Summer 2023

# ~ MUNICIPAL VIEWPOINT ~

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Summer Hours - May 8, 2023 thru September 3, 2023

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

Winter Hours - September 4, 2023 thru May 3, 2024

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

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# ~ CITY OF ITHACA SUMMER PROJECTS ~

### STREET REPAVING:

- North Street (N. Pine River St.- N. Elm St.)
- Seaver Street (N. Pine River St.- N. Jeffery St.)
- Nelson Street (E. Arcada St. E. North St.)
- East Emerson Street (N. Main St. N. Jeffery St.)

### **PARKING LOT SEAL COATING:**

- City Parking Lot (Farmer's Market area)
- City Hall Parking Lot



# **CORNER PATCHES:**

- N. St. Johns & Emerson Street
- Industrial Parkway & Avenue A

#### MDOT:

**US 127 Business Route**. The sidewalk ADA ramps have already begun. Next will be the resurfacing from E. Emerson Street to Barber Street, and will include our business loop from Center Street to Pine River Street.

**WATERMAIN:** The DPW crew will be installing a new watermain on Gwinner Street (E. Center Street – South Street). They will also continue their work around town investigating and replacing lead service lines.

The city has been working on ordinance updates, including the two below that will be a part of a Public Hearing held at City Hall on August 15, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

# ~ ORDINANCE UPDATES ~

## 1. Chapter 10: Cemetery Rules

In order to help keep the cemetery safe, clean and respectful of other's space a couple highlighted changes are:

- Grave decorations must be within twelve inches of the face of the headstone. An edging is required for any ground covering and also must be within twelve inches of the face of the headstone.
- ♦ Any arches or shepherd hooks will be strictly prohibited.
- No person or group shall place or use glass, ceramic or like breakable material for decoration in the cemetery.

Individuals will be given ample time to adhere to the changes, but should have all shepherd hooks, and breakables removed by April 1, 2024.



## 2. Chapter 16: Fire Prevention and Protection

The burning of leaves and grass will be prohibited moving forward. The city has a leaf vacuum truck that picks up leaves during the fall season, and there is also a brush pile at the end of Meadow Lane where residents can take their yard waste (leaves, brush, grass clippings). Campfires will still be allowed and a section has been added in the ordinance to, officially, include recreational fires.

§16-33 Leaves, grass clippings, dead grass, hedges, weeds.

No person shall burn or cause to be burned the following types of materials: leaves, grass clippings, hedges, weeds or other similar types of materials.

**§16-35** Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are permitted and shall be confined to a fire pit, ring, or other wood burning device.

§16-36 Outdoor Furnaces

Outdoor furnaces will be prohibited. Those that exist before the adoption of this section will be grandfathered in and allowed.

The current ordinances are on our website and the drafts with the proposed changes are posted on the home page. The amended versions will be posted after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 24th—Old US 27 Motor Tour Downtown Ithaca 11:15am—1:00pm

August 28th—School starts for Ithaca students

**September 4th**—Labor Day





September 8th—Ithaca Promotional Committee Golf Outing—North Star Golf Course

September 16th—Chamber Agri-Fit Challenge— McNabb Park

September 30th—Summer Property Taxes Due

October 13—Ithaca Homecoming







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October 13 & 14—Community Garage Sales, Flea Market 13 & 14, Hometown Festival 14,

Quilt Exhibition/Raffle (Dates TBD)















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 Estates off of South Saint Johns Street.

We have crushed concrete and asphalt for sale for \$30 a yard and may be purchased at city hall. 989-875-3200 for more information.



Let's Celebrate the **Ithaca Fire Department** 150th ANNIVERSARY



FIRDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023 **LIGHT PARADE** 

**8PM - DOWNTOWN ITHACA** 



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023 **9AM - 2PM** ITHACA FIRE HALL 130 W. CENTER ST.

Activities for the whole family! "Fire truck rides" "Bouncy house" ~Information station~ "Hotdogs and chips" "Face painting" ~Popcorn~







The City of Ithaca will not have an August Primary Election in 2023. The next Election for the City of Ithaca residents will be the Local General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Visit the city website for more information on how to register to vote, absentee voting and a link for the Michigan Voter Information Center.

Contact the City Clerk at 989-875-3200 or by email at clerk@ithacami.com.