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**Tube slide?  
Bring it on!  
The Troy Family  
Aquatic Center  
opens for the  
season May 28.**

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news and events.**



## Message from the City Manager

Dear Residents,

I know that our efforts to strategize through this extremely tough economic downturn parallel equally diligent efforts at kitchen tables in homes throughout our neighborhoods. It is important for all of us to take some time to plan and enjoy our Michigan summer with the many affordable opportunities right here in our Troy “backyard.”

To be sure, the Troy Museum and Historic Village and the Nature Center have reduced program opportunities, but both are still great destinations for family outings this summer.

The Troy Family Aquatic Center is also a great local opportunity for reclining on the pool deck, flying down the water slides and playing volleyball. There are options to pay for the day or invest in a season pass. Be sure to take advantage of the free admission day on May 28.

The Troy Public Library is ranked as one of the best in Michigan and the Summer Reading Program for kids continues, thanks to the Friends of the Troy Public Library.

Thanks to sponsors and our partnership with the Troy School District, a variety of sports camps are available at affordable rates. Be sure to check out the numerous summer camp opportunities.

For those of you who golf, Troy has two of Oakland County’s premiere golf courses — Sanctuary Lake and Sylvan Glen. Opened in 2004, Sanctuary Lake Golf Course offers one of the most unique golf experiences in all of Oakland County. Sylvan Glen, on the other hand, has become recognized as a family-oriented facility that caters to golfers

of all skill levels. Beginning with the first swing and ending with the last putt, players will enjoy a pleasurable golfing experience, at both Sanctuary Lake and Sylvan Glen Golf Courses. Discover what awaits you at these fine courses (see pages 58-60).

Please use this Troy Today as your guide to what’s going on in Troy this summer season. If you have questions, please contact us at City Hall. We are here to serve you and your input is very important to us. Our City office phone numbers are listed below — or feel free to contact Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director at 248.524.1147, [cindy.stewart@troymi.gov](mailto:cindy.stewart@troymi.gov) with your comments.



Sincerely,

John Szerlag, City Manager

## City Directory

### Troy City Offices & Facilities

Animal Control (Police Dept).....	248.524.3477
Assessing Dept.....	248.524.3311
Board & Commission Information .....	248.524.3316
Building Inspection.....	248.524.3344
City Clerk.....	248.524.3316
City Manager.....	248.524.3330
Community Affairs.....	248.524.1147
<b>Emergencies.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Engineering.....	248.524.3383
Fire (non-emergency) .....	248.524.3419
Human Resources .....	248.524.3339
Police (non-emergency).....	248.524.3477
Public Works .....	248.524.3392
Recycling / Solid Waste .....	248.524.3399
Senior Citizens.....	248.524.3484
Treasurer.....	248.524.3333
Water & Sewer Services .....	248.524.3370

### Troy Elected Officials

Louise Schilling, Mayor.....	248.524.3500
Robin Beltrami, Councilwoman .....	248.879.8898
Wade Fleming, Mayor Pro Tem.....	248.310.3626
Martin Howrylak, Councilman .....	248.643.6653
Mary Kerwin, Councilwoman .....	248.879.7909
Maureen McGinnis, Councilwoman ....	248.643.6002
Dane Slater, Councilman .....	248.524.3500

### Troy Public Library

Adult Services.....	248.524.3537
Circulation .....	248.524.3538
Front Desk .....	248.524.3538
Outreach .....	248.524.3554
Troy Historical Museum .....	248.524.3570
Youth Services .....	248.524.3541

### Troy Parks & Recreation

Community Center Rec Passes.....	248.524.3484
Family Aquatic Center.....	248.524.3514
Parks & Recreation Hotline.....	248.689.9756
Recreation Programs.....	248.524.3484
Sanctuary Lake Golf Course.....	248.619.7671
Senior Citizens.....	248.524.3484
Stage Nature Center.....	248.524.3567
Sylvan Glen Golf Course .....	248.619.7674
Troy Community Center.....	248.524.3484

### Troy School District

Administration Building .....	248.823.4000
Adult & Community Education .....	248.823.5100

### Other Recreation Organizations

Baseball Boosters.....	248.689.6390
Boys & Girls Club of Troy.....	248.689.1687
Racquet Club .....	248.528.3400
Youth Football .....	248.879.5715
Youth Soccer League.....	248.524.0170

## Property Tax bills en route

The July property tax bills should be received during the first week of July. Persons eligible for deferment of summer taxes may request applications at the Treasurer's Office, 248.524.3333.

**City Hall Office Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm

**After Hours Drop Boxes:** Drop boxes are located outside the east and west entrances of City Hall.

## Property Tax Payment Options

**1) Credit Cards** may be used online or over the phone via Official Payments Corp. A service charge does apply. Credit Cards MAY NOT be used in person at City Hall or by mail. Official Payments Corp. is set up only for paying property tax bills, not water\* or other service fees. To pay by phone, call 800.272.9829. Use the Jurisdiction Code 3255 when prompted. To pay online, go to [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com).

**2) Mail a check with your payment coupon** in the payment envelope (no service charge applies).

**3) Pay in person** at City Hall with a check or cash at the Treasurer's Office on the second floor. If after hours, leave payment envelope in one of the drop boxes conveniently located at the east and west entrances of City Hall.

*\*Water Bills: to set up Direct Payment for your water bills, go online to [www.thepaymentsauthority.org](http://www.thepaymentsauthority.org) or call the Treasurer's Office at 248.524.3333 to request an enrollment form.*

## City-Wide Red Cross Blood Drive

**Monday, July 19**  
Athens High School, 2-8 pm

**Tuesday, July 20**  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 2-8 pm

**Wednesday, July 21**  
Community Center, 9 am-9 pm

**Thursday, July 22**  
Community Center, 9 am-9 pm

Please join the City-Wide Blood Drive and help save lives!  
To donate blood you must be over 17 and at least 110 lbs.

Please bring photo ID. **Appointments: 248.524.1147**  
**Walk-in donors welcome too!**

## Closings and special dates to remember...

- Friday, May 28, Aquatic Center opens for the season
- Saturday & Sunday, May 29 & 30, Library, Museum & Nature Center closed
- Monday, May 31, City Hall, Community Center, Library, Museum & Nature Center closed. Refuse collection delayed one day this week
- Monday, May 31, Memorial Day Ceremony, 11 am, Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver
- Saturday, July 3, Library & Museum closed
- Sunday, July 4, Community Center, Library & Museum closed.
- Monday, July 5, City Hall, Parks & Recreation Admin Desk, Library & Museum closed



## Food Fight to Tackle Childhood Hunger

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan invites you to participate in the Food Fight to Tackle Childhood Hunger from **July 12 to 23**. The Food Fight is a contest between businesses to collect food and dollars to help feed hungry children.

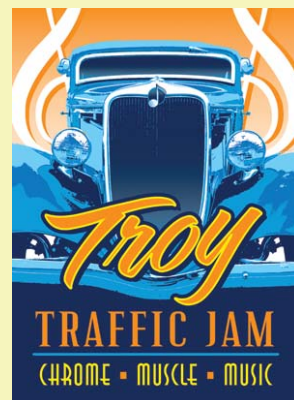
Citizens are invited to contribute canned and dry goods to supply the Food Bank, which distributes to over 100 shelters and food pantries to help area families in need. The 2009 Food Fight raised more than 7,000 pounds of food and more than \$10,000.

**The general public can drop off donations at City Hall (500 W. Big Beaver), Troy Public Library (510 W. Big Beaver) and the Troy Community Center (3179 Livernois).**

Any monetary donations can be dropped off c/o Community Affairs Department in City Hall. Checks should be made out to the *Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan*.

## Troy Traffic Jam Classic Car Show

**Sunday, August 1**  
**10 am-3 pm**  
**Columbia Center**  
**201 W. Big Beaver**  
**Free Admission**



**Classic cars of all eras before 1974**  
**DJ Bob Steel playing great oldies**  
**Food from Gateway Deli, Insalata and other local Troy restaurants**

### Do you own a classic car?

Register now to display your vehicle at the show. The \$15 fee includes a goody bag, trophies, and dash plaque. \$20 fee for day of the event registration. Visit [www.troymi.gov/carshow](http://www.troymi.gov/carshow) or call 248.524.1147

**Proceeds to benefit the Troy Historical Society**

### Sponsored by:



## Curbside recyclables

1. All paper is recyclable. Place all fiber items - including **newspapers, inserts, office paper, catalogs, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, paperbacks, brown grocery bags, paperboard (such as cereal, shoe, and tissue boxes or paper towel cores), etc.** - inside brown paper grocery bags (preferred) or plastic grocery bags
2. Put **shredded paper** in a small clear bag and twist tie it closed
3. **Cardboard boxes, corrugated cardboard, and boxboard:** fold, flatten, or cut into bundles 2' x 2' x 1' and tie with string or use duct tape
4. Recycle **telephone books**
5. Clean **clear, blue, green and brown glass** bottles are accepted. Lids can remain on glass bottles
6. All clean **plastic containers** are acceptable, no need to check for the number on the bottom. Please remove hard plastic caps (i.e. soda caps). Plastic lids, such as yogurt or margarine lids, are acceptable. Plastic includes margarine tubs, yogurt containers, milk jugs, water bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, plastic tubs, trays, buckets, microwave dishes, plastic flower flats, etc.
7. **Metal cans/metal lids/pie tins/small metal objects:** clean, place loose metal lids inside metal cans and flatten. Metal objects include hangers, pots, other small household items
8. Empty **metal aerosol cans (cleansers, hairspray, etc.) and metal paint cans** with the lids removed
9. Place any **household batteries** in a clear plastic baggie.



