



# Reed City Update

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## CITY COUNCIL

Mayor, Bonnie Danzeisen  
Mayor Pro Tem, David W. Bisbee  
James Anderlohr  
Marlene Fatum  
Phillip Rathbun  
David Scharlow  
Darlene Fuller-Talaska

## MEETING DATES

### City Council

City Hall, 227 E. Lincoln  
Third Monday of each month  
at 7:00 PM

### Planning Commission

City Hall, 227 E. Lincoln  
First Monday of each month  
at 7:00 PM

### Downtown Development

#### Authority

Depot, 200 N. Chestnut  
Second Wednesday of each month  
at 7:30 AM

### Reed City Housing

#### Commission

802 S. Mill  
Third Thursday of each month  
at 4:30 PM

### Reed City Public

#### Library Board

410 W. Upton  
Last Monday of each month  
at 6:00 PM

City Hall will be closed on  
December 24th at noon,  
December 25th, January 1st,  
January 18th, February 15th,  
April 2nd and May 31st,  
In observance of the  
Holidays

## 2009/2010 WINTER UPDATES

### Estimated Water Bills

The City of Reed City water department will be estimating the monthly water bills for the months of January and February 2010. Residents who wish to read their meter may do so using one of the following options:

All options REQUIRE your name, address, actual meter reading AND date read.

1. Call City Hall with the actual reading; Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (231)-832-2245.
2. If calling after hours, an answering machine is available. You may dial Ext. 300 at any time and leave your meter reading information.
3. Drop meter reading information in the Drop Box located on the west side of City Hall.
4. E-mail meter reading information to: [jane@reedcityhall.org](mailto:jane@reedcityhall.org)

**READINGS MUST BE RECEIVED AT CITY HALL  
PRIOR TO THE 8<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:** Please be aware that they are predicting a colder winter with less snow fall this year, meaning the potential for frost to travel deeper and affect both the freezing of water lines and problems with the internal plumbing in your homes. Please make sure that you protect your internal plumbing with heat tape, pipe insulation, and sealing up cracks in your basement walls that would let cold air in.

### NEW GARBAGE RATES

New rates specified in the contract with Allied Waste Services will be effective on December 1, 2009. These rates are:

**Per Bag Rate: \$1.62 per bag (\$16.20 per roll)  
City Wide Clean-up: \$2.04 per month**

Bags purchased prior to December 1, 2009 can be used. Refuse collections will be on Thursday except after National Holidays. Then collection will be on the next day following. The City Wide Clean-up will take place on the first Thursday of each month except after National Holidays.

### WINTER REMINDERS

Homeowners are responsible to keep their sidewalks clear of snow for pedestrians and mail delivery. No pushing of snow in or onto a sidewalk or street is allowed. You can help the Fire Department by keeping nearby fire hydrants shoveled out.

The Reed City Police Department will be enforcing all State laws pertaining to the operation of snowmobiles. The City of Reed City does permit the operation of snowmobiles on the shoulder of City streets to allow access to the most direct route to and from designated snowmobile trails.

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS CITY OF REED CITY CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

The City of Reed City Department of Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees this season starting on January 4th 2010, and ending January 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. Please have the trees next to the curb and gutter in the boulevard, **NOT IN THE STREET.** Make sure all tree bags are removed and the trees are free from, stands, wire, nails, and decorations.

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS CITY OF REED CITY WINTER PARKING BAN



The City of Reed City will be enforcing the parking ban starting November 15, 2009 and ending April 1, 2010. This prohibits the parking of any vehicle on any street in Reed City between 2:30 A.M. – 6:00 A.M.,

This is in accordance with Chapter 126, Sec. 8.30 of the City Code. Chapter 131 Sec. 10.106 of the City code provides for a fine of \$30.00 for each violation, plus an impound towing fee if necessary to remove the vehicle.

**REMEMBER... There is NO PARKING throughout the Upton Street business district between 2:30 AM – 6:00 AM year round!!!** The Reed City Police Department enforces these regulations, not only for snow removal by the DPW, but to also ensure clear streets for travel by the public and emergency vehicles.

## REED CITY TREE INVENTORY & MANAGEMENT PLAN

Several months ago the City of Reed City appointed a tree committee to work on developing a set of specifications to be used as a format for the hiring of a firm or individual that would meet qualifications to complete a tree inventory and develop a management plan. The purpose of the inventory is to record important information about all trees in the City Right of Way and all parks and to include the Cemetery. This information will be put in a computer format along with a paper format and used for future development and a tree trimming and removal and replacement program.

