

FALL / WINTER 2025 – 2026

CITY of MONTROSE



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Elected City Officials

Thomas Banks, Mayor
Mark Richard, Mayor Pro-Tem
Melissa Hoose, Council Member
Todd Pangle, Council Member
Lori Machuk, Council Member
Robert Arnold, Council Member
Ryan Heslop, Council Member

Appointed City Officials

Joe Karlichek, City Manager
Kim Lynch, Finance Manager
Marcy Collins, Deputy Treasurer
Sam Spence, DPW Supervisor
Christine Schultz, Secretary
Christina Rush, City Clerk
Jamie Cochran, Police Chief
George Taylor, Fire Chief
Robert Naumann, Assessor
Tim Mazur, Building Inspector
Scott Murlick, Code Enforcement
Lori Machuk, DDA Chair
Ray Foust, Planning Chair

CITY MANAGER MESSAGE

I want to thank the many residents, business owners and colleagues across the County for your warm welcome. I also want to thank all of our staff, our DPW, our Police and Firefighters. Your commitment to the City is deeply valued and I know our citizens appreciate, as much as I do, your hard work and sacrifices.

Montrose has a strong tradition of core family values, schools, and being neighborly. I come from a community (Flushing) who shares the same values. My commitment to the city is to uphold these values, usher in an era of transparency of local government, create a culture of hospitality, support our business community and ensure our city government delivers unrivaled quality of service to keep our community safe, clean and thriving.

I hope you find this newsletter useful as we increase the consistency of communication. I look forward to working with City Council in developing strong long-term policies that support our entire community, continue meeting with our community, veterans, school system, philanthropic organizations and support our community in every way.

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City Manager, Joe Karlichek

DPW MESSAGE – Sam Spence

- Do not place leaves, grass, or sticks in the road.
- Please check your mailbox for sturdiness.
- Locate outside water shutoff, as well as interior shutoff near water meter.
- Please shovel sidewalks for our walkers.
- Please keep a safe distance when the DPW plow trucks are out.
- Keep an eye out for the yellow safety vests. Remember all city streets are 25MPH.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MESSAGE – Scott Murlick

- Exterior property must be kept clean.
- All vehicles on property must be registered and operable.
- Premises identification must be visible and is required.
- You cannot park in the front yard in the City of Montrose.
- Grass or weeds cannot reach heights over 10 inches and may change next spring to 6 or 7 inches.
- Residents are responsible for the removal of snow on your sidewalks.

POLICE CHIEF MESSAGE – Jamie Cochran

As the new school year begins, I want to remind everyone to drive safely and remain alert, especially in school zones. Please slow down, watch for crossing guards, and always stop for school buses when their red lights are flashing. Let's work together to ensure the safety of our children during drop-off and pick-up times by being patient and respectful to one another.

Additionally, I encourage all residents to take a few extra precautions: avoid leaving valuables in your vehicles and remember to lock them up at night. These small steps can go a long way in helping prevent crime in our neighborhoods.

If you see anything suspicious, don't hesitate to call 911. Your vigilance helps us keep our community safe.

Lastly, I'm pleased to share that we had another **very successful Blueberry Festival** this year with hardly any issues reported. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a safe and enjoyable event!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer—stay safe, and let's have a great school year!

FIRE CHIEF MESSAGE - George Taylor

- Please read your burning permits and follow them per the City Of Montrose Ordinances. Burn Permits are available at City Hall at no cost.
- When the Fire Department receives a 911 call, we have to respond no matter what the call.
- Fall burning of leaves is coming upon us. Please be aware of the smoke traveling towards your neighbors as well as across the roads which distracts traffic.
- Please change your Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Batteries!
- School is now in session, please watch out for the students walking to school.

Burning of leaves and grass clippings is only allowed from sunrise to sunset on every Saturday and Sunday during the months of April, May, October and November.

Link to Ordinances: https://library.municode.com/mi/montrose/codes/code_of_ordinances

BUILDING INSPECTOR MESSAGE – Tim Mazur

I am here to support our Business Community and those who are improving their property!