## Live in an apartment?

### You can still recycle

While it does require extra effort, those who live in apartments can use one of Troy's two recycling centers. Make it a regular errand once or twice a month. When you set aside cardboard, newspapers, plastic or glass and keep them out of landfills, you help reduce the negative impact our society has on our environment.

#### Tringali Recycling Drop-off Center

33373 Dequindre - north of 14 Mile Road  
248.585.9120

Open: Mon-Fri, 7 am-5 pm

Accepts plastics, newspapers, cardboard, tin, and small metal objects.

#### SOCRRA Recycling Drop-off Center

995 Coolidge Hwy., north of 14 Mile Road  
248.280.0828

Open: Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm; Sat 8 am-12 pm  
Materials accepted at the SOCRRA dropoff center - All curbside collected items (listed in the left column) PLUS:

- **Plastic bags, only at SOCRRA** - any size, any color, clean and empty with no twine or hard plastic handles. Example: shopping bags, grocery and produce bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, etc.
  - Automotive and lead acid batteries
  - Scrap metal
  - Clean used clothing, shoes, and toys
  - CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and cassettes
  - Hardcover books
- Note: Any books in good condition can be donated to the Troy Public Library (510 W. Big Beaver).

## Recycling electronics

**Electronics recycling:** Call SOCRRA at 248.288.5153 to schedule a drop-off appointment.

Program accepts computers, monitors, printers, toner cartridges, TV sets, telephones, radios, cell phones, copy machines, fax machines, stereos, VCRs, and CD players. No charge for Troy residents.

### Need to dispose of old documents?

SOCRRA has paper shredding available. Bring your personal documents and shred them yourself. Call 248.288.5150 for details.

## Yard Waste Collection

Troy homeowners should put grass clippings, pencil-thin twigs, plantings, sod, old flowers, corn husks, leaves, etc. out on their weekly refuse pickup day. Place them in a regulation trash container with a "yard waste" sticker. If you use a labeled trash can(s), and need stickers, just stop by City Hall (500 West Big Beaver), Public Works, (4693 Rochester) or call 248.524.3399. Brown paper yard waste bags are also acceptable. Never put yard waste in plastic bags.

**Branches** less than 2 inches in diameter are yard waste. Cut down larger branches to three ft. lengths, securely tied and bundled, less than 60 lbs. **Maximum five bundles per week collected.**



**Troy: Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle!**

### We need Troy residents to recycle.

Avoiding disposal fees is one of the primary goals of any recycling program. The more materials are reduced, reused, and recycled, the less waste there is disposed. The less waste there is disposed, the fewer trash pickups are required, and there are lower disposal fees. Any way to decrease waste handling costs will add to the success of the program.

### Lowering costs for the City of Troy benefits all residents.

SOCRRA credits the City of Troy \$30 per ton for all recycled items picked up at the curb. So instead of paying full disposal costs, our disposal bill is reduced. The City of Troy had over \$133,740 deducted from our bill to SOCRRA for 2009. Of this amount, over \$109,140 was for all types of paper and cardboard.

### If you need a recycling bin or further information please call 248.524.3399.

Our Solid Waste Coordinator is available for informational meetings or classes. Tell your homeowner or volunteer organizations to take advantage of this service.

The most efficient and cost effective way for residents of Troy to recycle is to use the curbside recycling program.

**Letter Carriers “Stamp Out Hunger” May 8**

The National Association of Letter Carriers largest food drive to combat hunger will be **Saturday, May 8**. On that day, letter carriers will collect non-perishable donations from homes as they deliver mail along their postal routes.

The 18th annual NALC National Food Drive to “Stamp Out Hunger” is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Carriers collected a record 73.1 million pounds of food in 2009.

Donations will be collected by more than 1,400 local branches of the 300,000-member postal union and delivered to food banks, pantries and shelters that serve the communities where they are collected. Assisting in the effort are rural letter carriers and other postal employees, as well as members of other unions and thousands of civic volunteers. [www.nalc.org/commun/foodrive](http://www.nalc.org/commun/foodrive)

*Free Admission to the  
Troy Family Aquatic Center!*

In celebration of the swimming season finally arriving, visit the TFAC on **Friday, May 28** and receive free admission for the day!

The Aquatic Center will also host an open house to invite residents to a two-hour tour of the facility on **Saturday, May 22** from 10 am - 12 pm

See page XX for more information about the TFAC or visit [www.troymi.gov/parksrec/tfac](http://www.troymi.gov/parksrec/tfac)

**Troy Memorial Day Ceremony Honors Vets**  
*Monday, May 31, 11 am*



Honor our nation’s heroes by attending a Memorial Day ceremony to commemorate the U.S. men and women who have died while in military service to our country. Filled with speeches, music, and reflection, the event will be held at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of City Hall (500 W. Big Beaver). Captain Brad Caton, Commander of the Pontiac Recruiting Company in Troy, will be the keynote speaker at this special event..

**Video Production & Editing Training**

Community Media Network (CMN) offers training in video production and editing so you can produce television that appears on its Public Access channel.

A 10-class series meets once a week for two hours in the evening and uses a hands-on approach to teach the use of cameras, lighting and audio equipment. Students partake in all of the production crew positions typically found in a studio production. Class graduates may then use the CMN equipment and facilities **FREE OF CHARGE** to create programs for local public access television.

A four-class series explores the exciting world of computer-based video editing using Final Cut Express software on Apple iMacs. Learn how to piece together a video project using various effects, music, graphics and techniques seen in TV and film.

The classes repeat throughout the year, and the cost for each series is \$75. Materials provided; space is limited. Troy residents or individuals from nonprofits that serve Troy may enroll by calling 248.589.7778. CMN is located at 1230 Souter Dr. in Troy. [www.cmntv.org](http://www.cmntv.org)

*National City Taste of Troy Raises \$55,000 for Boys & Girls Club*

The National City Taste of Troy “Mardi Gras Adventure” fundraiser was definitely a hit for the Boys & Girls Club of Troy as “party-goers” filled the San Marino Club for fabulous food and jazzy entertainment. The annual food-tasting event offered samplings from 33 Troy restaurants with a Mardi Gras Carnival theme this year. All proceeds from the National City Taste of Troy benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Troy, a nonprofit organization that provides educational and recreational activities, in addition to

counseling programs for more than 1,200 children in Oakland & Macomb counties.

**Top honors for Critics’ Choice:**

- **Best Appetizer/Soup/Salad** – Orchid Cafe (Apple Salad)
- **Best Casual Entrée** – Brio’s Tuscan Grill (Braised Meatballs with Polenta)
- **Best Entrée** – Ruth’s Chris Steak House (Beef Tenderloin & Shrimp)
- **Best Dessert/Beverage** – Ridley’s Bakery Cafe & Catering (New Orleans Style Mini Desserts)
- **Best Display** – Ridley’s Bakery Cafe – complete with purple, green & gold

draping & beads for everyone)

**Winners for the Peoples’ Choice:**

- **Best Appetizer/Soup/Salad** – Morton’s THE Steakhouse (Petite Filet Mignon)
- **Best Casual Entrée** – Rib City Troy (Creole Baby Back Ribs) • **Best Entrée** – Ruth’s Chris Steak House (Beef Tenderloin & Shrimp)
- **Best Dessert/Beverage** – The Melting Pot (Strawberries with Chocolate Fondue)
- **Best Display** – Ruth’s Chris Steak House – complete with New Orleans Carnival Street scene & beads for everyone.

**Relay for Life Returns to Troy**

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people across the country each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight to find a cure. This is a 24-hour event that will take place at the Troy Community Center, **June 5-6**, from 10 am-10 am. To join a team, or create one of your own, visit [www.relayforlife.org/troymi](http://www.relayforlife.org/troymi). For additional information, call 800.ACS.2345.

