

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER

CITY of MONTROSE

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CITY MANAGER MESSAGE

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 Chairwoman
Ray Foust, Planning Chairman
Geneva Lamb, ZBA Chairwoman

I want to recognize the exceptional men and women who serve this City every day—our staff, Department of Public Works, Police, and Fire. Your dedication, professionalism, and willingness to serve—often under challenging circumstances—do not go unnoticed. You are the backbone of this community, and both I and our residents deeply appreciate the sacrifices you make to keep Montrose safe, purposeful, and moving forward.

The City is actively advancing several major initiatives that will shape our future. Within our DDA District, we are pursuing a proposed \$1.74 million streetscape and Depot renovation project. This is a transformative investment aimed at strengthening our downtown, supporting local businesses, and enhancing the overall character of our community. We are working close with our State and Federal legislators to secure funding. While no funding is ever guaranteed, we are aggressively advocating on behalf of our residents and positioning the City to compete for every available opportunity.

In addition, through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, we will be making critical infrastructure improvements at the intersections of Oak and Perry, and Ash and Washington. These upgrades will include new ADA-compliant ramps and curb improvements, ensuring safer, more accessible pathways for all residents. This project is scheduled to begin in late May.

As we look ahead, the City of Montrose will also proudly participate in the America 250 Celebration. We will honor our veterans and celebrate our Constitutional Republic through community-wide displays and park enhancements. This includes beautiful seasonal flower arrangements, made possible through the partnership with Montrose Greenhouse, further contributing to the pride we all share in our City.

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Finally, I want to personally thank the many residents I have already had the opportunity to meet and speak with. Your input, your pride in this community, and your willingness to engage are exactly what makes Montrose strong. I look forward to continuing those conversations as we work together to build a better future.



City Manager, Joe Karlichek

TREASURER / FINANCE DIRECTOR MESSAGE – Kim Lynch / Marcy Collins

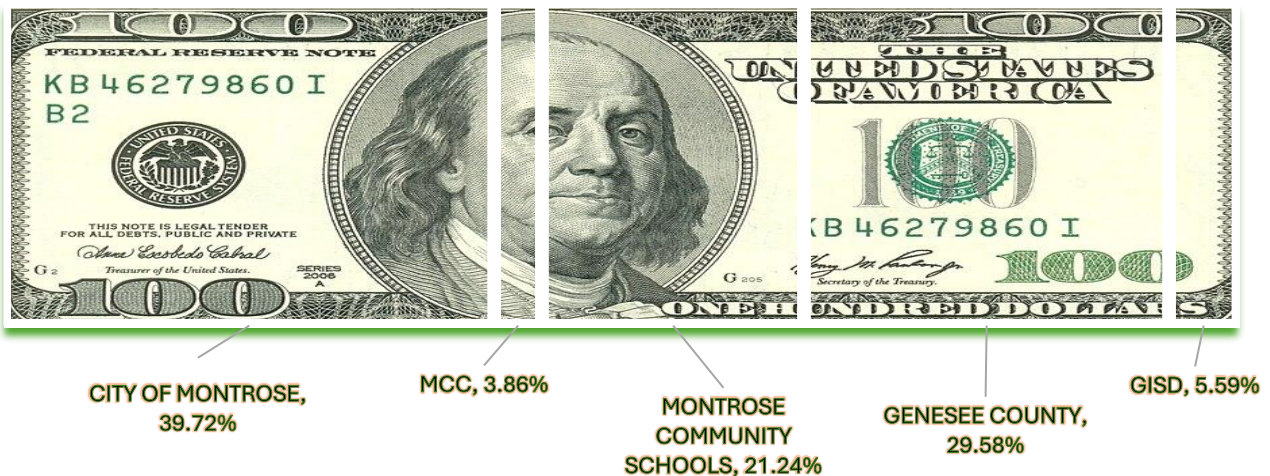
From the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers' desk we want to let everyone know what a privilege it has been to get to know so many of the residents in the City of Montrose. Kim Lynch, our Finance Director/Treasurer has been with the city since June 2025. Marcy Collins (Deputy Treasurer) has been with the City of Montrose for just over 6 months, and it has been a wonderful experience.

We want to start off by letting everyone know that 2025 taxes are finalized and anyone that couldn't pay them is now in the Genesee County Treasurer's Office at 324 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 2A Flint, Michigan 48502 and you can call them at 810-257-3054.

