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April - 2026

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Urban Air - May 7-10, 2026

Urban Air is returning to Eaton Rapids on May 7-10, 2026, bringing another weekend of activities, entertainment, and visitors to downtown. This year's theme, "A River Runs Through It," highlights the Grand River and the history of Eaton Rapids, celebrating the waterway that helped shape our community. Throughout the weekend, the event will feature historical tours at locations across the community, giving residents and visitors a chance to learn more about Eaton Rapids' past.



The event will also include activities throughout the weekend along with live music each evening, with a bar sponsored by the Eaton Rapids Downtown Development Authority. Saturday night will feature Universe Band as the headlining act. For Schedule updates, scan the QR Code to the left.

Residents are encouraged to come downtown, enjoy the festivities, and help welcome our guests for another great Urban Air weekend in Eaton Rapids.



City of Eaton Rapids Master Plan

Work is underway on the City of Eaton Rapids Master Plan, and community input is an important part of the process. Residents are encouraged to take the survey by scanning the QR Code.

Several public engagement sessions will be held over the next month to gather feedback from the community.

Upcoming opportunities to participate include:

Eaton Rapids Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00PM
Eaton Rapids City Hall (Upstairs)

Eaton Rapids Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Friday, April 10, 2026 at 7:00AM
Eaton Rapids City Hall (Upstairs)



Your input helps guide future decisions for the City, and we encourage all residents to take part in the process.

Curb-Side Grant Applications are Due April 10, 2026 by 4:00PM

Pick up your application from City Hall. For more information, visit www.cityofeatonrapids.gov or contact lhummel@cityofeatonrapids.gov

Election Update

Petitions for the November 3, 2026 Election are available at City Hall and must be submitted no later than July 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Positions to be filled include Mayor and At-Large Council Member. For more information or to obtain a petition, please contact City Hall.

Election Inspector Training is in June and July. If you would like to be an Election Inspector, please go to the City of Eaton Rapids Website - www.cityofeatonrapids.gov - or request an application from the City Clerk by emailing rwebb@cityofeatonrapids.gov.

Youth Summer Ball Registration

Youth Summer Ball Registration is open through May 1, 2026. Divisions include T-Ball for PreK-1st grade, Machine Pitch for 1st-3rd grade, and Minor League for 4th-5th grade. Don't miss your chance to get signed up for a fun summer in Eaton Rapids.

Register Today by scanning the QR Code!



MONTHLY EVENTS & MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS AT CITY HALL
200 S MAIN ST.

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

4/3/26, 7:15AM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

4/6/26, 7:00PM

ZBA MEETING

4/8/26, 7:00PM

DDA MEETING

4/10/26, 7:00AM

COUNCIL WORKSESSION

4/13/26, 5:00PM

COUNCIL MEETING

4/13/26, 7:00PM

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

4/14/26, 4:00PM

ARTS COUNCIL MEETING

4/14/26, 5:30PM

PARKS & RECREATION & EVENTS BOARD MEETING

4/14/26, 7:00PM

LDFA MEETING

4/17/26, 7:30AM

COUNCIL WORKSESSION

4/27/26, 5:00PM

COUNCIL MEETING

4/27/26, 7:00PM



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EVENT CALENDAR



Notice to Residents - CASH Transactions without Pennies

Cash Payments:

- Rounding applied only to eligible cash transactions.
- Total amounts may be rounded to the nearest five cents
- Debit, credit, check, and electronic payments are processed for the exact amount

Property Taxes:

- If paying by cash, property taxes must be paid in exact amount only.
- Rounding does not apply.

Utility Bills:

- Customers are encouraged to bring exact change.
- If exact change is not available, cash payments may be rounded up to the nearest five cents.
- Any overpayment from rounding will be credited to the next utility bill.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. For questions, please call 517-663-8118 or visit our website at www.cityofeatonrapids.gov.

The U.S. Mint Officially Ceased Production of the Penny

As of November 12, 2025, the Penny is no longer in Production.

This has resulted in shortages for businesses, organizations, and municipalities that take cash payment.

Mommy & Me Tea Party

Join the Eaton Rapids Area District Library at Northfork Estate for our Mommy & Me Tea Party on Saturday, May 9! Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy a delightful morning with tea, light treats, stories, crafts, and themed activities. Guests are welcome to dress up and make special memories together. Visit the library's Facebook page or website (eradl.org) for registration and details.



MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy April!

As shared in last month's newsletter, several city infrastructure projects are underway. You have likely noticed contractors working throughout the city to install new water mains. While construction can be disruptive, these improvements are essential to ensuring reliable and safe infrastructure for years to come. We will continue to update you as schedules change, but if you ever want to know if your street is affected, please check the city's website, or Facebook page. That is the quickest way as we are posting updates as they happen.

The E. Knight Street resurfacing project is scheduled for May. An exact date has not yet been confirmed, but updates will be shared promptly via the City's Facebook page, website, and newsletter. The project will be completed in phases, beginning with E. Knight Street from Main Street to East Street, followed by East to Donegal, and Center to Hamlin. Because these phases are funded through separate grants, construction may not occur simultaneously; however, we remain hopeful that the work can be coordinated efficiently. We also have street work starting on Hollowridge Drive, and J.P. Sullivan Drive in the north industrial park. This work was funded by a State of Michigan grant specific for this area.

The Memorial Day Committee is preparing for the Memorial Day parade and ceremony, which will take place on Monday, May 25, beginning at 11am. This year's parade route has changed. Participants will line up on S. River Street, proceeding to State Street, then to Main Street, and north on Main to E. Knight (pending construction). Residents who typically view the parade south of..... **To continue reading, scan QR Code HERE**



Permitting Reminders

Sec. 18.82 - Garage, Yard and Estate Sales

A home owner or resident may dispose of his or her own personal property, not previously purchased for resale, in a yard or garage sale after obtaining a permit to conduct such sale. The number of sales shall be limited to three (3) per calendar year, each of which is limited to a maximum of five (5) days in duration. - Permits can be obtained at City Hall for no charge.

Looking to make improvements such as Sheds, Decks, Pools, Fencing, Siding, Roof and more?

Be sure to obtain a Building Permit from the City before starting your project. For more information on permits, visit www.cityofeatonrapids.gov/departments/building-zoning/ or contact lhummel@cityofeatonrapids.gov

Utility Bill Assistance

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

