

CITY OF IRONWOOD MICHIGAN



CITY OF IRONWOOD PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2015 ~ 2016

CONGRATULATIONS IRONWOOD BUSINESSES

The City of Ironwood would like to extend a “welcome” and “congratulations” to the businesses that have recently expanded or made the decision to locate in the City of Ironwood. We are excited to have them as part of our community.



Dunham's Sports



Stem's Flower Shop



Matt's Classic Cuts



Little Critter's Baby Boutique



Christian Book Store



Rovelsky's

- Dunham's Sports, 1450 E. Cloverland Dr. (new location)
- Stems Flower Shop, 215 S. Lowell St.
- Matt's Classic Cuts, 212 E. McLeod Ave.
- Little Critter's Baby Boutique, 108 E. Aurora St.
- Christian Book Store, 600 E. Ayer St.
- Rovelsky's, 215 W. McLeod Ave. (new ownership)
- 906 Boom, 320 E. Aurora St.
- Golden Dragon 215 S. Suffolk St. (new location)
- Dancing Raven Artwork, 321 S. Suffolk St.
- Expensify, Sunnyside Plaza
- Bethany Ann Hellen Studio, 111 S. Lowell St.



906 BOOM



Golden Dragon



Dancing Raven Artwork



Expensify



Bethany Ann Hellen Studio

Please note: This is not a complete list. Updates will be posted in future newsletters!

If you are a business owner, or prospective business owner, and would like information about any of the various programs that exist or aid business development or start-up, please contact the City of Ironwood's Community Development Office at 906-932-5050 x126 or via e-mail Michael Brown at brownm@cityofironwood.org.

REMINDER: Business Licenses will be coming due on February 28, 2016. Notices and invoices will be mailed out January 2016.

For more information about obtaining your business license please call the City Clerk's office at 906-932-5050 ext. 122.

Snap this QR code for more information about city services.



Live Where You Play

INFORMATION FOR YOU

Snowmobile Trails Open
Tues, Dec 1 (weather permitting)

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
Grand View Hospital
Tues, Dec 1 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade
Fri, Dec 4 @ 6 - 7 pm

Santa's Headquarters-Memorial Bldg
Wed, Dec 9 @ 10 - 1:30 pm

City Offices Closed

Christmas
Thurs & Fri, Dec 24 & 25
New Year's
Dec, 31, 2015 & Jan 1, 2016

Snowmobile Olympus Race
Gogebic County Fairgrounds
Jan 1 - 3, 2016

Vintage Snowmobile Parade
Fri, Jan 1 - 6 pm start @ Depot Park
Fireworks - follow @ Hurley Trailhead

SISU Cross Country Ski Marathon
Sat & Sun, Jan 9 & 10, 2016

Michigan - Free Fishing Weekend
Feb 13 & 14, 2016

CARNEGIE LIBRARY EVENTS

Library - Open House
during Jack Frost Parade
Fri, Dec 4 @ 5 - 6 pm

Beanie & the Bamboozling Book Machine
Thurs, Dec 10 - (area schools)
(@ Historic Ironwood Theatre)

Burger King Holiday Fundraiser
Thurs, Dec 17 @ 4 - 7 pm
for Awkward Stage Drama Club
(Eat dinner at BK & 20% will be donated back to the Cub. Santa & Elves will be there.)

Children's Holiday Party
Tues, Dec 22 @ 2 pm

More Library info @ 906-932-0203
or visit their website:
www.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood/

For information on area events, contact Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce 906-932-1122 visit: www.ironwoodmi.org or Western U.P. Convention & Visitor Bureau 906-932-4850

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

By Tim Erickson, Community Dev. Assistant

The City of Ironwood Community Development Department is the only full package economic/community development entity in Gogebic County. The department handles everything from Parks & Recreation, Business Retention and Attraction, Downtown, Highway and Industrial Development, Housing Rehabilitation and Demolition, entrepreneurial support, or simply making it attractive to live and work in Ironwood.

Our main effort is to implement the Award Winning Comprehensive Plan which was developed in 2014. Based on public input from the plan, the #1 priority is to create an environment that will attract and retain businesses. A few items that we are currently working on based on the Plan are: 1. Greater regional broadband access to businesses and residents, 2. Youth attraction and retention, 3. Branding and marketing the city, 4. Helping businesses locate in the City of Ironwood, 5. Develop our local food system, 6. Many different park improvements and plans, and 7. Updating the City's regulatory environment and much more.