Also, the summer 2026 taxes will go out on July 1, 2026, and are due no later than September 15, 2026, without penalty and interest. After that there will be penalties and interest added. If we can ever be of any help, please feel free to stop in the office or call. We are always available to help our residents and businesses.

If you want to learn more about the various county millages/assessments or have questions about your tax bill, please feel free to contact city hall at 810.639.6168 ext. 2.

WHERE DOES MY TAX MONEY GO?



DPW MESSAGE – Sam Spence

- Please be vigilant of our staff working in roadways.
- We are active in assisting the DDA in numerous beautification projects throughout the DDA District.
- If you have storm drain issues whether residential or commercial, please contact the County Drain Commission, Sue Hogan or Tom Jones at 810-732-1590.

CITY CLERK MESSAGE – CHRISTINA RUSH

It's election time again and we are here to help you vote with confidence!



The City of Montrose Clerk's Office would like to share important information regarding the upcoming election on **August 4, 2026**.

Election Day Voting

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters in line by 8:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote in accordance with Michigan law.

IMPORTANT PRIMARY ELECTION RULE

In Michigan's August Primary Election, voters must select candidates from one political party only. Choosing candidates from more than one party, commonly referred to as "splitting your ticket" will result in those partisan races not being counted. If you have questions or make an error on your ballot, please contact or speak with your local Clerk's Office or an election inspector before submitting your ballot.

Early Voting (Proposal 2 of 2022)

Early voting will be available for **nine consecutive days**, beginning on **Saturday July 25, 2026** and ending on **Sunday August 2, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily**.

Location is at the Montrose City Offices 139 S. Saginaw Street.

Absentee Voting

All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee. Ballots may be requested:

- Online at Michigan.gov/VotE
- By mail or in person at the Clerk's Office

Ballots must be received by **8:00 p.m. on Election Day** to be counted.

Voter Registration

You may register to vote:

- Online or by mail up to 15 days before the election
- In person at the Clerk's Office through Election Day (with proof of residency)

If you have questions, please contact City Clerk, Tina Rush (810) 639-6168 ext. 3, via email clerk@cityofmontrose.us or in person at City Hall 139 S. Saginaw Street.

- Plan ahead and review your ballot.
- Find out if you are registered to vote.
- Find your voting location.
- Track your absentee ballot.
- Compatible with "all" smart devices



CITY SECRETARY MESSAGE – CHRISTINE SCHULTZ

2026 Water & Sewer Information – Frequently Asked Questions

The City is committed to providing safe, reliable, and transparent utility services to our residents. Below are answers to common questions regarding your water and sewer services.

Where does my water come from?

The City of Montrose receives its water from the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA), a regional municipal provider serving Mid-Michigan and the Thumb area. The KWA is a partnership that includes the cities of Flint and Lapeer, along with Genesee, Lapeer, and Sanilac counties. This regional system ensures a dependable and high-quality water supply for our community.

How is my water bill calculated?

Water and sewer usage are measured in gallons and billed monthly based on actual consumption. **Rates Effective July 1, 2026.**

- Water Service: \$42.50 flat “ready-to-serve” fee per billing cycle. \$11.08 per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- Sewer Service: \$29.90 flat “ready-to-serve” fee per billing cycle. \$3.74 per 1,000 gallons (based on water usage).

Meters are read electronically each month to ensure accuracy and efficiency. Sewer charges are calculated based on the amount of water used, as most water entering a property is discharged into the sewer system.

Why have my water and sewer costs increased?

The City has worked diligently to keep rates stable, ***with no significant increases since 2015.*** However, several factors have made adjustments necessary:

- Ongoing investment in water and street infrastructure repairs.
- Increased operational and maintenance costs.
- Years of inflationary pressures.
- The need to responsibly manage debt service and system depreciation.
- These adjustments ensure the long-term sustainability, reliability, and safety of our water and sewer systems.

Is there a penalty for late payment?

Yes. Payments received after 6:00 p.m. on the due date will incur a 10% late penalty. We encourage residents to make payments on time to avoid additional charges.

Why was my service shut off, and how can it be restored?

- Accounts that are two months or more past due will receive a red shut-off notice.
- Shut-offs typically occur around the 8th of the month, though this may vary between the 5th and 10th depending on scheduling.
- To restore service, the outstanding balance must be paid in full, along with any applicable fees.
- If you are experiencing financial hardship, we strongly encourage you to contact City Hall before your account becomes subject to shut-off so we can discuss available options.