## Decision Two Years Ago to Restrict “Peak Hour” Water Use Pays Off for Troy Residents

After a two-year test of Troy’s revised City Ordinance regarding water use restrictions during peak hours, the results are in and are very positive. Troy water users were able to reduce the “peak-hour” usage of water better than any of the other communities in the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) system.

“Troy is now being used as the ‘Model City’ in many of the other 125 communities negotiating contracts with the DWSD,” Superintendent of Water & Sewer Rick Shepler said.

As a result, Troy has now been able to negotiate a rate that is 15 percent lower than the average increase to the other DWSD communities.

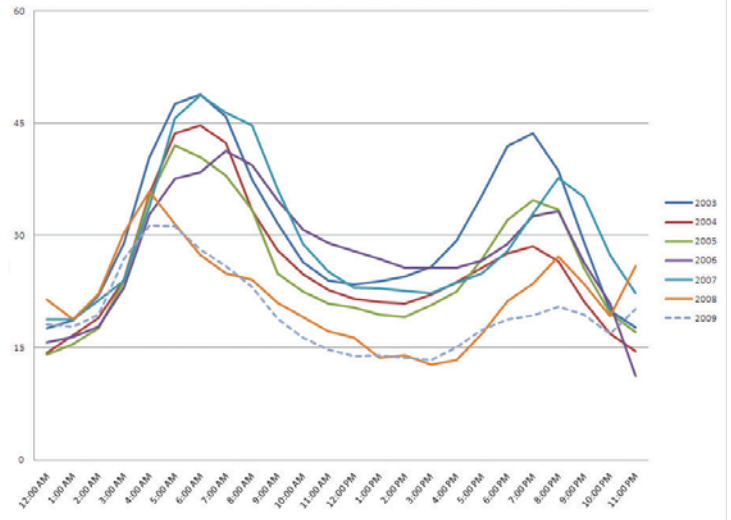
Shepler explains that the rate methodology is very complex in the DWSD system. There are 126 communities that purchase water from the DWSD and approximately 100 different rates (some communities have formed authorities). Rates are based on many factors, including the distance from the water plants, elevation of the community and the number of water intakes into the community – all factors we have no ability to control or change.

The one factor that can be controlled is the “peak hour” usage which weighs heavily on the rate scale. This is where the revised City Ordinance comes in. Adjusting underground sprinkler timers to go “on and off” during “non-peak hours” (11 pm-5 am) equates to lower rates because less stress is being put on the DWSD system during the peak high-capacity time intervals (see graph).

This was the strategy two years ago when the final decision was made by the Troy City Council to change Chapter 18, section 12.01 of the City Ordinance regarding outdoor water use restrictions and the new contract was established with the DWSD. Troy anticipated a savings of \$500,000 in water rates each of the first two years of the contract.

“Our calculations were very close as we based the savings on the average water consumption for the City and that consumption was down the last two years about 10 percent,” Shepler said. “The great news is that after the first two years of the contract there is a reopener clause to negotiate water rates based on the

D.W.S.D. MAXIMUM HOURLY FLOW RATES IN MILLIONS OF GALLONS PER DAY (MGD) in Troy



community’s performance over the initial two years. We were able to negotiate a rate that is approximately 15 percent lower than the average increase to the other communities.”

Because of the peak hour reductions associated with the water restriction ordinance it is estimated that Troy water users will save approximately \$1,000,000 per year for the next three years.

“There is only one caveat and that is that Troy must maintain the current peak-hour demands that have been negotiated in the water contract,” Shepler said. “We encourage all our residents and businesses to keep up the good work and persuade others to follow the ordinance!”

### Troy’s Irrigation Restrictions

- Apply to outdoor automatic underground sprinkler systems.
- They must only be run between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am daily

See [www.troymi.gov/outdoorsprinklers.asp](http://www.troymi.gov/outdoorsprinklers.asp)

### Simple Tips to Reduce Outdoor Water Use

- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Install a rain shut-off device on your automatic sprinklers to eliminate unnecessary watering.
- Plant during the spring or fall when the watering requirements are lower.
- Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.
- Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
- Don’t forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.
- Don’t water your lawn on windy days. After all, sidewalks and driveways don’t need water.
- Make sure you know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save gallons of water and damage to your home if a pipe were to burst.
- Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light and water.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water. Or, use a hose nozzle and turn off the water while you wash your car and save more than 100 gallons.
- Teach your family how to shut off your automatic watering systems. Turn sprinklers off if the system is malfunctioning or when a storm is approaching.
- Set a kitchen timer when watering your garden with a hose.



## Troy Water – Drink it Up!

The majority of Troy's drinking water comes from the Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant located in Port Huron. A small percentage of Troy's water comes from the Northeast Water treatment plant in Detroit. Both water plants are operated and owned by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). DWSD filters and treats the raw water at the plants before releasing the water into the pipes that deliver water to Troy. There are six main connections with master water meters spread out along Troy's borders that supply water to the City. At these points of connection is where the DWSD distribution system ends and Troy's system begins.



Troy maintains 500 miles of water main, over 5,300 hydrants, six master meter facilities, and more than 26,000 water meters to serve our 80,000 residents, businesses and public facilities.

Troy residents consume approximately four billion gallons of water per year. Our goal is to provide a safe, healthy water supply with quality service to our customers.

For convenience, you may choose to use the free Direct Payment service for your water bill. The City continues sending a billing statement, but payments are automatically deducted from your account on the due date. For information or an application, call the Treasurer's office at 248.524.3333.

If you have questions about Troy's water service or would like a copy of this report, please contact the Department of Public Works at 248.524.3370.

## The Source of our Water

The majority of Troy's source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. A small percentage of Troy's source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River in the U.S. and part of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek, and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The MI Dept. of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the DWSD, and the MI Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination.

The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from moderately low to very high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.



## What's in our Drinking Water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800.426.4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and sometimes, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. **Contaminants** that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

*To ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all monitoring and reporting requirements for 2009.*

## Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised people, such as those undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, and some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk of infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800.426.4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Troy Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

# Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant and Northeast Water Treatment Plant 2009 Regulated Detected Contaminants

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	8/31/09	ppm	4	4	1.26 0.93	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	8/31/09	ppm	10	10	0.29 0.22	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	6/9/08	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	6/9/08	ppb	50	50	1	n/a	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-products - Monitoring in Distribution System, Based on a Running Annual Average</b>								
TTHM	2/09-11/09	ppb	n/a	80	16.8, 23.4	7.2-33.8, 13.1-40.9	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5	2/09-11/09	ppb	n/a	60	10.4, 13.1	6.7-16.4, 1.2-19.3	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (total chlorine residual)	1/09-12/09	ppm	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	0.83 0.67	0.68-0.85 0.52-0.74	No	Water additive used to control microbes

## 2009 Turbidity - Monitored every Four Hours at Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of .3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.12 NTU, 0.20 NTU	100%	No	Soil runoff

*Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.*

Blue ink results are for Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant. Orange are for Northeast Water Treatment Plant. Black are for both.

## 2009 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest No. Detected	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in 1 month - 1	No	Naturally present in the environment
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive	entire year - 0	No	Human waste & animal fecal waste

## 2008 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	# of Samples Over AL	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2008	ppb	0.0	15	7.2	1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	2008	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.062	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

\*The 90th percentile value means 90% of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Info	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The TOC removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

## 2009 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.74, 5.22	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning July 2008-April 2009, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008-2009 were undetected.

## We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality.

The Detroit Board of Water Commissioners holds regular, public meetings at 2 pm on the 4th Wednesday each month at 735 Randolph Street in Detroit. You may call 313.224.4800 for information and to confirm meeting dates and times.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact the Troy Department of Public Works at 248.524.3370.

For more information about safe drinking water, visit the US Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).

*This annual report will provide information on any problems that may occur throughout the year. Copies are available at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver; the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois; and Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver. Request a copy by calling 248.524.3370.*

**Glossary of terms** n/a - Not applicable > - Greater than ND > - Not detected  
**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)** - The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known expected risk to health.  
**MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.  
**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. It does not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.  
**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.  
**ppb (Parts per billion)** - One ppb is equivalent to one microgram per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.  
**ppm (Parts per million)** - One ppm is equivalent to one milligram per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.  
**NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units)** - Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water.  
**TT (Treatment Technique)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  
**AL (Action Level)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which the water system must follow.  
**HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids)** - The total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.  
**TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)** - The sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.