The Community Development Department is also applying for approximately \$100,000 state grant funds provided by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, to rehabilitate owner occupied housing units found in the Norrie and Longyear neighborhoods. The grants cover deficiencies related to roofing, siding, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, etc. The grants are available to specifically help low-moderate income households, capping the household income at or below the 80% area median income. If you live in either of these neighborhoods, please contact Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant at 906-932-5050 x 125.

The Downtown Ironwood Development Authority has issued \$2,000 toward a local City of Ironwood Downtown Facade improvement program. If you own a commercial building in the Downtown, please contact Michael J.D. Brown, Community Development Director at 906-932-5050 x 126.

If you own a building in the Downtown and would like to rehabilitate or create new residential units above an operating or soon to be operating commercial space, you may qualify for the "Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program". If you are interested in this program please contact Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant at 906-932-5050 x 125.

PUBLIC NOTICES

No Parking on Ironwood City Streets

October 31 – April 1 2 AM-7 AM

Vehicles must not be parked on City right-of-way. For the safety of your vehicles, park inside your property line. Vehicles found in violation of this notice will be towed away at owner's expense and subject to a fine. The City will not be liable for any damage to cars illegally parked.

Cleaning Snow and Ice from Private or Public Property

- No person shall shovel, push, plow or move snow or ice or otherwise cause to deposit any snow or ice in or upon the traveled portion of any street or sidewalk.
- No person shall remove or cause to remove any snow or ice on to any or across any street or any roadway.
- No person shall deposit or cause to deposit any snow or ice in any manner which obstructs the safety vision of a driver of a motor vehicle.
- A person who violates these sections upon conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Ironwood Public Safety Director - Andrew DiGiorgio 906-932-1234

Sidewalks to be Cleared

Property owners in the C-2 Sidewalk Maintenance Area of the City of Ironwood are required to keep clear all sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises from snow and ice within twenty-four (24) hours after the fall or formation. Failure to do so shall be deemed a violation of the Ordinance and may cause the sidewalks to be cleared by the City of Ironwood at the owners or occupant's expense.

(Chapter 29, Section 29-96 Ironwood City Code)

Code Enforcement Officer - Jason Alonen 906-932-5050 x123



Legendary Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus Race Announced for 2016



Red's Auto of Ironwood and Northern Clearing of Ashland are proud to announce the Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus is nearly ready for the first green flag.

Beginning with practice on the afternoon of Friday, Jan 1, ice oval racers from four provinces in Canada, and more than 15 states will converge on the fast and historic half-mile track at the Gogebic County Fairgrounds in Ironwood. The regular racing program begins on both Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9 am with more than 45 races scheduled for both days. Each day, the racing program culminates with the TLR Cup final and 12 of the nation's premier drivers racing 15 laps for their share of more than \$120,000 in season long points money.

Speeds in excess of 100 mph are common. In addition, 25 other classes of both vintage and late model sleds will be competing over the weekend.



One of the special events includes the *Jim Adema Memorial Cup* race on Saturday. Heat races and semis in the Adema Memorial take place Saturday morning with the final being run in the afternoon. (Jim Adema was killed in a racing accident in December of 1975

while racing in Ironwood.) The race winner will be awarded a custom trophy and \$1000 in cash.

The second special event race is the "Wizard Dash for Cash" to be held on Sunday. Racers will be competing for an additional \$2150 in prize money. The "Wizard Dash for Cash" race honors local race supporter Keith "The Wizard" Ladwig who passed away in 2014. Keith and his family are longtime supporters of snowmobile racing. Through the generous support of the Ladwig family, 4 Seasons Forest Products, Ponsse North America, Hoeft Construction, South Shore Oil, Extreme Tool and Dale's Automotive, the Dash for Cash became a reality.

There is a ton to see and do at the Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus in 2016. You can get out of the cold by stopping by the heated multi-purpose building where you will find hot food, a full bar, warm bathrooms, and vendors including FXR, AMSOIL, and more.

More information is available on the race web site: www.ironwoodsnowmobileolympus.com and by following the race Facebook page (search Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus).

"Where Legends Race." See you there!