



## City Income Taxes - 2025 Filings

City income taxes are due April 30 for everyone working or residing in the City. Individuals employed at any of the local correctional facilities are also required to file. Forms are available at City Hall, the Ionia Community Library, or on the City of Ionia website at [cityofionia.org](http://cityofionia.org). Questions regarding the city income tax may be directed to [incometax@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:incometax@ci.ionia.mi.us) or 616.523.0142.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents may dispose of their Christmas Trees by placing them at the street for collection on the following days: Wed., Jan. 7, 2026  
Wed., Jan. 14, 2026.

Trees placed by the curb will be mulched using the City's brush chipper, so the trees must be free of tree stands, ornaments, lights, and not in a plastic Christmas tree disposal bag.

## City Employee Milestones Anniversaries

Please join us in congratulating and recognizing City employees celebrating employment anniversaries during 2025.

### 5 Years

**Lukas Buxton**, Public Safety  
**Brian Cronk**, Public Safety  
**Lynn Patterson**, Public Safety

### 10 Years

**Alec Lynn**, Public Safety

### 15 Years

**Bethany Guernsey**, Finance

### 20 Years

**Geoffrey Petersen**, Public Works  
**Scott Ruehs**, Public Works  
**Todd Verduin**, Public Safety  
**Christopher Springsteen**, Public Works



## Odd-Even Winter Parking

Until Mar. 31, between 7 AM and NOON, vehicles must be parked on the side of the street that matches the date.

Park on the even-numbered side on even dates and the odd-numbered side on odd dates.

Please remember: If parking is not normally allowed on a particular side of the street, it is still not allowed during odd-even parking. In those cases, you will need to find an alternate street to park on.

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

Keeping sidewalks clear is an important way we can all help keep our community safe and walkable during the winter months. Please remember to remove snow and ice from sidewalks after each snowfall so neighbors and pedestrians can travel safely.

If sidewalks are not cleared, the City may need to remove the snow and bill the property owner.



## Parks and Recreation

### Best in Snow: A Snowman Building Competition

Sponsored by Mercantile Bank

Let's build a snowman! Submit a photo of your snowman to the Ionia Parks and Recreation Facebook page for a chance to win. Participants must follow the Facebook page to be eligible. The contest is open to all ages, and prizes must be picked up at the Ionia Armory Community Center.

### Lil' Hoopers March Madness

Sponsored by Michigan One Community Credit Union

Division 1 includes children ages 4, 5, and 6, and Division 2 includes children ages 7, 8, and 9, with age determined as of March 4. All divisions and teams are co-ed.

Division 1 games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30, 6:20, or 7:10 p.m., while Division 2 games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the same times. Registration ends February 6. The cost is \$50 for city residents (those living within city limits) and \$60 for non-residents.

For more information and to register online, visit the City website at <https://www.cityofionia.org/195/Parks-Recreation> or follow Ionia Parks and Recreation on Facebook.



## Meeting Schedules

Residents can view the City's 2026 Boards and Meetings Schedule to stay informed and participate in upcoming meetings throughout the year online:

<https://www.cityofionia.org/DocumentCenter/View/884>

## Rental Housing Registration

If you own residential rental property in the City of Ionia, it must be inspected and registered by the City. Contact Rental Inspector Daniel Davis within the Public Safety Department at 616.523.0158 or via e-mail at [ddavis@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:ddavis@ci.ionia.mi.us) to register your rental and schedule an inspection.

More information on rental registration and inspections:

<https://www.cityofionia.org/226/Code-Enforcement-Rentals>

## Granger Recycling

**January:** 12 and 26

**February:** 9 and 23

**March:** 9 and 23

Call 616.523.0141 for issues regarding trash or recycling.

# 2025 City Highlights

## Hale Park

Hale Park, located at the northeast corner of Division Street and Lincoln Avenue, reopened to the public in July following a major renovation.

The redesigned park now features off-street parking, a modern playscape, a picnic pavilion, restrooms, and upgraded basketball courts — offering an outdoor space for residents of all ages to enjoy.



## Launch of I-Go

The City of Ionia's new on-demand transit service, I-Go, launched in summer 2025. I-Go serves most of Ionia County with two accessible vehicles. Get your first I-Go trip free with promo code **FIRSTRIDEFREE** when you download the I-Go mobile app.

The I-Go App User's Guide:

<https://www.cityofionia.org/DocumentCenter/View/2252/I-Go-Rider-App-Tutorial-PDF>



## Ionia Dog Park

In April, the City celebrated the grand opening of its long-awaited Ionia Dog Park at the southwest corner of Adams and Steele. The dog park provides about 0.75 acres of fenced doggie playground with two separate areas – one for smaller dogs and another for larger breeds. Visitors will enjoy a variety of amenities, including dog agility equipment, drinking fountains for both pets and their humans, shaded seating areas, benches, and waste stations.

## Discover Ionia Social District

In August, Downtown Ionia celebrated the launch of the Discover Ionia Social District. Adults 21 and over can now purchase drinks from participating bars and restaurants and enjoy them outdoors within the marked district, open daily from 10 AM-10 PM.





## Infrastructure Improvements

The Department of Public Works completed several projects in 2025 aimed at improving infrastructure and enhancing the community's appearance, including the following:

- The 2025 Street Improvement Project: Summit Street (Union to Rich), E. Lytle Street (Union to Townsend), Union Street (W. Lincoln to Fargo), and Kimball Alley (High to W. Main).
- More than 600 feet of sidewalks were replaced.
- Following storm damage last year, the "Welcome to Ionia" sign at the south entrance of town was repaired and refreshed, including updated landscaping.



## Ionia Master Plan

After a two-year process and extensive community input, the City adopted the 2025-2030 Master Plan. This plan outlines Ionia's vision for housing, land use, transportation, and economic development.

Review the plan at <https://www.cityofionia.org/274/Master-Plan-2025>

## Department of Public Utilities

From January through November 2025, the Department of Public Utilities produced more than 500 million gallons of drinking water and treated over 525 million gallons of wastewater, ensuring safe, reliable water services for residents and businesses throughout the year.

## Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety made several important staffing and equipment improvements in 2025 to enhance service delivery and officer safety.

- Added a new Public Safety Officer, increasing overnight staffing to three officers on most shifts to better support medical and fire calls.
- Expanded rental inspection services by adding a part-time Rental Inspector to ensure continued code enforcement and property safety.
- Invested in a TruNarc Delta Analyzer, allowing officers to identify potentially dangerous substances without direct handling safely.

## Launch of City Facebook Page

Earlier this year, the City launched its official Facebook page to better connect with residents and share timely updates, announcements, events, and important City information. We encourage everyone to follow the City of Ionia on Facebook to stay informed and engaged.

As we reflect on the past year, we extend our thanks to all City staff for their dedication, professionalism, and hard work every day of the year. We are also grateful for the continued support and collaboration of our residents, community partners, City Council, and Mayor.