## **1. ROCHESTER ROAD, TORPEY TO BARCLAY & WATTLES ROAD, 1,000' EAST AND WEST OF ROCHESTER ROAD – WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION**

This project will reconstruct and widen Rochester Road, from Torpey to Barclay to a six-lane boulevard. Wattles Road will be widened to a four-lane boulevard from approximately 1,000' east and west of Rochester Road. The work will also include water main, sanitary sewer, traffic signals, street lighting, sidewalks, and the construction of the next section of the McCulloch County Drain and associated utilities. All sidewalk crossings will be upgraded to comply with current American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. New pedestrian mid-block crossings will be constructed at Torpey Drive and Bishop/Troywood.

Construction started in February and will continue through the summer of 2010. All road work is expected to be complete and open to traffic by the end of November 2010. Final cleanup and restoration will take place in the spring of 2011. Approximately 80% of the project cost is paid for with federal funds with the remaining 20% paid by the City. The City match comes from a combination of budgeted funds from the City's Major Road, Drains, Water and Sewer funds.

## **2. CONCRETE SLAB REPLACEMENT – MAJOR AND INDUSTRIAL ROADS**

This project is coordinated by the City's Department of Public Works (DPW). Concrete slab replacement is a normal maintenance activity that removes and replaces spot sections of failed concrete pavement. Funds are budgeted in the City's Major Road fund each year to complete slab replacements on major and industrial roads at target locations throughout the city. Concrete slab replacement at the following locations will be active from mid April 2010 to June 30, 2010.

- a. Golfview, Big Beaver to Coolidge
- b. Wilshire, Big Beaver to Crooks
- c. Lakeview, Golfview to Big Beaver
- d. Troy Center, Kirts to Big Beaver
- e. Souther, Rankin to Maple
- f. Chicago, Maple to Oakland Mall
- g. Coolidge, Long Lake to Big Beaver

## **3. TRI-PARTY CONCRETE SLAB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – COUNTY ROADS**

Big Beaver, Long Lake and Livernois Roads will receive spot concrete slab replacements this spring, but will address only the worst locations due to limited funding. The work is anticipated to start in mid April 2010 and be complete by June 30, 2010. Spot locations on John R and Crooks Road received concrete slab replacements in the fall of 2009.

These roads are owned and maintained by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), not the City. Although the City has no jurisdiction over these roads, the city is conducting a concrete slab replacement project under the County's Tri-party Program. Tri-Party Program funds are one third County, one third Road Commission and one third City. These funds can only be used to improve County roads within the City of Troy.

## **4. CONCRETE SLAB REPLACEMENT – LOCAL ROADS, SECTIONS 10 & 11**

This work is coordinated by the City's Department of Public Works (DPW). Concrete slab replacement is a normal maintenance

activity that removes and replaces spot sections of failed concrete pavement. Funds are budgeted in the City's Local Road fund each year to complete slab replacements on local roads at target locations within the City every year. Some work was completed in Section 10 and 11 in the fall of 2010 and the remainder of this work will be starting in mid April 2010 and last through June 30, 2010.

## **5. CROOKS PAVEMENT REHAB, EQUITY TO BIG BEAVER**

The Crooks Road project from Equity to Big Beaver is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). The road was rehabilitated using federal stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Road work was completed in the fall of 2009 and is open to traffic. Final restoration and cleanup will take place in the spring of 2010. There is no City funding involved in this project.

## **6. JOHN R PAVEMENT REHAB, 14 MILE TO MAPLE ROAD**

The John R project from 14 Mile to Maple Road is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). The road will be rehabilitated using federal stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The "Crack & Seat" construction method will be used. "Crack & Seat" involves breaking or cracking the existing concrete pavement into small pieces, which can then be "seated" or compacted in place and serve as a base material. An asphalt overlay will then be placed and serve as the new road surface. This is the same method that was used recently to rehabilitate Crooks Road, between Equity and Big Beaver. Work is anticipated to start in April 2010 and all road work is anticipated to be complete and open to traffic by late June 2010. Final restoration and cleanup is anticipated to be complete by July 4, 2010. There is no City funding involved in this project.

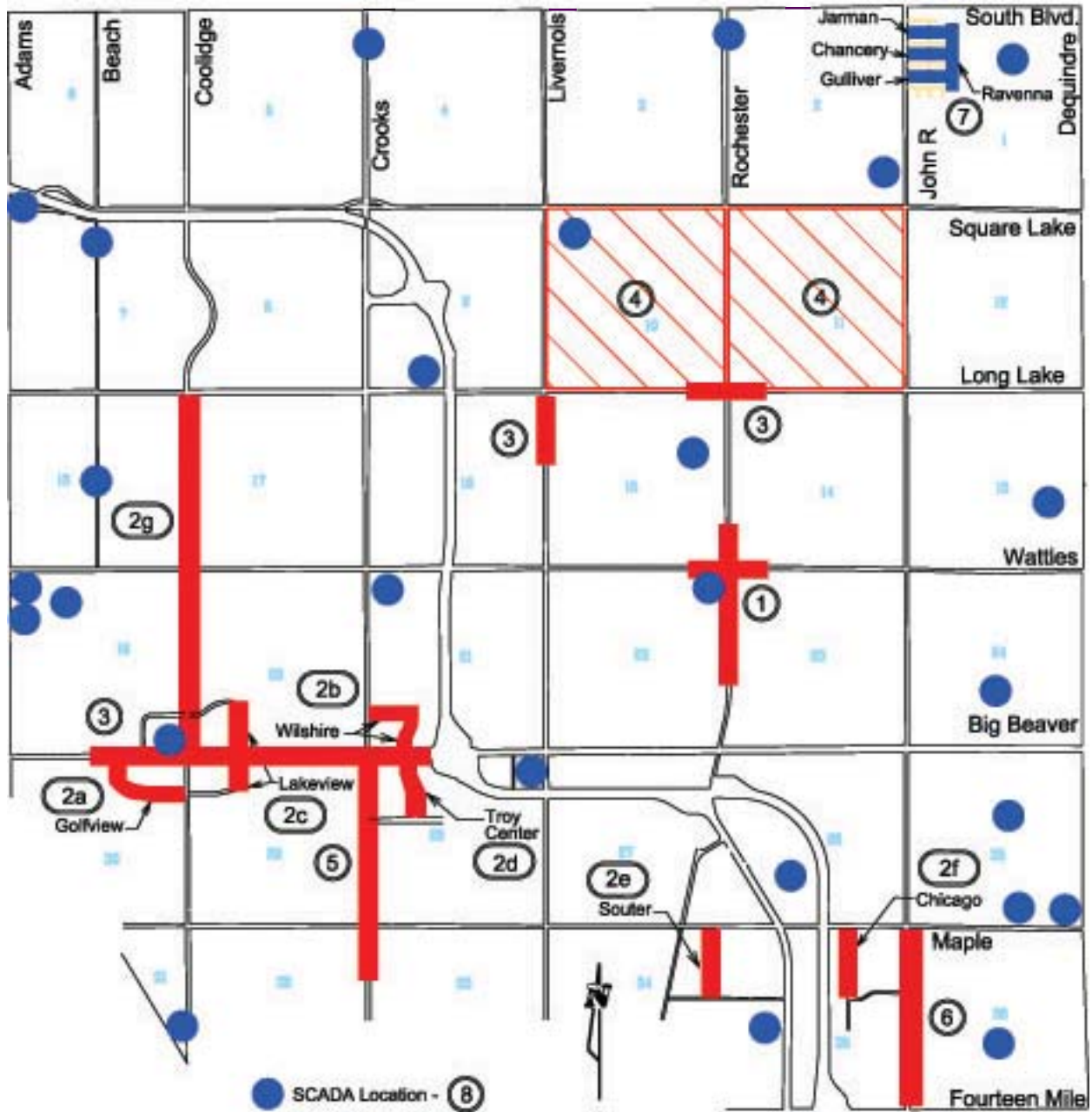
## **7. JOHN ARBOR SUBDIVISION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

This project will replace the existing 6" water mains with new 8" water mains on: Jarman, Chancery, Gulliver and Ravenna. The water mains on these streets are over 40 years old and have reached their service life. The project will replace and upsize these mains to current standards to increase flows in this area and provide for new mains to avoid costly main breaks that become common with older water mains. The water mains will be replaced by utilizing the directional drilling method rather than the standard open cut method of construction. This will minimize disturbance to surrounding vegetation and landscaping, but there will still be localized excavations required for placement of hydrants, valves, water service transfers, etc.

Construction is anticipated to start in April 2010. Final cleanup and restoration will take place during late summer and fall of 2010. Funding for this project is budgeted within the Water Fund. The Water Fund is a completely self-supporting activity that does not receive funding from property taxes or any other City fund. The Water Fund is supported by City water system customers and is restricted by law to the operation and maintenance of the water system. Improvements, such as this project, reduce overall system costs by reducing water loss through older mains, eliminating costly main break repairs and providing improved water flow and fire protection to residents and businesses.