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.
- The allowable height of grass has changed from 10 inches to 6 inches. It's important that no warning letters will be issued to the residents. If your grass is over 6 inches, it will be ordered cut at your expense.
- The trash ordinance has been changed from 48 hours before to 24 hours BEFORE AND AFTER Scheduled pick-up.



Code Enforcement Unit – Shared resource with City of Clio

POLICE CHIEF MESSAGE- Jamie Cochran

As we welcome the arrival of spring, I'd like to take a moment to share a few important safety reminders with our community.

Warmer weather brings more outdoor activity—children playing, families walking, and neighbors enjoying everything our city has to offer. Please remember to stay alert while driving, slow down in residential areas, and watch carefully for pedestrians and cyclists.

Spring is also a time when we often see an increase in home improvement projects and travel. I encourage everyone to secure their homes, lock vehicles, and report any suspicious activity to our department. A few simple precautions can go a long way in preventing crime.

With changing weather conditions, be mindful of seasonal hazards such as heavy rains, flooding, and severe storms. Stay informed through local alerts and have an emergency plan in place for your family.

Lastly, community safety is a shared responsibility. We appreciate your continued partnership in keeping Montrose a safe and welcoming place to live. If you have concerns or questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring season.

FIRE CHIEF MESSAGE - George Taylor

- Please change your smoke detector batteries.
- Burning of leaves and grass clippings is only allowed from sunrise to sunset one every Saturday and Sunday only and during the months of April, May, October and November.

BUILDING INSPECTOR MESSAGE – Tim Mazur

WHY YOU NEED A PERMIT FOR YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS!

TOP REASONS TO GET A PERMIT:

- ✓ **Safety:** Ensure your project meets established building codes and standards.
- ✓ **Quality Work:** Inspections help ensure everything is up to code.
- ✓ **Protect Your Investment:** Permits help protect your property value.
- ✓ **Avoid Fines:** Prevent costly penalties for unpermitted work.

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OFFICE OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

If you are considering a new roof, fence, residential or commercial upgrade or alteration, please contact the Building Department before you begin your project. I will come out and visit with you to discuss your project and lead you in the right direction that may save you time and money on your project.

We also ask that contractors call for final inspections. Without a final inspection your permit will not be approved. Permits that are not approved may put the homeowner and business at risk with their insurance company and valuation if selling the property.

Contact: 810.639.6168 ext. 4

Email: permits@cityofmontrose.us

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.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) MESSAGE – DDA BOARD

- **\$2 million investment coming to 106 West State Street.** Learn more by clicking on the link; <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/press-releases/2026/02/new-housing-commercial-space-genesee-county/>
- **City-wide Garage Sale during Blueberry Festival...**watch page for details!
- **Volunteers needed:** DDA Events & Blueberry Festival. Please email manager@cityofmontrose.us if you are interested in joining our growing event committee.
- **Downtown Revisioning & Depot Restoration Project!** Learn more by visiting https://www.cityofmontrose.us/government/downtown_development_authority_board.php
- **America 250 Celebration** – the DDA authorized Veteran Banners and American Flags amongst many beautifications throughout the district. We are excited to bring a long-term tradition to the City of Montrose.
- **DDA IS ON FACEBOOK – Click on the QR Code and Follow our Page!**



**Look for Banners and Flags honoring our Veterans for our
America 250 celebration!**



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2026 MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM
APM GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC NOTICE

"APM Mosquito Control provides mosquito abatement services for Montrose City. Program includes standing water treatments, disease testing, residential special event service requests, and nighttime ULV truck spraying. Truck spraying will begin mid-late May and continue as needed into September. Kontrol 4-4 (4.6% Permethrin) will be applied at nighttime at label rates via ULV truck-mounted sprayers, targeting active adult mosquito populations. Any residents who wish to OPT OUT or request prior notification are encouraged to contact our local office: 810-766-9423. More information, including product labels and safety data sheets, is available at: www.advancedmosquito.com"

City Hall Spring/Summer Closure for Holidays

- ❖ May 25 (Memorial Day)
- ❖ June 19 (In-service)
- ❖ September 7 (Labor Day)

We Want to Hear From You! 

The City is looking for your input on our Parks & Recreation programs and facilities.

Scan the QR code below and share your thoughts—your feedback helps guide future improvements!

