

Spring  
2026

# ~ MUNICIPAL VIEWPOINT ~

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



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

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

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

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

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## Staying Connected: Alma Transit Service Available to Ithaca Residents

For residents of Ithaca, getting around the region is easier than ever thanks to the continued service of the Alma Transit Center (ATC). Offering reliable, affordable transportation throughout the area, ATC plays an important role in helping residents stay connected to work, appointments, shopping, and neighboring communities.

Alma Transit Center proudly serves not only the City of Alma, but also Ithaca, St. Louis, and Pine River Township. This expanded service area ensures that Ithaca residents have access to safe and dependable public transportation options close to home.

Operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., ATC provides flexible scheduling for riders throughout the day. The Transit Center lobby is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., while the dispatch center is available until 6:00 p.m. to assist with ride scheduling. Please note that services are closed on holidays observed by the City of Alma.

Affordability remains a key priority. Children under the age of five ride free when accompanied by an adult, while fares for ages 5 to 64 are just \$2.00 per ride. Seniors ages 65 to 74 can ride for \$1.00, and those 75 and older ride free. In addition, individuals with disabilities are eligible for a reduced fare of \$1.00 per ride, ensuring accessibility for all members of the community.

To make transportation even more convenient, riders can choose how they book their trips. The optional "AlmaTransit" mobile app, available for download on both Apple and Android devices, allows users to schedule and cancel rides, as well as pay electronically using a linked credit card. For those who prefer a more traditional approach, rides can still be arranged by calling the dispatch center, with payment accepted in cash either on the bus or at the Transit Center.

A newer feature designed to enhance the rider experience is ATC's notification system. By having a valid phone number on file, riders can receive a call or text message when their bus is approximately 15 minutes away, as well as when it arrives at their pickup location. This added convenience helps reduce wait times and provides peace of mind, especially during Michigan's unpredictable weather.

Residents are encouraged to ensure their account information is up to date to take full advantage of this feature. For those who may not have a phone number on file, service is still available, and staff are happy to assist with any questions.

Alma Transit Center remains committed to meeting the transportation needs of Ithaca and surrounding communities. For more information or assistance, residents can contact the Alma Transit Center at 989-463-6016.

With dependable service, affordable rates, and rider-friendly features, ATC continues to be a valuable resource.

*—helping keep Ithaca residents connected every day.*





## A Few Tips to Help Keep Our Community Looking Great

- ▶ **Grass Clippings** - Please keep grass clippings away from the street to avoid plugging drains and catch basins.
- ▶ **Tree Trimming and Clear Vision** - If you have trees or shrubs that hang over the sidewalk, please trim them back to allow safe walkways. On corner lots, make sure any trees, bushes and landscaping are maintained to allow for clear vision for all vehicles and pedestrians.
- ▶ **Leaves** - Please do not rake leaves to the curb during the Spring months. The City does not have a leaf collection program in the Spring as it does in the Fall. Residents may dispose of leaves and yard waste at the City brush pile located on the South East corner of town at the end of Meadow Lane Estates. There are two piles which are labeled with signs. The Southern pile is for the disposal of tree limbs, brush & brush trimmings. The Northern pile is for the disposal of grass, plants (no rootballs), cut flowers and leaves.
- ▶ **Yard/Garage Sale and Political Campaign signs** - Must be placed behind the sidewalk and permission must be given by the property owner before placing the sign. Signs are not allowed on utility poles, street signs, streetlights, trees, or corners of alleys and streets. Please refrain from parking vehicles downtown to advertise sales.
- ▶ **Cemetery Decorations** - New decorations are allowed starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Any grave decorations must comply with the updated Cemetery Ordinance. All flowers, including artificial must be in a urn on the foundation. All glass, ceramic, or like breakable material of any type is strictly prohibited. Arches for hanging baskets and shepherd hooks are not permitted. The City will remove all items not in compliance without notice. The ordinance can be viewed on the city website: [www.ithacami.com](http://www.ithacami.com)



### ▶ Notice to Ithaca Property Owners, Tenants & Public

City code requires that grasses & noxious weeds not exceed eight (8) inches of height on any property in the City of Ithaca. Weeds and grasses not cut by May 1, 2026 will be cut by the City as many times as necessary and the property owner charged accordingly Please see the city website for complete Property Maintenance Code.



### ITHACA DUST OFF CAR SHOW

Sunday, May 17th 12pm - 4pm

Downtown Ithaca

Cars, Trucks, and Motorcycles Welcome!!

\$10 Entry Fee

Cash Drawings and Door Prizes

~Live Music~

For More Info call: 989-601-0602



### Are you planning a Home improvement project?

Zoning permits are needed for projects such as new additions, decks, garages, sheds and fencing.



Be sure to stop at City Hall to fill out your zoning application before you begin your project.

### All City Offices will be closed for the following holidays:

Good Friday - April 3rd

Memorial Day - May 25th

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Book your next event at the ~Ithaca Community Center~

Monday - Friday \$80 (4 hrs.) or \$150 all day.

Saturday - Sunday \$120 (4 hrs.) or \$200 all day.

Both require a \$50 refundable deposit

Visit the city website for Reservation Forms and Rental Policy  
[www.ithacami.com](http://www.ithacami.com)  
or call 989-875-3200



## ITHACA



## FARMERS MARKET

Opening day for the Farmers Market this year is May 5th. We look forward to our previous vendors returning and are always looking for new vendors to join us in Downtown Ithaca under the pavilion located at Center & Pine River Streets.

The Farmers Market for 2026 will continue to be on **Tuesday's from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm**. There is **NO VENDOR FEE** this year, however, the vendor must fill out a Registration Form and submit to City Hall before the market day in which the vendor plans to attend. Vendors will be assigned a space when registered each week. A pdf of the Registration Form and packet can be found on our website at: [www.ithacami.com](http://www.ithacami.com).

As we look forward to a new season we hope to provide a variety of locally grown seasonal fresh produce, plants, flowers, homemade baked goods, jams & jellies, handmade local crafts and much more! If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us, please pass this information on.

If you have homegrown or homemade items you would like to share with our community and surrounding area please contact:

DDA Coordinator Shelly Moffit at 989-875-3200 or by email at: [dda@ithacami.com](mailto:dda@ithacami.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 4th** - Easter Egg Hunt - Woodland Park 11am

**May 5th** - Opening day of Farmers Market, Tuesday's from 2pm - 6pm

**May 17th** - Dust Off Car Show, 12pm - 4pm Downtown Ithaca

**May 25th** - Memorial Day Service & Parade, 10am at All Wars Memorial

**June 14th** - Flag day

**June 17th - 21st** - Gratiot Ag Expo at the Ithaca Fair Grounds, McNabb Park