The committee is made up of retired US and MDNR Forestry members, the MSU extension director, Registered Forester for the Osceola County Conservation District, City Manager, and Supt. of Public Works, Osceola County Community Foundation Members, and Citizens at large. This committee was successful in hiring a firm from Cadillac; Paul Drysdale from Drysdale Forestry and Consulting Services, his firm met all qualifications required and was very familiar with Reed City and has years of experience performing this type of work.

This last summer and early fall Mr. Drysdale completed the survey by walking every street and recording the GPS location, species, size, width, and condition of each tree and has assigned a priority number based on condition of the tree as it relates to trimming and or removal in the future. This information will be used by the City for future planning and budgeting and will be accessible for changing when work has been completed.

The City and the Tree Committee will set the Management Plan into motion this next year and set priorities, based on the amount of finances the City budget can afford. The group will also be seeking financial assistance in the forms of grants from different organizations; Osceola County Community Foundation, Great Lakes Energy, Consumers Energy, and of course the MDNR Forestry Division.

Copies of the Management Plan are on file at the City Office, Soil Conservation Office in RC, the Public Library and the MSU extension office in the court house.

The City of Reed City understands the importance of protecting our right of way trees and how much of a great asset they are to the community.

## PARK PAVILION RENTAL

To reserve a pavilion in the City of Reed City's park system, reservations must be made no earlier than one year from the date of the event. Payment for pavilion rental must be made to the City Office prior to the date of the event. Park rental rates are as follows:

**Pavilion in either park:**  
\$ 50.00 for City Resident  
\$ 75.00 for Non-Resident

**Gazebo in Linear Park: \$ 10.00**

**Dumping Fee: \$ 10.00**

## DEPOT MEETING ROOM RENTAL

The meeting room at the Depot is available for rent on an hourly basis or for a full day. The hourly rental rate is \$35.00 per hour and \$75.00 for a full day. Reservation of the meeting room can be made by calling the Reed City Chamber of Commerce at (231) 832-5431.

## REED CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

For information regarding Library activities, please contact the Library or visit their website at [www.reedcitylibrary.org](http://www.reedcitylibrary.org).

Reed City Public Library  
(231) 832-2131



## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## ELECTIONS

The 2010 Election Dates are as follows:

February 23, 2010  
May 4, 2010 (School Election)  
August 3, 2010 (Primary)  
November 2, 2010 (General & Council)

You must be registered no later than 30 days prior to an election. You can register at the Secretary of State or your local Clerk's Office. Residents of the City vote at the Fire Station, 523 Morse Street. **YOU MUST HAVE A PICTURE I.D. WITH YOU IN ORDER TO VOTE!**

We need election workers! Contact City Hall to apply.

## WHO'S WHO ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### HOUSING COMMISSION

Lori Platz  
Kristina Hulliberger  
Paul Desjardins  
Chris Wabindato  
Pat Morrone

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Roger Deno  
Michele Adams  
Karen Crosson  
Randy Laramore  
George Freeman—Ex-officio  
Bonnie Danzeisen—Ex-officio  
Marlene Fatum—Ex-officio  
Vacancy  
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### LIBRARY BOARD

Maureen Watson  
Marilyn Hummel  
Rich Saladin  
Karen Zais  
Christine Cox

### RECREATION COMMISSION

Kevin Rambadt  
Marilyn Hummel  
Theresa Emington  
Jason Woodside  
Timothy Locker  
George Freeman—Ex-officio  
Dave Scharlow—Ex-officio  
Steve Westhoff—Ex-officio

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Sheldon  
James White  
James Anderlohr  
Joe Kichak  
Jared Bowman

### CEMETERY BOARD

George Freeman  
Kevin Rambadt  
Phil Rathbun  
Vacancy

### D.D.A.

Joe Dahlquist  
Linda Dean  
Jim C. Thompson  
Rod Weck  
Peter Mekas  
Deb Ahlich-Remus  
Karen Wright  
Jim Repo  
Bob Roggow  
John McDowell  
Ron Neal  
Bonnie Danzeisen  
Brad Taylor

### BOARD OF REVIEW

Veronica Ward  
George Scarbrough  
Mel St. Onge

## RECYCLING INFORMATION...

Recycle of Osceola County, Inc., is located next to the Boy Scout Building at the end of Coats Avenue (formerly E. Fifth Avenue). Collection Time is the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The facility is operated on a volunteer basis.

Currently acceptable recycling items are: Newspapers, Magazines/Catalogs, Corrugated cardboard, Plastic Milk Jugs, #2 Colored Plastic, Glass Jars and Bottles, Styrofoam, Aluminum and Tin Cans. There is an open drop for flattened cardboard and a separate storage building located across the parking lot for newspapers, magazines and catalogs which can be utilized 24 hours a day. Further information on recycling can be picked up at City Hall.

If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission, please call City Hall at 832-2245.