## **8. WATER AND SEWER SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE – VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

SCADA is the acronym for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA). The SCADA system in Troy is used for managing our water and sewer systems. The current system is over 20 years old and is considered obsolete. By upgrading the current



### Construction Projects Map May-August 2010

SCADA system, the city will also be able to collect real-time operations data and monitor locations to optimize the overall water and sewer systems.

There are 21 existing facilities, four new facilities, six Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) meter vaults and the central computer location at the DPW yard in the Troy system that will be affected by the upgrades. Upgrades will take place at existing pressure reducing vaults in the water system, pump stations in the sanitary sewer system and at the DPW yard. This project will replace the current obsolete hardware and meet the requirements of Homeland

Security for securing water system data as set forth by the National Infrastructure Protection Plan of 2006. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2010 and be complete by November 2010.

This project is funded through the Water and Sewer funds. The Sewer Fund, like the Water Fund, is a completely self-supporting activity that does not receive funding from property taxes or any other City fund. By converting to a totally wireless system, utilizing cell phone technology, it is anticipated that the city will save over \$60,000 per year in communications cost.

\*NOTE: All dates or time frames are based on the best information available at the time of writing and are subject to change based on field conditions, actual weather conditions and/or funding issues.

**Passport application services available at City Hall**



The Troy City Clerk’s office serves as an official Passport Acceptance Agency and accepts applications from U.S. Citizens from 8 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday. Photo services are also available for a \$10 fee.

The U.S. Dept. of State has proposed a new passport fee schedule and has not yet notified the Acceptance Agents of the date the new fees will go into effect. Therefore, the below fees are subject to change. Current passport information can be obtained

on the City’s website at [www.troymi.gov](http://www.troymi.gov) or by contacting the City Clerk’s office at 248.524.3316.

**Required Documents**

Adults 18 & Older	Minors 16 & 17	Minors 14 & 15	Minors 13 & Younger
Passport Valid for 10 yrs.	Passport Valid for 10 yrs.	Passport Valid for 5 yrs.	Passport Valid for 5 yrs.
<b>Proof of Citizenship</b>	<b>Proof of Citizenship</b>	<b>Proof of Citizenship</b>	<b>Proof of Citizenship</b>
Certified birth certificate required unless <i>previous</i> passport is submitted	Certified birth certificate required unless <i>previous</i> passport is submitted	Certified birth certificate required and <i>previous</i> passport (if applicable)	Certified birth certificate required and <i>previous</i> passport (if applicable)
<b>Proof of Identity</b>	<b>Proof of Identity</b>	<b>Proof of Identity</b>	<b>Proof of Identity</b>
Applicant <b>MUST</b> be present	Applicant & <b>ONE</b> parent <b>MUST</b> be present	Applicant & <b>BOTH</b> parents <b>MUST</b> be present or <b>ONE</b> parent with <b>notarized</b> form	Applicant & <b>BOTH</b> parents <b>MUST</b> be present or <b>ONE</b> parent with <b>notarized</b> form

**Note:** Birth certificates executed by the Troy Clerk’s office **CANNOT** be accepted.

**Passport Fees**

**Important: Applicant MUST provide TWO separate forms of payment; one to the City of Troy and one to the U.S. Dept. of State**

Adults 18 & Older and Minors 16 & 17		Minors 15 & Younger	
City of Troy: \$25	US Dept. of State: \$75	City of Troy: \$25	US Dept. of State: \$60
Photo: \$10		Photo: \$10	
Cash, check, money order or debit card accepted.	Check, money order or cashier’s check accepted.	Cash, check, money order or debit card accepted.	Check, money order or cashier’s check accepted.
Payable to City of Troy: \$25 or \$35	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$75	Payable to City of Troy: \$25 or \$35	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$60
Additional Fees & Postage for EXPEDITED Services			
Postage Fee: \$18.30	Add’l Fee & Postage Fee: \$60+\$14.96	Postage Fee: \$18.30	Add’l Fee & Postage Fee: \$60+\$14.96
Payable to City of Troy: \$43.30 or \$53.30	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$149.96	Payable to City of Troy: \$43.30 or \$53.30	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$134.96

**Passports for border crossings**

Effective as of June 2009, U.S. Citizens must present a valid U.S. Passport Book, U.S. Passport Card, or other travel document approved by the Dept. of Homeland Security when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry.

First-time Applicants 16 years & older:  
Execution Fee: \$25 – Payable to: City of Troy  
Passport Card Fee: \$20 – Payable to: U.S. Dept. of State

Renewal Applicants 16 years & older:  
Execution Fee: N/A  
Passport Card Fee: \$20 – Payable to: U.S. Dept. of State

Applicants 15 years & younger:  
Execution Fee: \$25 – Payable to: City of Troy  
Passport Card Fee: \$10 – Payable to: U.S. Dept. of State

Photo Fee: \$10 for two required 2x2 photos

**Dog licenses**

Be a good neighbor and keep your dog safe by following these City ordinances:

- Leash your dog in all public areas including all City parks, school grounds and sidewalks.
- Remember to clean up after your dog in public areas.
- Be courteous, and quiet your barking dog.
- Know where your dog is at all times. Animal Control Officers will pick up unleashed and unattended dogs.
- Dogs may be tethered during daylight hours for a period not to exceed four continuous hours.
- City of Troy dog licenses expire with the dog’s rabies vaccination expiration. Provide proof of rabies immunization with every license renewal and when registering a new dog at six months of age or older. License fees are half off for neutered and spayed dogs.



**Inky**

A Dog License application is available online at the City’s website, [www.troymi.gov](http://www.troymi.gov).

### City Council Meetings



#### Upcoming Council Meetings

Mondays at 7:30 pm

May 10, 17

June 7, 21

July 12, 26

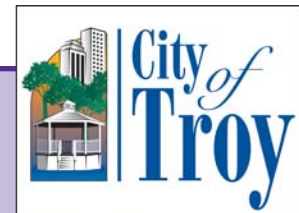
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Regular meetings take place in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver and are open to the public.

City Council meets at least two Mondays per month at 7:30 pm and schedules additional study sessions as necessary. Meeting times and locations may be confirmed through the City Clerk’s Office by calling 248.524.3316.

**Online:** The meeting schedule, agendas, minutes and webcasts are available on the City’s website: [www.troymi.gov](http://www.troymi.gov). Agendas are posted by the Thursday evening before the Monday meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

**At the Library:** DVDs of Council meetings are available for checkout at the Troy Library the day following each meeting.



WTRY Channel 10/53

Watch Council Meetings LIVE on WTRY  
 - Troy Cable TV  
 Channel 10 on WOW  
 Channel 53 on Comcast  
 Council Meetings replayed:  
 Wednesdays @ 10 am  
 Thursdays @ 7 pm  
 Sat & Sundays @ 4 & 10 pm

### Tips for Growing a Healthy Lawn

A healthy lawn is green, thick and tall. The tall grass shades out weed seeds and the thick root system holds soil and moisture in place. Healthy lawns are attractive and also protect water quality. To grow a lavish lawn of your own, follow these simple guidelines.

- Cut grass high, leaving three inches on the grass blade, by adjusting your mower to a higher setting.
- Let short clippings fall back into the lawn. Clippings do not cause thatch and reduce the need for fertilizer by 25%.
- Check the organic matter content of your soil. To build organic matter, rake in compost or mow dry leaves into the lawn.
- Aerate the lawn by removing 2-3” cores of soil. This loosens compacted soil and allows air and water to reach roots.
- Only water your lawn when needed. You can tell this by simply walking across your lawn. If you leave footprints, it’s time to water. A green lawn in Michigan needs .5 to 1.5 inches of water per week.
- Select earth-friendly fertilizers. While fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water consumption. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.

For healthy lawn and landscape tip sheets, please visit [www.healthylandscapes.com](http://www.healthylandscapes.com).

### Troy Named Tree City for 20th Year

Troy has once again been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the twentieth year that the community has received this national recognition.

Troy has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Communities that receive this recognition not only have met the four standards, they also recognize that:

- Trees promote healthy communities; leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Trees moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife.
- Trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings.
- Properly placed trees can increase property values, and buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly and tenants stay longer.

### More Meetings on WTRY

Watch meetings on WTRY cable. Meetings below are not aired live.

- Planning Commission, Wed. - 6 & 11 pm
- Planning Study Session, Wed. - 3 pm
- Board of Zoning Appeals, Fri. - 5 pm
- Downtown Development Authority, Tues. - 6 & 11 pm
- Local Development Finance Authority, Tues. - 11 am

DVD copies of meetings are available for a fee by calling 248.524.1147.

