

Winter  
2024

# ~ MUNICIPAL VIEWPOINT ~

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



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

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

Summer Hours - May 6, 2024 thru September 2, 2024

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

Friday 8:00am to Noon

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## 2024 Elections & Voting

- ▶ Presidential Primary Tuesday, February 27, 2024
- ▶ Primary Election Tuesday, August 6, 2024
- ▶ General Election Tuesday, November 5, 2024

EARLY VOTING



VOTE BY MAIL



ELECTION DAY VOTING



In November of 2022, Michigan Voters passed Proposal 22-2. Included in the proposal are new options for voting as offered below.

### New Early Voting Option

All qualified electors have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in the tabulator beginning the **second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election**. **Gratiot County Early Voting Polling Location is the Gratiot County Commission on Aging Building located at 515 S. Pine River Street, Ithaca.**

Fill out an application to vote – these will be available right when you walk into the Election Center. Show your photo ID to a worker. If you are not in possession of a photo ID, you can fill out an affidavit on the back of the application. After you are done marking your ballot, take it to the tabulator. Ballots are inserted into the tabulator – just like on Election Day. Early Voting results are totaled at the close of polls on Election Day.

### Vote By Mail - Absentee Voting

During an Election season, you can request an absent voter ballot at the city clerks office or online through the Michigan Voter Information Center at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote). In accordance with Michigan Election Law, we can mail your ballot until 5:00 pm on the Friday before election day.

City Hall will be open on the Saturday, prior to an election from 8 am to 4 pm to obtain an absent voter ballot in-person as well as assist with any other Election related needs. In addition, on the Monday prior to the Election, you can obtain an absent voter ballot in-person until 4:00 pm, however, you must vote the ballot there; you are not permitted to take the ballot with you.

Return your voted absentee ballot by mail, in-person at City Hall, or by using our new official Absentee Ballot Drop Box. This box is located by the entrance door of City Hall.

### New Permanent Ballot List

To request that your name be added to the Permanent Ballot List, check the box on the application for an Absent Voter Ballot. You will automatically receive a ballot for every election to your registered address. You will no longer need to fill out an application to receive a ballot.\* If you are going out of town, you will need to contact the Clerk's office as ballots do not forward.

*\*Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.615c) requires that voters indicate in writing which political party ballot they wish to vote. This requirement only applies to Presidential Primary elections.*



**Election Day Voting – Polls are open 7am – 8pm**  
Election Center is the Ithaca Community Center located at  
**120 N. Maple Street, Ithaca.**

### New Drop Box Location:

**Ithaca City Hall**  
**129 W. Emerson St.**



## Save These Dates

- February 2nd – Groundhog Day
- February 14th – Valentine's Day
- February 14th – Property Tax Due
- February 19th – Presidents Day
- February 17th – Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 27th – Election Day
- February 29th – Last day to pay Property Tax at City
- March 10th – Daylight Savings Time
- March 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- March 19th – Spring begins
- March 29th – Good Friday
- March 30th – Easter Egg Hunt
- March 31st – Easter



## 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
- ▶ Property Assessing & Taxes



Visit the City of Ithaca website for more information  
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### 2023 NEW BUSINESSES

- The Exchange Beauty + Wellness
- Farmers Insurance-Karen Smith Agency
- Wagon Wheel Café
- Biggy Coffee
- Roselyn's Boutique
- Small Town Cabin Gift Shop
- Lace & Grace Clothing Company
- The Bulldog Group - Five Star Real Estate
- Ellens Equipment (New Location)

### PRIDE AWARDS

- Thompson Home Public Library
- City of Ithaca Fire Hall
- The Exchange Beauty + Wellness
- Farmers Insurance– Karen Smith Agency



The Ithaca Promotional Committee Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Woodland Park Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m.

Watch for details to come on the IPC Facebook page at:

[www.facebook.com/ithacamipc](https://www.facebook.com/ithacamipc)

### PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE

Just a reminder that property taxes are due by **Wednesday, 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.

2023 taxes are payable at City Hall through February 29, 2024.



Submit your art for the 2024 Downtown Banner Project.

Submission deadline is March 1, 2024. Forms are available at City Hall, Thompson Home Public Library, Ithaca banking institutions & on the city website.



**ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH  
 IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY**



Now that winter is finally here why not enjoy some outdoor activities. Woodland Park offers the best sledding hill in the county! Enjoy the snow with your kids doing this favorite winter activity during the daylight or evenings. The hill is lit up for your safety.

Snow clearing and removal is the primary task that faces our Department of Public Works during this time of year. The priority level of clearing snow is the major streets, local streets, downtown and city buildings, alleys, clearing snow piles out of intersection ends. By City ordinance, it is the property owner's responsibility to clear the snow and ice from the sidewalk that is in front of their property. We (and the postal carriers) appreciate residents who clear their walkways. When clearing your driveway, please do not push snow out into the street. There is no parking on the city streets between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Your cooperation is helpful to the success of our snow removal efforts. ❄️