Maino was elected to the Council for an unexpired term ending November 30, 2018. David Kangas and Mike VanStraten were elected to the Negaunee City Council for three-year terms expiring November 30, 2020. The City thanks outgoing council members Toby Smith and Nick Visser for their years of service.

City Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Negaunee Senior Center. The public is welcome to attend and are asked to use the Tobin Street entrance.

There were four seats open on the Negaunee Board of Review. One seat for an unexpired term ending November 30, 2018 and three seats for three-year terms ending November 30, 2020. There were no candidates so the vacancies will be filled by City Council appointment.

Other City of Negaunee boards with openings include: the Commission on Aging, Library/Cable Editorial, Zoning, Local Officers Compensation, Personnel Board and Housing Commission. Residents interested in serving can stop by City Hall to obtain an application. The first round of appointments will be made in December. Details about when each board meets, who is currently seated on the board and other information is available at www.cityofnegaunee.com.

All results are final based upon Certification by the Marquette County Board of Canvassers.

Library group plans party

The Junior Teen Advisory Group (J-TAG) is holding a holiday party for local children at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 9 in the library. Children ages five to fifteen years are welcome to attend, make crafts, play board games and enjoy peanut-aware foods and refreshments.

The Negaunee Public Library will be closed December 23 through December 26 for Christmas. The library will again be closed December 30 through January 2, for in observance of New Years.

There are several weekly programs held at the library for children of various ages. Reading Rugsrats meets at 10:30 a.m. Mondays and is for babies and young toddlers. There is a builders storytime at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays for children ages three years and older. Children attending this storytime will hear a story and then use LEGOs and other blocks to create based on the story.

The Junior Teen Advisory Group (J-TAG) meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and is for motivated tweens ages ten to thirteen years. J-TAG allows young people to have a say in library programming. All children's events are free and open to the public. Children younger than seven years must be accompanied by a loving adult.

The Friends of the Library will hold its annual Valentine's Tea and Book Sale from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, in the library. The public is welcome to attend, enjoy refreshments and shop.

Winter property taxes payable now

The 2017 Winter Property Taxes were mailed out at the end of November, and are payable beginning December 1. They are due by February 14, 2018 to avoid penalty fee. In addition, all property and personnel property taxes must be paid by March 1, 2018 to the city treasurer.

Adopt-a-hydrant encouraged

The City of Negaunee is asking residents and business owners to pitch in and help clear the city's fire hydrants of snow and ice buildup and to claim the responsibility of shoveling out a fire hydrant after it snows.

Heavy snowfall can partially bury or block fire hydrants, and clearing out a hydrant is something that shouldn't take more than a couple of minutes. The City has about 250 fire hydrants, and is asking for the citizens cooperation in helping keep the them clear of debris and snow. Cleaning a three-foot circle around hydrants is recommended so firefighters can quickly locate and use hydrants in an emergency situation.

In the midst of winter snowstorms,

buried hydrants cause dangerous delays in the ability of fire fighters to respond to fire emergencies.

We are also reminding residents and businesses that while you've got that shovel out, check all the doors around your own home or business and make sure they're all clear to open, to not only ensure that medical responders would not be hampered in their ability to treat a patients, but in removing a patient and transporting to a medical facility.

Also as a reminder, please help older neighbors or those in need with shoveling walks and doorways, or encourage those 60 and older to contact the senior center at 475-6266 for snow shoveling assistance.

Winter parking ban reminder

Winter parking is now being enforced. Here are key points to remember:

- The Winter/Overnight Parking Ban runs November 1 through April 30, and is in effect from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m., *regardless of weather*. This ban includes all City roads, alleys, city-maintained sidewalks and city-maintained parking lots. For details, see Chapter 686 (686.05)

- City Right-of-Way: During the overnight parking ban months, drivers will not be ticketed for parking on City rights-of-way as long as no traffic hazard or other negative impact situation is being created. However, be advised that if you choose to

park on City right-of-way during these months, you do so at your own risk and the City is not liable for any damages. For full details, see Chapter 692 (692.03L)

- Make a phone call to save \$50: If your vehicle breaks down and is at risk for violating the overnight parking ban, notify the Negaunee Police Department at 475-4154 immediately, or, if the break-down happens after business hours, call Central Dispatch at 475-9912, leave your name and number and ask for an officer to contact you. Leaving a message is not appropriate as the officer on patrol may issue the ticket prior to receiving that message. You must speak directly with an officer to avoid being cited.

City Information

City Hall hours

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday

City phone extensions

475-7700

Ext. 17—Utility Billing

Ext. 16—City Treasurer

Ext. 11—City Manager

Ext. 15—City Clerk

Ext. 10—Police Department

Ext. 18—City Library

Assessor—225-8411

City Mailing Address

City of Negaunee

P.O. Box 70

Negaunee, MI 49866

After-Hour Assistance

Call (800)458-3132 or
visit www.cityofnegaunee.com
for forms, details and other
information at any time.

Police Department Activity

To review complete monthly
Police Department reports, visit
[www.cityofnegaunee.com/
policy.html](http://www.cityofnegaunee.com/policy.html) and click on
“Monthly Reports.”
To reach the police department
directly, call 475-4154.

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2017-18 Ice Arena Open Skating Schedule

Hours

Monday 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00-3:00 (adults only)

Wednesday 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Charges

Adult Admission \$5

Child Admission \$4

Adult Skate Rental \$5

Child Skate Rental \$4

Skate Sharpening \$6

Adult Pass \$100 for 25 Sessions

Student Pass \$75 for 25 Sessions

Hourly Ice Rentals for the Public

8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., M-F \$85/hr

2:30 p.m.-Midnight, M-S \$140/hr

Birthday Party Rental Rates

Public Rental of Conference

Rm/Party: \$60/Resident,

\$65/Non-Resident

Public Rental of Mezzanine/Party:

\$50/Resident, \$55/Non-Resident

October 14
through
March 4



City hall holiday hours announced

City Hall will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in observance of Christmas. In addition, it will be closed Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 in observance of New Years.

Glass items removed from recycling list

The Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority has removed

glass from the list of approved recyclables. Beginning January 1, 2018, residents shall place all glass in a curbside waste can, bin or receptacle.

Energy rebates now available online

A reminder to check out www.energycunited.com, which is a partner of the City of Negaunee, for information on energy savings.

Rebates are available on the site, as well as useful information as we head into the heating season.