Webcasts of City Council Meetings are archived on the City website, [www.troymi.gov/council/meetings](http://www.troymi.gov/council/meetings).

### Services for Persons with Disabilities

Adaptive Recreation & Sports.....	248.524.3484
Adaptive Toys & Educational Materials at the Library.....	248.524.3538
ADA Coordinator .....	248.524.3329
Friendship Club Newsletter.....	248.524.3484
Home Chore Program.....	248.524.3399
Hospital Equipment Loan Closet .....	248.524.3484
Library Outreach (Home Delivery) .....	248.524.3554
Meals for Homebound Persons .....	248.689.0001
Medi-Go Plus Transportation .....	248.457.1100
Radio for Visually Impaired (on loan), broadcasts Detroit Information Service .....	248.524.3484
Smart Dial-a-Ride .....	248.362.3436
Video Magnifier.....	use @ Library/Community Center
Video Phone for Persons Using Sign Language at the Community Center.....	248.524.3484
Wheelchair Sports .....	248.858.7596

## Troy Businesses Get Creative to “Ride Out” the Rochester Road Widening Project

Please patronize Troy’s Rochester Road businesses during the construction period to help them ride out the widening project that is currently underway.

The road construction project on Rochester Road will reconstruct and widen the road, from Torpey to Barclay to a six-lane boulevard. In addition, Wattles Road will be widened to a four-lane boulevard from about 1,000 ft. east and west of Rochester Road.

Work began in February and will continue through the summer of 2010 with all work to be completed and open to traffic by the end of November.

Businesses and representatives from the City met in March to discuss the ways all could come together to help sustain business traffic throughout the course of the project. The project is 80 percented funded by the federal government and 20 percent funded by the City.



The road construction and widening project on Rochester and Wattles Roads started in February and will continue through the summer of 2010. More details about this and other road projects are on pages 10-11.

### BUSINESSES ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROCHESTER ROAD

Mr. Pita  
 Crazy Joe’s Tanning  
 Troy Oriental Market  
 Fox Portrait Studios  
 Taco Bell/Pizza Hut  
 Costello Hardware  
 Colony Cleaners  
 Sprint  
 Allegra Print & Imaging  
 National Coney Island  
 Marathon  
 CPA Tax & Accounting  
**Able Zone\***  
 Troy Chiropractic  
 Michigan College of Beauty  
 Mattress & Futon Shoppe  
 Passport Pizza n Ribs  
**Franco’s Café\***  
 Cartridge World  
**Allstate - Mark Smith\***  
 Helen’s of Troy  
 Five Star Hair Salon  
 Wow Sushi  
 H&R Block  
 Jin Mee Café  
 Artistic Salon  
 The Industry Source  
 Ashoka Indian Cuisine  
 Aakash Grocer’s Indian & Pakistani Food  
 Penn’s Thai Café  
**Leslie’s Pool Supplies\***  
 Nukoa Gifts & Cosmetics  
**Zoup!\***  
**Pro Car Wash/BP\***  
**Salon Georgette\***  
**LaMarsa/LaMarsa Express\***

Peerless Jewelry  
 Papa John’s Pizza  
 Subway  
 Pecar Home Theater  
 Fifth Third Bank  
 Anderson Music Co  
 Daniel J O’Brien DDS  
 United Flooring Center  
**Automotive Authority\***  
 Lukich Family Restaurant  
 Lisa Daniel Salon and Spa  
 Mr. B’s  
 TCBY  
 Packaging Store  
 Superior Cleaners  
 Dolly’s Pizza  
 2 Tailors  
 Dentist Dr. Metler  
 Edward Jones  
 Massoud Jewelers  
 John Ryan Associates  
 Troy Premiere Nail Club  
 Accent Florist  
 FedEx Kinkos  
 Marshall Music Co  
**Ridley’s Bakery Café\***  
 Blockbuster Video  
 Market Max America Realty  
 Loan Max, Inc. Mortgage Broker  
 Insure Max, Insurance Agency  
 Donald A. Durr & Associates  
 Charden Company  
 First Capital Mortgage  
 S&L Construction  
 Pete’s Limousine Service, Inc.  
 Tom’s Landscape & Nursery

### BUSINESSES ON THE WEST SIDE OF ROCHESTER ROAD

Weight Watchers  
 Nicki’s Nail Studio  
 Dr. James Kraft Chiropractor  
 Ask Alice Home Cleaning & Services  
 Troy Deli  
 EMC Computers  
 Orchid Café Thai Cuisine  
 Tim Horton’s  
 Beauty Room Salon & Spa  
 Pic-a-Deli  
**Discount Tire\***  
**Caribou Coffee\***  
**Steve Michaels Salon\***  
 Reliance Financial Group  
 Jablonski & Company  
 Family Dentistry Dennis E. Bushon DDS  
 Law Offices of Norton T. Gappy,  
 Nazek A. Gappy  
 Broadway Party Store  
 Hungry Howie’s Pizza  
**Arby’s\***  
 Troy Veterinary Hospital  
 Price Funeral Home  
**Picano’s\***  
 Uncle Ed’s Oil Shoppe  
 Premier Pools  
 George’s Soccer  
 Citi Financial  
 Domino’s Pizza  
**Avis\***  
 Compunetics Incorporated  
 ADCI Technical Center  
 Royal Indian Cuisine  
 Elaine’s Bagels  
 Fancy Color

Henderson Glass  
 Accounting & Tax Specialits  
**Always Blooming\***  
 Lady Jane’s  
 Speedy Auto Service  
 A & A Auto Service  
**Wendy’s\***  
 Comerica Bank

### BUSINESSES ON WATTLES

Harmony Christian Care & Learning Center

\*Check these businesses out for limited time construction specials, including coupons, free deliveries, etc.

For more information about specials & to link to the businesses’ websites check out the City website at: [www.troymi.gov/economicdevelopment](http://www.troymi.gov/economicdevelopment)



## Henry Ford Optimize

Introducing the new Henry Ford OptimEyes Super Vision Center on John R (north of 14 Mile, between Elder Ford Dealership and ABC Warehouse). Henry Ford OptimEyes is a team of highly skilled doctors and healthcare professionals dedicated to providing the full spectrum of quality



eye care for the whole family. Services include: Optometry and Ophthalmology including medical/surgical sub-specialists whose area of expertise include pediatric eye care, retinal eye surgery, glaucoma and cataracts; over 2,500 frames to choose from, including your favorite designer names; on-site full service lab for same day glasses on most prescriptions; diabetic eye examinations; LASIK & other laser correction options. Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 9 pm, Saturday 8 am - 6 pm, Sunday 11 am - 5 pm.

735 John R, 248.544.3290, [www.1-800-EYE-CARE.com](http://www.1-800-EYE-CARE.com)

## 350 Jobs Created in Customer Service in Troy

Dialogue Marketing celebrated the grand opening of its newest location at 300 E. Big Beaver Road. The 35,000-square-foot customer contact center created nearly 350 new jobs in the areas of customer service, technical support and business process support services for leading companies. Dialogue marketing, a Michigan-based company since 1978, has tripled in size over the last five years. Despite tough economic times, the organization has experienced tremendous growth according to CEO Alejandro Vargas. The opening of the new Troy facility is a significant milestone for Dialogue Marketing with state-of-the-art call center technology and the latest infrastructure. They are investing in the future and continue to have big dreams for a small company of over 800 professionals.

[www.dialogue-marketing.com](http://www.dialogue-marketing.com)

## The Beauty Room Opens in Troy

Afrodite Nikolakos and Sherie Cesar opened The Beauty Room Salon and Spa in January and they have been going strong ever since. With a full service salon and spa, they offer a wide range of hair services along with bridal packages, girl's night out, even birthday packages for teens. Men are also welcome. They have a very experienced staff that will be able to help with any needs or concerns that you may have while being pampered.

The Beauty Room Salon and Spa is located at 3339 Rochester Road in Troy. The phone number is 248.743.9300.

[www.beautyroomsalonandspa.com](http://www.beautyroomsalonandspa.com)

## Apovini Grill Picks Troy for their 2nd Location

Restaurant owners Nicky and Johnny Gjokay choose Troy as their new location for Apovini Grill, serving delicious American, Greek and Italian food. Stop by seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner or just to try their scrumptious desserts. Their original Apovini Grill is located at 1536 Crooks in Clawson.

1915 E. Maple, 248.740.8440, [www.apovinigrillonline.com](http://www.apovinigrillonline.com)

## New "Green Business Initiative" Program

The Troy Chamber is pleased to announce the launch of its Green Business Initiative (GBI), a program that assists chamber member companies in implementing sustainable practices in their facilities and operations. The program helps GBI-member businesses do their part for the planet and the well being of their employees by engaging in environmentally responsible yet practical 'green' business operations and practices.

