

Winter  
2026

# ~ MUNICIPAL VIEWPOINT ~

*Cherishing Our Past...Living for the Future*



Winter Hours - September 2, 2025 thru May 3, 2026

Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

Summer Hours - May 4, 2026 thru September 7, 2026

Monday - Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am to Noon

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## Police Services Moving Forward in 2026

The City of Ithaca would like to update residents on police services moving forward. The Gratiot County Sheriff's Department will continue to provide law enforcement coverage for the city. Residents should feel confident that police services remain in place and that public safety continues to be a priority.

For **emergencies**, continue to call **911**. For **non-emergency police needs**, please contact **Central Dispatch's non-emergency number (989) 975-7505**, and dispatch will ensure the appropriate law enforcement response. You can also still contact the Sheriff's office (989) 875-5211

The City of Ithaca will continue to handle **city ordinance-related matters during normal City office hours**, including concerns such as **blight and property maintenance issues, noise complaints, and other local ordinance questions**. For ordinance concerns or questions please contact Zach Foster in our code office at 989-875-3200.

The city appreciates the continued partnership with the Gratiot County Sheriff's Department and will keep residents informed of any future updates regarding police services.



Gratiot Safe

Gratiot County Safety App

Free

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RAVE Alert is Gratiot County's official emergency alert and notifications system. This system is used to send alerts to the public during emergencies. RAVE Alert is a free service that allows you to sign up online to receive customized alert text, email, and voice messages. In addition to emergency alerts, you can also choose to receive customizable community notifications. These include notifications about severe weather, safety, health, utility disruptions, major traffic incidents, and more. This service is provided by Gratiot County 9-1-1 at no cost to the public; however, message and data rates may apply. To register for RAVE Alert via text message, Text GC911 to 67283 or visit [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) or download the Smart911 app today!

## Would You Like to Give Back to Your Community?

If you would like to give a few hours of your time and expertise, we would like to hear from you! The City is currently accepting applications for appointment to the following Board and Commission vacancies. Please submit your application to City Clerk Cathy Cameron by mail to City Hall or by emailed to [clerk@ithacami.com](mailto:clerk@ithacami.com).

Planning Commission	2 positions - Term ending 6/30/26 & 6/30/28 - Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Downtown Development Authority	2 positions - Term ending 6/30/28 & 6/30/29 - Meets 2nd Tuesday Quarterly @ 10:30 AM
Board of Review	2 positions - Term ending 6/30/26 & 6/30/27 - Meets March, July and December

### To be eligible for these positions, you must be:

- 1) An elector of the City; (The Planning Commission, DDA and Library Board have limited positions for non-electors of the City.)
- 2) Shall have been a resident of the City for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the election
- 3) Must have such qualifications at the time of his/her appointment.

The City shall not have power to give any official position to one who is in default to the City.



Applications are available on the city website

## Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 2nd** – Groundhog Day
- **February 14th** – Valentine's Day
- **February 14th** – Property Tax Due
- **February 16th** – Presidents Day
- **February 17th** – Random Acts of Kindness Day
- **February 28th** – Last day to pay Property Tax at City
- **March 8th** – Daylight Savings Time
- **March 17th** – St. Patrick's Day
- **March 20th** – Spring begins



### ~Cemetery Clean Up & Decorating~

Cemetery clean up is April 1 - April 30 of each year. All decorations which are not removed by April 1st shall be considered abandoned and will be disposed of by the cemetery management.

Decorating resumes May 1st. All grave decorations must be within twelve (12) inches of the stone. Glass containers and artificial flowers placed in the grass are prohibited. Plantings shall be permitted only under supervision of the Cemetery Sexton. Planting of hedges, rosebushes and/or thorny vegetation is strictly prohibited.

### ~Cemetery Lots~

Several lots are still available in the old section of the cemetery and lots are now for sale in the new section. Pricing for the new lots includes the cost of the foundation.

For pricing or more information call City Hall at: 989-875-3200

With winter weather here, we are prepared for the snow and ice. The DPW Crew starts plowing and salting the streets during the early hours of the morning. The priority order for clearing snow are the major streets, local streets, downtown and city buildings, alleys and clearing snow piles out of intersections.

By city ordinance, it is the property owner's responsibility to clear the snow and ice from the sidewalk that is front of their property. We (and the postal carriers) appreciate residents who clear their walkways and keep fire hydrants clear of snow in case of emergencies. When clearing your driveway, please do not push snow out into the street.

City ordinance states that no vehicle can be parked on the streets during the hours of 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM. We appreciate your cooperation.



Submit your art for the 2026

Downtown Banner Project.

Submission deadline is March 2, 2026. Forms will be available at

City Hall, Thompson Home Public Library, Ithaca banking institutions & on the city website in the near future.



Join the Ithaca email list to receive our Constant Contact Newsletter with local business updates and community information on our website at: [www.ithacami.com](http://www.ithacami.com)



### Keeping Our Residents & Community Informed

Stay up-to-date on all City information including:

- ▶ Financial Reports & Fiscal Health
- ▶ City Council meeting dates, minutes and information
- ▶ Downtown Development District
- ▶ Employment opportunities
- ▶ Trash Service and utility information
- ▶ Parks, Library and other City services
- ▶ Events & Festivals

Visit the City of Ithaca website for more information

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### ~PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE~

Just a reminder that property taxes are due by **Saturday, February 14th** without penalty.

Payments can be made by mail, in person, on the City website or the after-hours drop box.

We accept cash, check or money order, debit/credit cards and eChecks\*.

(\*fees apply to debit/credit cards & ecChecks)

**2025 taxes are payable at City Hall through**

**February 28, 2026**

(Since both of these dates fall on Saturday, payments will be accepted on Monday, February 16th and can be paid through Monday, March 2nd)