



ITHACA HAPPENINGS: DID YOU KNOW?



• That Ithaca hosts a Mountain Bike Endurance Race at our Jailhouse Trail in McNabb Park? The 8-hour race took place last weekend, with nearly 40 participants, and ran from 4 PM until midnight. How can you not like some of the team entry names: “The Weasel Squeezers”; “Chasing Sasquatch”; “Physycle Assassins”; “Coming in Hot”; and “Fat & Single”? One of the advanced 2-person teams was able to log 105 miles in a winning time of 7:47:01! WOW!

• That McNabb Park hosted a huge Region 1163 Mid-Michigan AYSO Area 8-A soccer tournament on June 10 -11? Over 500 youth participated in the event and showcased how great our town is. We had all three area teams place in the tournament: GC United (U19) finished 3rd; Gratiot Sterlings (U12 Boys) finished 2nd; and the Gratiot Gunners (U10 Boys) finished 2nd!



• That the Remote Control (RC) Raceway in McNabb Park reopened this summer under a new management team? Last weekend the weather cooperated with the track’s scheduled July 15th race day and they filled 30 racer positions in six different vehicle classes. The next scheduled race day is Saturday, August 5th. Gates open at 7 AM; racing at 8 AM.

• That the Ithaca RC Raceway has been chosen to host the 5th & final round of the MI State Championship Series (MSCS) on October 6th & 7th? This race series travels to the best-of-the-best RC tracks in MI, N. Indiana & Ohio. This will be a large event & one that will showcase some of the top drivers in the multi-State area! Stay tuned for more updates related to the MSCS event.



• That Ithaca will be getting a new disc golf course this year in McNabb Park? We are starting out with an initial 9-hole layout, & hope to expand it to 18 holes in the near future. The City’s Parks & Recreation Plan identified disc golf as one of the up & coming sports, & the City Council has appropriated funding for the initial course. We’re in the early stages of designing the layout & purchasing the 9 new baskets. Can you say “Fore?”

• That McNabb Park will be receiving a wonderful new playground this summer? The new equipment is already ordered and will be installed within the next month. Again, the City’s Park & Rec. Plan had this as one if its priorities for McNabb and the City Council appropriated the funds for its construction. It will be located between the soccer fields just east of the new swing sets that were recently installed.



• That the 11th Annual Historic Old U.S.-27 Motor Tour will be stopping in Ithaca on Thursday, Aug. 24th from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM? We can anticipate around 300 classic vehicles to visit our fair city that day. The tour runs Aug. 21st thru the 27th, “Coldwater to Cheboygan - Border To Border!” and will feature 14 Cruise-Ins in one week!

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City Election Update



The City of Ithaca holds its City elections in each odd year to elect and fill the offices of Mayor and three City Councilpersons. Nominating petitions were due in April. The number of petitions received do not require a primary to be held. Therefore, there will be no August Primary. The General Election will be Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Here is some important information for voters:

- ◆ October 10, 2017 is the Last Day to Register to vote for the General Election (you may register to vote if you are 17 years of age, but will be 18 years of age by election day).
- ◆ October 27, 2017 by 4:00pm is the filing deadline for Write-In Candidates to file their Declaration of Intent Forms
- ◆ September 23rd—November 6th Absentee Ballots are available for qualified electors
- ◆ November 4, 2017 City Hall will be open for electors to obtain absentee ballots from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Contact the City Clerk for more information: clerk@ithacami.com or (989)875-3200 or visit our website at www.ithacami.com

The 16th Annual Ithaca Hometown Fun Fest

Returns October 7, 2017. More information on events and activities to come. Visit www.ithacami.com for the most up-to-date information.

Old US-27 Motor Tour

The Motor Tour will be in Ithaca from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Thursday August 24, 2017 Downtown Ithaca.

Back To School

School starts Tuesday September 5, 2017. Please slow down and be alert for children crossing the streets.

Crossing guards will be assisting students at select crossing points. Vehicles must come to a complete stop and wait for the children and crossing guard to clear the street before proceeding.



**Ithaca Farm
Market
Saturday's
8:00 - 1:00 PM**

A message from our DPW

We would like to remind residents that property owners need to maintain their property in keeping the weeds and grass under control, and the property up to code.



This includes the "right of way" area between the sidewalk and the street. Please remember that grass clippings should not be blown into the street as they can clog City drains. Brush and leaves may be taken to the City disposal site located at the end of Meadow Lane off of South Saint Johns Street.

Ithaca is a beautiful town, and we take great pride in our community. The DPW staff and the City of Ithaca greatly appreciate all you do to help keep our community looking great!

Out of Recycle Bags??

Recycling bags may be requested once per year directly from Granger. **Simply call 1-888-9GRANGER (1-888-947-2643) or email info@grangernet.com to request**



additional bags. If you need more than 50 bags during a one-year period, you can purchase them from local retailers or online. Ric's, Alma True Value Hardware, Meijer and Kroger all have them in stock. Just be sure they are blue bags, specifically labeled as "RECYCLING" bags.

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- That one of our local Boy Scouts, Edward Howell for his Eagle Scout service project, built and installed new benches and directional signage in Woodland Park for our very popular Dog Park? The City's Public Works crew made some other upgrades to the park last fall, too, including relocating the entrance gate vestibules for both the large & small dog sections. Other play structures for the enclosure are in the design phase and will be added when our crew can complete their construction.



- That another of our local Boy Scouts, Cavun Beck, is planning on building a "GaGa Ball" or "Octoball" court in Woodland Park this fall? Whatever you call it, GaGa is a form of dodgeball that originated in Israel in the 1970s. Players start in a "pit", an octagon-shaped court, hitting and rolling the ball with their hands to eliminate other players. When players are hit below the waist, they are out, but players can always re-enter the game by catching a ball from the sidelines.

Now, who says there's not much going on in Ithaca for all to participate in? Get out and enjoy your town and its many beautiful facilities and make the best of the rest our awesome Michigan summer!

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Summer property taxes are mailed out August 1st and are due September 30th without penalty.

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billing  Water &
Sewer Bills
By Email

Contact City Hall for more information.