

Spring
2025

~ MUNICIPAL VIEWPOINT ~

Cherishing Our Past...Living for the Future



Winter Hours - September 3, 2024 thru May 2, 2025

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

Summer Hours - May 5, 2025 thru September 1, 2025

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

Friday 8:00am to Noon

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BOARDS AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

If you would like to give a few hours of your time and expertise, we would like to hear from you! The people of Ithaca are what make this a great community and help it to run efficiently. The City is currently accepting applications for appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Planning Commission	2 Positions	3 Year Term	Meets 2nd Tuesday of the Month <i>(as needed)</i>
Board of Review	2 Positions	3 Year Term	Meets in March, July and December
Downtown Development Authority	2 Positions	4 Year Term	Meets 2nd Tuesday of March, May, August and November
Thompson Home Public Library Board	1 Position	5 Year Term	Meets Every Other Month
Zoning Board of Appeals	n/a	3 Year Term	Meets 4th Thursday of the Month <i>(as needed)</i>

Eligible applicants must be an elector of the City of Ithaca and shall have been a resident for a period of not less than one year* and must not be in default to the City. **Not a requirement for DDA*

Applications will be accepted through June 30th or until a vacancy is filled.

Terms run from July 1st through June 30th of each year. Applications are available at City Hall or on the City website:

www.ithacami.com please drop off or email to clerk@ithacami.com.

CITY COUNCIL – NEXT ELECTION YEAR 2025

Elected City Council positions:

Each odd year, the electors of the City vote for their elected officials for the City Council. All positions are non-partisan and elected from the city at-large. The City Council shall exercise all of the legislative and policymaking powers of the city and shall provide for the performance of all duties and obligation imposed upon the city by law. Compensation shall be set by the City Council on a per meeting, actual attended basis. The regular meetings of the City Council are the first and third Tuesday's of each month, and others as needed.

The Elected Offices are:

- Mayor (2-year term)
- City Councilperson (3 positions: 4-year terms)

To be eligible for these positions, you must be:

1. An elector 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.
4. May not be in default to the City when taking office.

To run for City Council....

- ▶ Candidates are nominated by petitions, complying with the requirements of Michigan Election law.
- ▶ Petitions are obtained from the City Clerk.
- ▶ Petitioner must obtain not less than 2% (estimated 46) and not more than 4% (estimated 91) signatures of the registered electors in the City. Petitioners may not pay a fee in lieu of obtaining signatures.
- ▶ Petitions must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:00pm on April 22, 2025.

Election Dates: **Primary: August 5, 2025** **General: November 4, 2025**

****Contact City Clerk Cathy Cameron for more information****

989-875-3200 ext. 304 or clerk@ithacami.com



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.



ITHACA DUST OFF CAR SHOW

Sunday, May 18th 12pm—4pm

\$5 Entry

Enter Show on North Pine River St.

Tire Voucher, Grand Prizes, Cash Drawings, Veteran Drawing & More!



Music by: Monique Doolittle



For More Info call: **989-763-1063**



Beginning **May 5th** through **May 8th**, (weather permitting) the DPW will begin flushing fire hydrants. You may experience low water pressure and/or discolored water during this process.

- ▶ **Cemetery Decorations** - New decorations are allowed starting May 1st. 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



PUBLIC NOTICE ▶ **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, 2025 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.



April 19th - Easter Egg Hunt - Woodland Park 11:00 a.m.

May 6th - October 14th - Ithaca Farmers Market every Tuesday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

May 18th - Dust Off Car Show 12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

May 26th - Memorial Day Service 10:00 a.m. - All Wars Memorial, courthouse lawn

June 14th - Flag day

June 18th - 22nd - Gratiot Ag Expo, Ithaca Fairgrounds, McNabb Park

July 4th - Independence Day

Are You Planning a Home Improvement Project?

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

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

Applications are also available on the City's website.

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FARMERS MARKET

Opening day for the Farmers Market this year is May 6th. 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 is 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.

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.



All City Offices will be closed for the following holidays:



Good Friday - April 18th

Memorial Day - May 26th

Independence Day - July 4th

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