City of Montrose Building Official is here to answer your questions about the building, zoning and the permitting process and guide you through the details so that your home or business not only looks great when you are done with your project but can be done right. Permits can be obtained through the city office or online.

<https://www.cityofmontrose.us/building-department/>

Your home or business is an investment, and so if your construction project does not comply with city ordinances the value of your investment may be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to make costly repairs.

Thank you to the many business owners and homeowners whom I have met!

If you are planning to do work, such as landscaping or excavating, please contact MISS DIG at least 3 business days prior to conducting excavation on your property.

Contact MISS DIG at 1-800-482-7171 or 8-1-1. MISS DIG will notify the public utilities in your area so that they can locate and mark the approximate location of underground lines they own and operate within your proposed work area.

D.D.A. - BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT - COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ✓ Montrose Fall-O-Ween Fest, Saturday, October 18th, Downtown, 4pm-9pm.
- ✓ Costume Drive, now through September 26th. Drop off costumes at: Blackbird Market, Wards Barber Shop, Honey B's Boutique, Acorn & Company, & Montrose Candy & Ice Cream. Free shopping day will be Saturday, October 4th at Blackbird Market from 12pm-5pm.
- ✓ Depot lights RED on Friday nights through football season!
- ✓ Lighting project for new string lights going up on our downtown light poles!
- ✓ Mums & Fall Decorations going out soon to our Downtown!
- ✓ Handicap grant that was dispersed to Local Business!

Please visit our page for meetings, agendas, updates and more!

<https://www.cityofmontrose.us/dda/>

WELCOME OUR NEW BUSINESSES!

- Honey B's Boutique located at 119 W. State St.
- Montrose Candy & Ice Cream re-opened at the beginning of August located at 124 West State Street.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS!



**Montrose
Fall-O-Ween Fest**

October 18 | 4PM - 9PM | Downtown Montrose

Family Fun for All Ages!

- 🍎 Games & Activities
- 🥞 Cider & Donuts
- 🍷 Food Trucks & Baked Goods
- 🛍️ Local Vendors

Join us for a magical evening of community, fun, and fall festivities!

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Halloween Costume Drive

Donate - Share - Reuse

Do you have gently used Halloween costumes your family no longer needs? Donate them to help other kids and families in our community enjoy the holiday! Accepting donations NOW till September 26th at 5PM

FREE Shopping Day:
Saturday, October 4th
Noon - 5 PM
Blackbird Market
118 W State St, Downtown Montrose

Donation Drop-Off Locations:

- Blackbird Market
- Honey B's Boutique
- Montrose Candy & Ice Cream
- Acorn & Company
- Ward's Barber Shop

Costumes of all sizes welcome! Help us spread the magic of Halloween while keeping costumes out of landfills.

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2026 Water/Sewer Information

Billing Period	Date Billed	Date Due	Shutoff Date
12/10 to 1/9	January 12	January 26	2/9/26
1/10 to 2/9	February 10	February 25	3/10/26
2/10 to 3/9	March 10	March 25	4/8/26
3/10 to 4/9	April 9	April 27	5/7/26
4/10 to 5/9	May 11	May 26	6/9/26
5/10 to 6/9	June 10	June 24	7/8/26
6/10 to 7/9	July 9	July 27	8/10/26
7/10 to 8/9	August 11	August 25	9/9/26
8/10 to 9/9	September 10	September 23	10/8/26
9/10 to 10/9	October 12	October 26	11/9/26
10/10 to 11/9	November 10	November 23	12/9/26
11/10 to 12/9	December 10	December 23	1/7/27

(Dates may be subject to change due to inclement weather, staffing or tower issues)

FAQ:

Where does my water come from?

Montrose receives its water from the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA). It is a municipal corporation responsible for distributing water services in the Mid-Michigan and Thumb areas of the State of Michigan. Members of the authority are the cities of Flint and Lapeer, and the counties of Genesee, Lapeer and Sanilac.

How does Montrose ensure the quality of the water?

