

# CITY OF IRONWOOD MICHIGAN



CITY OF IRONWOOD PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2014-15

## US2 Phase I Complete

The reconstruction of U.S. 2 through the City of Ironwood has been planned for many years and is finally upon us. This past summer the first phase of the U.S. 2 reconstruction project was completed. Approximately 1.3 miles of highway was reconstructed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The City of Ironwood partnered with the MDOT and had the municipal water system and sanitary sewer system replaced at the same time.



Over this upcoming winter the second phase of the project will be bid out for construction next summer (2015). The Phase II project will start at Curry Street and will go east past Luxmore Street (past the Kmart/Super One Store complex). This project will also include full street reconstruction, new sanitary sewer, new water main, sidewalk on the north side

and new street lighting (along with burying the overhead power lines).

Prior to the work starting in the spring there will be public informational meetings to review the contractor's project schedule. Although there is a lot of disruption and inconvenience during project construction, the end result will be well worth it and will be enjoyed by many for years to come. If there are any questions regarding the Phase II U.S. 2 construction project you can contact the MDOT Transportation Service Center in Crystal Falls, MI at 906-866-8100 or the City of Ironwood Office's at 906-932-5050.

## 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 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*

## INFORMATION FOR YOU

**"Snowmobile Trails Open"**  
Mon, Dec 1

**Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
Grand View Hospital  
Tues, Dec 2 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

**Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade**  
Fri, Dec 5 @ 6 pm

**Shop with a Cop** on Sat, Dec 6

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

**City Offices Closed**  
Christmas  
Wed & Thurs, Dec 24 & 25  
New Year's Holiday  
Dec 31, 2014 & Jan 1, 2015

**Snowmobile Olympus Race**  
Gogebic County Fairgrounds  
Jan 2 - 4, 2015

**Vintage Snowmobile Parade**  
& Fireworks (to follow)  
Fri, Jan 2 @ 5:00 pm  
(Ironwood Chamber)

**SISU Cross Country Ski Marathon**  
Sat, Jan 10, 2015

**Michigan - Free Fishing Weekend**  
Feb 14 & 15, 2015

\*For additional information on any area event, please contact Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce 906-932-1122 or Western U.P. Convention & Visitor Bureau 906-932-4850

## CARNEGIE LIBRARY EVENTS

**Library - Open House**  
during Jack Frost Parade  
Fri, Dec 5 @ 5 pm - 7 pm

**Winter Wonderland Story Hour**  
Sat, Dec 13 @ 10:30 am

**Children's Holiday Party**  
Mon, Dec 22 @ 2 pm

\*For additional information on Library events please contact the Library at 906-932-0203 or visit them on their website:  
<http://www.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood/>

## Community Development Update

With the adoption of the City's new Comprehensive Plan in July, 2014 the City has been working diligently on implementation.

Some notable work undertaken so far includes:

- ✓ Prioritization of future trail improvements
- ✓ Initial discussions regarding development of mini master plans for Miners Park and a City wide art plan
- ✓ Development of a downtown art park
- ✓ Development of a local facade improvement program for the downtown businesses
- ✓ Development of a business retention program and economic development toolkit
- ✓ Submission of a DNR grant for a playground at Depot Park
- ✓ Creation of a policy regarding sale of City surplus property
- ✓ Preparation of master plans for the sanitary and storm sewers



Additional information can be found on the City's website: [cityofironwood.org/Documents/Comprehensive%20Plan.html](http://cityofironwood.org/Documents/Comprehensive%20Plan.html)

The City would like to encourage citizens and the business community

to become involved with the plans implementation. If you are interested in participating you can review the individual plan chapter pages on the website mentioned above for ideas on how you can become involved in a specific area of the community.

In addition, the Spark Plans offer ways for you to become involved as well. Visit [cityofironwood.org/documents/Home/DOCUMENTS/Comprehensive\\_Plan/Appendix\\_A-D/Appendix\\_C\\_-\\_Spark\\_Plans.pdf](http://cityofironwood.org/documents/Home/DOCUMENTS/Comprehensive_Plan/Appendix_A-D/Appendix_C_-_Spark_Plans.pdf) or you can create and submit your own Spark Plan [cityofironwood.org/documents/Home/DOCUMENTS/Comprehensive\\_Plan/Appendix\\_A-D/Spark\\_Plan\\_Template.pdf](http://cityofironwood.org/documents/Home/DOCUMENTS/Comprehensive_Plan/Appendix_A-D/Spark_Plan_Template.pdf).

You can also contact Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown at 906-932-5050 x 126 or email [brownm@cityofironwood.org](mailto:brownm@cityofironwood.org).

In addition, the City has a housing rehabilitation grant to assist homeowners in the Norrie location with projects such as new roofs, siding, windows, HVAC systems and more. There is also a rental rehabilitation program available to property owners of downtown buildings to create/rehab residential units above active ground floor businesses.

If you live in Norrie and are interested please contact Tim Erickson - Community Development Assistant at 906-932-5050 x 125.

Snap this QR code to stay connected to Ironwood, a City with opportunities, adventure and history.



**Live Where You Play**

## Commissioner's Corner



I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to be seated on the Ironwood City Commission for the last three years, having the privilege, to represent our community on various projects.

As citizens of Ironwood we need to attend more functions, such as community events and meetings. Our newly, redeveloped Comprehensive Plan will help us improve, our quality of life. A lot of great things can be had if our community support is gained. Our City has accomplished many infrastructure and road projects in 2014. Our goal to expand the Little League Field parking lot is one of the important things to be completed for the safety of our children. There has been community support and donations to see this project through. Thank you for your time.

*City Commissioner - Joseph J. Cayer*

## Legendary Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus Race Announced for 2015



For the past 30 years, snowmobile racing has been an "on-again, off-again" event at the fast and historic half mile. But during the past five years, ice oval snowmobile racing has begun its return to a high level of prominence in the racing community. January 2, 3 & 4, 2015 finds Ironwood rising even higher on the ladder of prominence as we prepare to host the fastest and best drivers in all of the racing community.

The historical significance of Ironwood is still mentioned in the racing community today. Many drivers share fond memories of the Ironwood track while others have placed it on their "bucket list" of places to race. 2015 will mark the 2nd Annual Jim Adema Memorial Cup race to be held in Ironwood. Plans include having Patty Adema-Seneker on hand to award the trophy and prize money in honor of her late husband Jim.

For more information, please follow our web site [ironwoodsnowmobileolympus.com](http://ironwoodsnowmobileolympus.com) and follow us on Facebook by searching for Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus.

"Where Legends Race." See you there!



Nick Van Strydonk of Tomahawk, WI is really looking forward to January 3 & 4, 2015. Nick and his entire T & N Polaris race team will be in Ironwood to defend his opening round win in the USSA sanctioned ProStar race series as he contends for the season long TLR Cup crown.