Developed and launched by the Chamber's Sustainable Practices Committee, and modeled after a similar program implemented by the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, the GBI utilizes a standard checklist to identify everyday green practices, such as replacing standard light bulbs with incandescent bulbs; using programmable thermostats; recycling paper and non-returnable containers; and installing low-flow plumbing fixtures. The checklist also covers items which may require more thought or expense, such as purchasing renewable power; purchasing from green vendors or service providers;



utilizing green cleaning and pest control materials; using captured wastewater for irrigation; and the use of remote conferencing and Web Ex capabilities to cut down on excessive transportation and carbon emissions.

The application to enroll in the Green Business Initiative program is \$100, which includes a GBI window sticker for the participating businesses, and recognition on the Troy Chamber website and in press materials promoting the GBI for companies who complete a minimum number of green improvements. You must be a Troy Chamber member to participate. Sponsorship opportunities to help support the initiative are available as well. For more information, visit <http://www.troychamber.com/green/>

## The Hills City Grille Offers Unique Menu

The Hills City Grille opened in Troy (at the former Rams Horn location) delivering a brand new 24-hour/7-day-a-week location. The owners of the Hills Bar & Grille in Rochester bring you the same menu, service, and specials in a more intimate atmosphere. The City Grille location has a full bar and easy access to I-75 and is equipped with WiFi for work or relaxing. The menu has something for everyone with their unique menu. Whether it's a night out with friends, a dinner with the kids, your private event, or a business lunch or breakfast, The Hills can accommodate you and your needs.

2940 Rochester Road, 248.528.1620, [www.thehillsbar.com](http://www.thehillsbar.com)

## Looking to Relocate Your Business?

Troy's Real Estate & Economic Development Department is here to assist in the site selection process. Using various development resources, staff can assist in preparing a list of potential industrial, office and commercial locations that meet your needs for a facility. Staff can arrange for tours of the facilities and warm introductions to the brokers representing the properties. If necessary, confidentiality of the project can be provided until the necessary time. Businesses can also take advantage of business development support services, including zoning and ordinance orientation, financing, business planning, and incentives. If you would like to discuss your business' plans for growth in Troy, please call 248.524.3498.

## Summer Safety Tips from Troy Officers

The Troy Police Department diligently strives to maintain the safety of our communities. However, the first step to avoiding crime begins with our own actions. Troy Police officers offer the following tips to make sure that your summer is a safe one:

- Garages and door walls are targets for thieves.
- Always ensure that all doors and windows, especially your garage and pedestrian doors, are secured. Use a 1 ½-inch dowel rod in the track of all sliding glass windows and doors to help prevent them from opening.
- Do not leave garage door remote controls in cars outside.
- There is a trend of things being stolen from vehicles in the parking lots of fitness centers and fun centers (places where you will be away from your vehicle for an extended period of time). Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle in plain view. Always lock your vehicle doors. (Do not leave anything in your vehicle that lists your home address)
- If possible, park your vehicle in your garage. While in public, park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Never leave a running vehicle unattended.

- Do not rely on others to watch your belongings. Always keep control of all your property.

- If you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time, cancel your newspaper subscription during that time frame and have your mail held at the post office. Do not leave empty trash containers at the curbside. Make sure your landscaping is maintained. (If you cannot, have someone you trust do it for you.)

- Your belongings are not safe while you are playing sports or at work unless you have them properly locked or are in possession of them.

- Maintain your credit cards and secure your card numbers. (Limit the number of credit cards you carry at one time.)

- Never give your bank account numbers over the phone.

- If you suspect that you are victim of credit fraud, call your credit card company and have them run a query of your charges.

If you see something suspicious or feel that something just isn't right, contact the Troy Police Department at 248. 524.3477.

## Jam Fest Parties at the Aquatic Center

Fridays 8-11 pm, \$5 Admission

Troy Family Aquatic Center - 3425 Civic Center Drive

For students graduating 8th grade and ages 14 and older from Troy, Clawson, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, or Avondale schools.

Upcoming Jam Fest Dates:

June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23

SWIMMING • VOLLEYBALL • WATER HOOPS • LIVE MUSIC • DANCING

• FREE DRAWINGS FOR DOOR PRIZES • ADMISSION GETS YOU A TICKET FOR

\$3 IN REFRESHMENT VOUCHERS

This fun-filled evening for teens is sponsored by Troy, Clawson, and Auburn Hills Police Departments; School Districts; Community Coalitions; Troy Parks and Recreation; Troy Families for Safe Homes; and Boys & Girls Club of Troy.

Businesses or organizations who are interested in making a donation to this worthwhile event can contact Officer Nickie Kaptur at 248.680.7223.



## Ceremony Remembers Fallen Troy Officers

Citizens are invited to attend the Annual Police Memorial Day Ceremony on **Thursday, May 13, at 10 am** in front of the Troy Police Department, 500 W. Big Beaver.

The Troy Police Department honors the memory of officers who have given their lives in the line of duty:

**Officer Charles Smetana**, 33, died in an automobile accident on December 11, 1969 while responding to an injury accident.

**Officer Martin Chivas**, 23, was shot and killed on April 22, 1974 while investigating a burglary.

**Officer Chuck Mulvihill**, 44, died on September 11, 2001 as a result of apparent heart failure suffered while responding to a call for service.

## Troy Police & Fire Benevolent Association

The TPFBA is a 501c3 organization formed in January 2002 by the Troy Police, Fire, City employees and community volunteers. Its mission is to provide assistance to municipal employees that experience personal tragedy and subsequent financial distress, particularly if related to their public service employment. Donations can be sent to the TPFBA, 500 West Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084. Questions can be directed to 248.524.1147.



**ALARM REGISTRATION FORM**

**Mail to: Troy Police Department-Community Services  
500 W. Big Beaver Troy MI 48084**

DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_  
RESIDENTIAL

TYPE OF ALARM (S): BURGLARY  FIRE  MEDICAL EMERGENCY   
PANIC  HOLDUP   
OTHER TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S): HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

ALARM MONITORING COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONS TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*CHECK PAYABLE TO "CITY OF TROY" FOR \$25 MUST BE ENCLOSED\*\*\***

**Residential Crime Alert Network**

The Troy Police Department Community Services Section administers the Residential Crime Alert Network. This e-mail network is used to disseminate information to Troy residents on current crime trends and safety issues and give crime prevention tips as they relate to the residents of Troy. We are currently accepting Troy residents that are interested in being added to this network list to receive information.

How to get on the list:

Send an e-mail with your information to [troypdcrimealert@troymi.gov](mailto:troypdcrimealert@troymi.gov) providing the following:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- E-mail Address

Specify if you would like to receive the residential or business alerts. For more information contact the Troy Police Department at 248.524.3464 or 248.680.7224.

**ALARM ORDINANCE CHANGE**

On November 9, 2009, Troy City Council approved various changes to the alarm ordinance, Chapter 103 of the Troy City Code, and the associated fee schedule, Chapter 60 of the Troy City Code, both of which took affect December 1, 2009.

One of those changes was an increase to the annual alarm registration fee to help cover associated administrative costs. **The annual alarm registration fee is \$25.**

For non-registered alarm systems, in addition to any applicable false alarm fees, a \$50 registration fee will be assessed. This was the first fee increase to the alarm ordinance since 1997. There was no increase, however, to false alarm activation fees.

Another change affecting alarm registrations is that individual security and fire alarm systems must be registered separately, except in the case of single-family residential accounts where a combined security and fire alarm system exists. Single-family residential accounts only require a single registration for combined systems.

While the ordinance still allows for two free false alarm activations per registration year, an invoice will now accompany the false alarm notification form. To receive a credit, the notification form must be returned within 30 days and the alarm system must already be registered. This credit, however, only applies to the first two false alarm activations per registration year.

Finally, security alarm systems equipped with audible signals, for example, bells, horns, or sirens, intended to be heard by persons outside the protected premise, must be equipped with a shut-off device that automatically silences the audible signal within 10 minutes of activation. Security alarm systems equipped with audible signals that are not fitted with a shut-off device will be subject to deactivation by the police department. The alarm user will be assessed a shut-off fee and any applicable false alarm or unregistered alarm fees in accordance with Chapter 60 of the Troy City Code.

The City of Troy may charge a fee to cover the actual incremental costs, including labor, for each alarm response involving manual shut-off of an alarm system.

To view Chapters 103 and 60 in their entirety, visit the website at: <http://www.troymi.gov/CodeAndCharter/CodeTOC.pdf>

## Practice Outdoor Fire Safety During Summertime

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, picnics and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills. Annually, just under 10,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

### Fireworks Safety

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals.