The City staff regularly tests the water. The City also completes an annual consumer confidence report,

How is my water bill calculated?

Water and sewer usage is measured in gallons.

Water meters are read electronically by our utility biller each month to determine actual usage. Sewer charges are billed based on water usage.

Water is billed at a flat \$34.25 "ready to serve" fee per billing plus .00758 per 1,000 gallons. The cost of 1,000 gallons of water usage is \$7.58,

Sewer is billed at a flat \$28.75 "ready to serve" fee per billing plus .00300 per 1,000 gallons. The cost of 1,000 gallons of sewer usage is \$3.60

Is there a penalty for late payment?

Payments made after 6p.m. on the due date will be assessed a 10% penalty.

Why was my service shut off and how can I get it restored?

Customers who have at least two months past due will receive a "red" shutoff notice.

Shut off date is normally the 8th day of the month, but it can fluctuate from the 5th to the 10th.

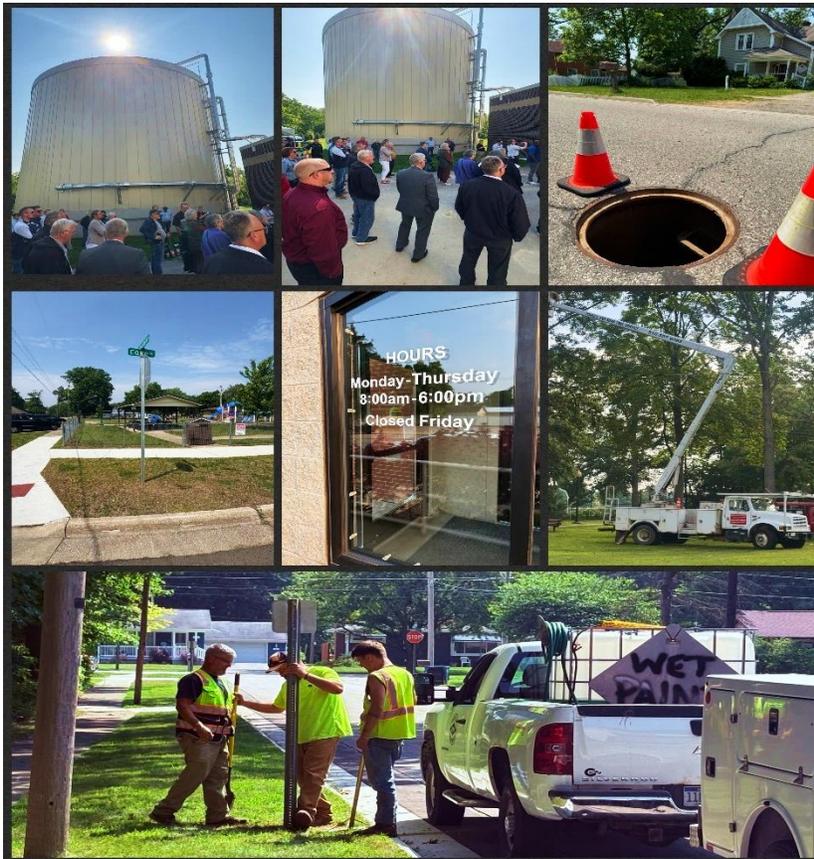
The minimum payment indicated on the bill must be received in the city office by 6p.m. the day before the shut-off date. To restore the service the account must be paid in full including off/on fees.

Please contact City Secretary, Christine Schultz: 810.639.6168 Ext. 1 for Utility Bills, Burn Permits, Depot Rental, Blueberry Park or Lions Park rental!

CITY of MONTROSE ACTIVITIES!



**Your DPW,
Police, and Fire
Department
Work Hard
to
Keep
Our
Community
Clean
&
Safe!**



City Hall Closure for Holidays

- ❖ November 27 & 28
(Thanksgiving)
- ❖ December 24, 25, 26
(Christmas Eve,
Christmas)
- ❖ December 31 (New
Years Eve)
- ❖ January 1 (2026) New
Years Day
- ❖ January 19 (2026)
Martin Luther King