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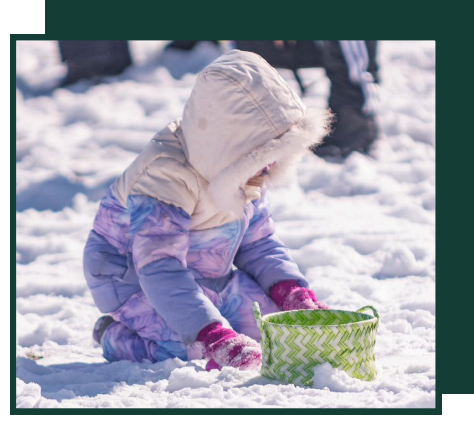
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2026 Eaton Rapids Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the Eaton Rapids Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th at 11:00AM at the Martin Hansen Amphitheater (315 W. Knight St.).

Children of all ages are invited to bring their baskets and enjoy a festive morning filled with colorful eggs and community fun. Be sure to arrive a little early—the eggs disappear quickly!

📷 Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available, so don't forget your camera for a special springtime memory.



Curbside Grants

The City of Eaton Rapids is offering a limited number of home improvement grants to homeowners as a way to enhance the overall quality of life of their neighborhood through citizen and government partnership. This program encourages the exterior rehabilitation, renovation and overall improvement of existing homes within the City.

Grants of up to \$1,500 are available for such projects that improve upon structural deficiencies, safety repairs, weatherization, and deterioration prevention of homes throughout the City. Funds may be used to cover materials, supplies and project labor costs affiliated with the project. Labor costs will only be paid to licensed contractors that are not the homeowner and were hired to perform the work of the project.

Contact lhummel@cityofeatonrapids.gov, or stop by City Hall for an application to apply.



Eaton Rapids Community Market

The Eaton Rapids Community Market 2026 Season Application is now open! We're excited to welcome back our talented community of makers, growers, and bakers — and we're always looking for new vendors to join us. We're especially seeking locally grown produce, homemade and handcrafted foods, artisan goods, products made with locally sourced ingredients, and unique handmade items. If you grow it, make it, bake it, or create it, we'd love to hear from you.

Be part of another great season supporting local and connecting our community in Eaton Rapids — apply today by scanning the QR Code and filling out the form!



Eaton Rapids Mobile Food Pantry

The Eaton Rapids Mobile Food Pantry, in partnership with the Greater Lansing Food Bank, provides free food assistance to individuals and families in our community. Distributions take place at the Alumni Stadium parking lot (805 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids) and operate as a drive-through service, with food distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No ID or income verification is required.

Upcoming 2026 distribution dates are: March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, and October 31.

This program helps ensure fresh and non-perishable food items are accessible to neighbors in need.

MONTHLY EVENTS & MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS AT CITY HALL
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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

3/2/26, 7:00PM

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

3/6/26, 7:15AM

COUNCIL WORKSESSION

3/9/26, 5:00PM

COUNCIL MEETING

3/9/26, 7:00PM

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

3/10/26, 4:00PM

ARTS COUNCIL MEETING

3/10/26, 5:30PM

PARKS & RECREATION & EVENTS BOARD MEETING

3/10/26, 7:00PM

ZBA MEETING

3/11/26, 7:00PM

DDA MEETING

3/13/26, 7:00AM

LDFA MEETING

3/20/26, 7:15AM

COUNCIL WORKSESSION

3/23/26, 5:00PM

COUNCIL MEETING

3/23/26, 7:00PM



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EVENT CALENDAR



Eaton Rapids 250th Anniversary Independence Day Celebration

The City of Eaton Rapids is proud to host four days of celebration as we honor 250 years of American Independence. Festivities kick off July 1 with a Cruise-In and live music at GAR Island Park, followed by an "Eat Local" night on July 2 encouraging the community to support our hometown restaurants and businesses. On July 3, downtown will come alive with Chalk Fest and more live music as the celebration continues. Independence Day on July 4 will feature the beloved parade at 11:00 AM, Kids Zone from 12:00-4:00 PM, live music and a beer tent beginning at 5:00 PM, and a fireworks finale at dark at Howe Memorial Park.



We invite residents, families, and visitors to join us for this historic milestone filled with tradition, community spirit, and summer fun. Interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or donating to support the celebration? Please email ccagle@cityofeatonrapids.gov for more information.

Spring Home Improvements

Spring is here — and it's the perfect time to start planning those home and property projects! 🌸🏠

Before you begin, be sure to check with the City's Building & Zoning Department to confirm ordinance requirements and obtain any necessary permits.

Permits are required for projects such as water heaters, furnaces/AC, fences, sheds, decks, roofing, windows, siding, pools, remodeling, solar panels, and most electrical or plumbing work.

Hiring a contractor? Make sure they're licensed, insured, and have secured proper permits with inspections completed.

Visit www.cityofeatonrapids.gov for applications and more information.



MAYOR'S CORNER

Spring is almost here at Eaton Rapids! With that you will start seeing several projects happening within the City. Our Drinking Water project that we talked extensively about last year, has started so you will see a lot of activity with that project on-going throughout the year. We have some major street resurfacing projects as well as patching and repairs starting soon (weather permitting). Our DDA (Downtown Development Authority) is planning a Downtown Beautification sometime in late April and would love volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

The City of Eaton Rapids will hold its' annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th at 11am at Martin Hansen Amphitheater/Park. This is typically a well-attended event, and we invite kids of all ages to attend and get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

I want to apologize for incorrectly stating the name of the new Deli & Bakery in the last newsletter. **Simply Stacy's Bakery & Deli**, located at 115 S. Main Street, officially opened on February 23rd and I hope you all stop by and give them a try.

The annual State of the City address will be given at the March 9th City Council meeting, instead of February. Residents are invited to attend in person or watch online..... **To continue reading, scan QR Code HERE**



Water Main Replacement Project

Beginning in March, the City of Eaton Rapids will start water main replacement projects throughout the city. Residents may experience temporary road closures and traffic slowdowns. Please use caution when traveling in affected areas. Roads scheduled for work in March include:

Canal Street
Division Street
Raymerville Court
Lake Street.

For more detailed information, scan the QR code provided or contact City Hall at 517-663-8118.



Utility Bill Assistance

Scan the QR Code here if you are in need of assistance paying your utility bill. There are programs to help!