If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal. According to the Michigan State Fire Marshal, the following fireworks can be used in the state without a permit:

- Flat paper caps containing no more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap
- Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noise makers, and toy guns in which paper caps are used
- Sparklers containing no more than .0125 pounds of burning portion per sparkler
- Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter
- Cone and cylinder fountains (emits showers of sparks)
- Toy snakes not containing mercury and packed no more than 12 per box
- Toy smoke devices
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.

### Open Burning and Recreational Fires

**Allowable Burning:** Open burning shall be allowed without prior notification to the Fire Department for recreational fires and occupational needs.

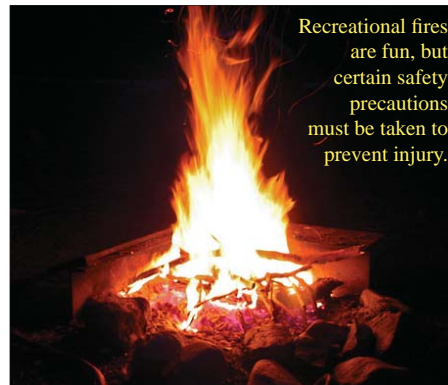
**Recreational Fires:** Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Recreational fires include bonfires and ground fires.

#### Bonfires:

■ A bonfire is an outdoor fire which burns only seasoned dry firewood or clean untreated lumber intended to minimize the generation of air contaminants and is utilized for occasional special events.

■ Bonfires may be permitted if in compliance with the ordinance and subject to prior approval from the Fire Department and City Council. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material.

■ Once approved, the intended maximum size and duration of a bonfire shall not be increased unless by City Council approval and only after it has been determined by the Fire Department that the fire safety requirements of the situation and the desirable duration of burn warrant the increase prior to the bonfire.



#### Ground Fires:

■ A ground fire is an outdoor fire for the purpose of viewing or warming, or utilized to cook food for human consumption, or for ceremonial purposes, which burns only seasoned dry firewood or commercially available charcoal briquettes intended to minimize the generation of air contaminants.

■ A ground fire shall be the minimum size for the intended purpose but not larger than 3 feet in any dimension and shall be contained in a safe manner.

**Prohibited Open Burning:** Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Burning for the purposes of incineration of waste material including paper, leaves, or any other combustible debris, outside of any structure at any place is prohibited.

*This list compiled from resources provided by the United States Fire Administration, Troy City Code and Charter, and the Troy Fire Department.*

### The Troy Firefighter Women's Auxiliary Sends Kids to Burn Camp

The Troy Firefighter Women's Auxiliary sponsored a very successful 12th annual Euchre Tournament in March raising money for the Great Lakes Burn Camp. This non-profit volunteer-run organization provides a special place for kids ages 6-17 to meet, heal, grow and support other burn survivors.

The money raised by the TFFWA will send at least six kids to the Burn Camp this August in Jackson, MI for a week long camping adventure. This month, co-chairs of the Euchre Tournament Amy Koehler and Jessica Kalef will present a check to Camp Director Mike Longenecker. He noted the important role the camp plays in encouraging the children to participate in activities designed to build self-esteem and teach new skills.

"It's a place where kids can share their stories and bond with each other without intrusive stares from other kids and adults. The experience truly makes a positive difference in their lives and they are pleased to come back and help others as they have been helped."

If you are interested in joining or volunteering with the Troy Firefighter Women's Auxiliary, please call 248.250.6909 or send an email to: [troyffwa@hotmail.com](mailto:troyffwa@hotmail.com). For more information on Great Lakes Burn Camp, visit [www.greatlakesburncamp.com](http://www.greatlakesburncamp.com) or call 1.800.989.2571.

#### Advertising Opportunity!

Starting with the Fall 2010 issue, we will include business advertisements in the quarterly newsletter *Troy Today*.

The City of Troy quarterly newsletter is the official resource for municipal news, Library, Museum, Parks & Recreation and Nature Center information.

Mailed to over 32,500 households, the *Troy Today* is the perfect way to get your message out to all Troy residents. For more information and ad rates, please call Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director at 248.524.1147 or email [cindy.stewart@troymi.gov](mailto:cindy.stewart@troymi.gov).

## Be an informed neighbor: What you need to know about City Codes

With the warmer weather here, families spend a lot more time outdoors. It is important within our community that we all try to be a good neighbor. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions related to community living within Troy.

### Code Enforcement FAQs

#### How often do I have to cut my grass?

Effective in 2010, the City has a new requirement regarding lawn and grass maintenance. Cutting tall lawns and grasses located between private property lines and roads is now the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. This includes areas between fences and roads. It also includes areas between sidewalks and roads. For example, if a fence in the back yard separates the property from the road, the property owner should maintain grass on both sides of the fence, up to the edge of the road. Lawn grass and weeds must not exceed 10 inches in height in these areas and also on occupied and unoccupied private property. Ornamental plants and grasses, and dedicated preservation areas are exempt from the cutting requirement. The full lawn and grass maintenance ordinance can be viewed [here](#).

#### How early can I put my garbage out for pick up?

Garbage, recyclables, and recyclable yard waste should be placed at the curb no sooner than 5 pm on the preceding day. Containers should be removed as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after pickup. Collection starts at 7 am on your trash day. Empty containers shall be removed from the curb within 24 hours after trash pickup. Turn to page 14 for more about curbside pickup.

#### Can I put out signs advertising my garage sale?

Garage/yard sale signs are allowed on private property subject to certain limitations (see related article on this page). Signs that are placed in the public right-of-way (City property) will be removed by the City. Please check the regulations before displaying your sign.

#### Can I operate a business out of my residence?

Home businesses (the City Code calls them Home Occupations) are allowed in one- and two-family residential districts subject

to certain regulations. Before starting any home business, we suggest you contact the Building Inspection Division to discuss your proposal.

#### How long can I park a commercial vehicle in the street?

Commercial vehicles, trucks or trailers shall not be parked on any residential street for more than one hour. If the vehicles are servicing adjacent residences, they may be parked only for such period as is necessary to complete the service.

#### How many days can I keep my inoperable car parked outside on my property?

Motor vehicles parked or stored outside shall not be unlicensed or in a non-operating condition for a period exceeding 14 days.

#### Can I store a recreational vehicle outside on my residential property?

In residentially zoned districts, recreational vehicles can be stored anywhere on the property for up to a 48-hour period. At all other times, recreational vehicles and equipment must be stored inside a completely enclosed building or located behind the front face of the house, and no closer than 3 feet from the side or rear property line. Recreational vehicles cannot be stored or parked on vacant lots.

#### Can I park my commercial vehicle in my residential neighborhood?

In a one family-zoned area, one commercial vehicle is allowed on private property *if* it is a pickup truck or a passenger/cargo style van. Other types of commercial vehicles, trucks and equipment are permitted on private property provided they are actively performing a service related to the property (construction activity, delivery vehicles, etc.).

#### How do I report an Ordinance or Code violation to the City of Troy?

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the Planning Division at 248.524.3359 or e-mail [evanspm@troy.mi.gov](mailto:evanspm@troy.mi.gov). This information can also be found on the website at <http://www.troy.mi.gov/FAQ/BuildingInspection>

## Details on displaying temporary signs

The Troy Sign Ordinance allows all types of temporary signs on private property. These include signs for homes for sale or rent, land for sale, garage sales, estate sales, buildings under construction, political, holiday, and other seasonal signs.

1. Size of Temporary Signs: The maximum size of an individual temporary sign must not exceed 6 sq. ft. in area (measured on one side). The total aggregate area of all temporary signs on any one site must not exceed 14 sq. ft. Temporary signs must not be higher than 42 inches above the ground.
2. The signs must be placed on private property, with the property owner's permission.
3. Placement is never allowed in the public street right-of-way (City property). In most cases this means that the signs must be located

behind the sidewalk. In areas where there is no sidewalk, signs cannot be located closer than 20 feet from the edge of the traveled portion of the roadway.

4. Signs can never be attached to a streetlight, street sign, fire hydrant or telephone pole.
5. Signs that are placed in the public right-of-way (City property) will be removed by the City, and stored for a 48-hour period. If you wish to retrieve a sign that has been removed, you must first pay the \$50 administrative fee for each sign. Signs not retrieved within 48 hours will be destroyed.
6. The entire text of the Troy Sign Ordinance can be obtained at [www.troy.mi.gov/CodeAndCharter/Code/CH085.pdf](http://www.troy.mi.gov/CodeAndCharter/Code/CH085.pdf). Call the Building Department at 248.524.3344 with questions.