



Resident Handbook 2025 Edition

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City Government

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Welcome to Tecumseh!

The City of Tecumseh would like to welcome you to our city. We hope you can share with us the many wonderful opportunities Tecumseh has to offer. We look forward to meeting you and spending time with you.

This handbook will help you become acquainted with your new community. It is a compilation of frequently asked questions that will allow you to become familiar with the city services and where to go if you have questions regarding the city or services.

Please let us know if there is anything we can assist you with in becoming acclimated to your new home.

For more information about Tecumseh programs or services, call City Hall or visit our website at www.mytecumseh.org.

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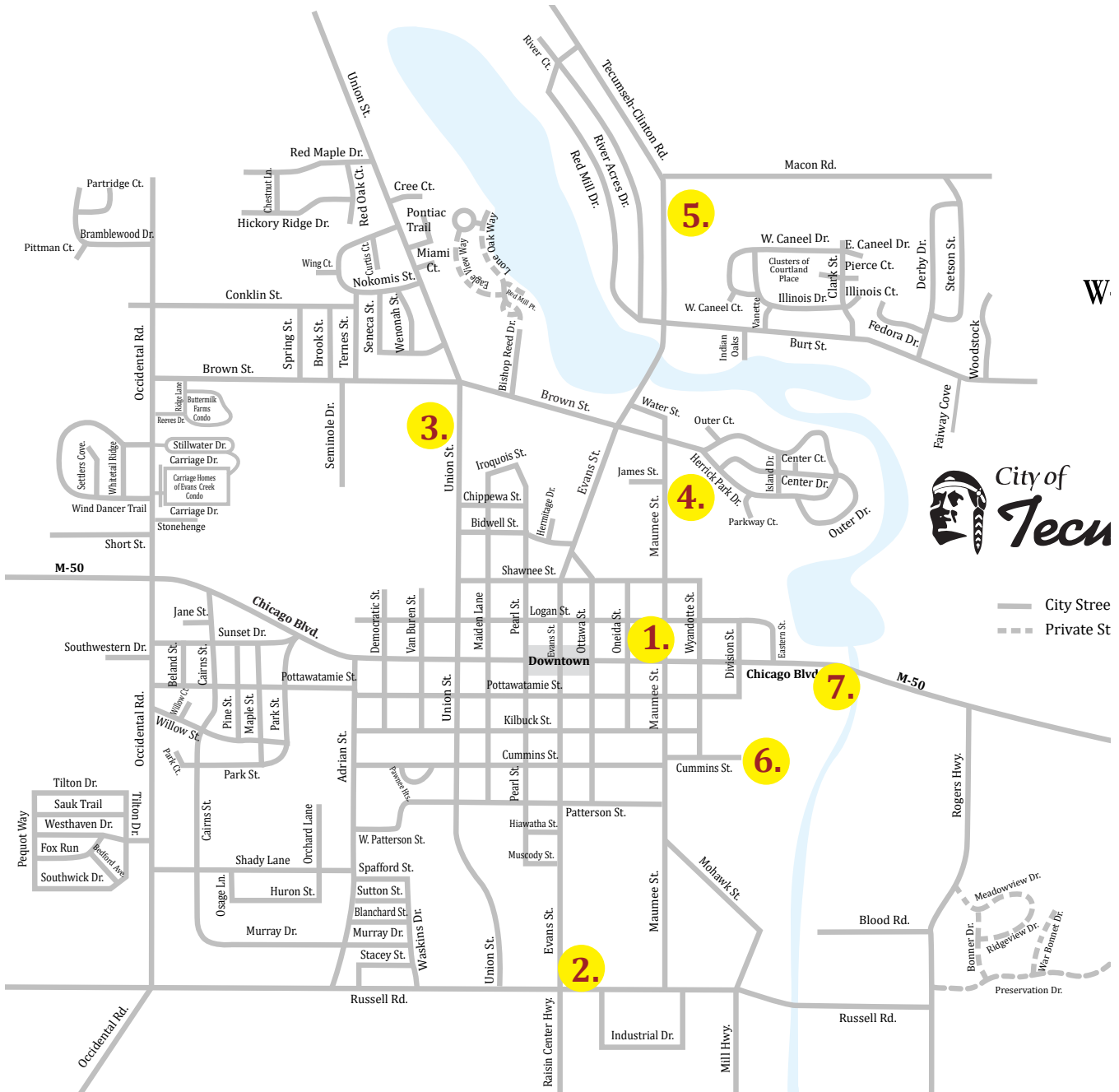
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Tecumseh City Buildings

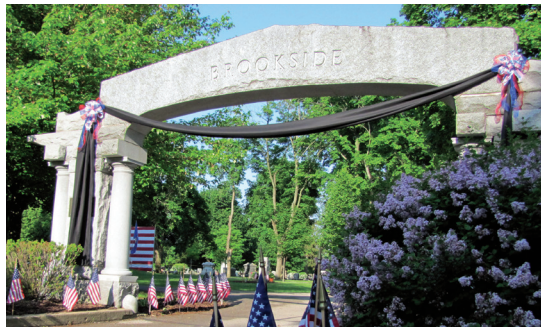




1. Tecumseh City Hall/ Development Services/Police Department
P.O. Box 396 • 309 E. Chicago Blvd.



2. Fire Department
101 E. Russell Rd.



3. Brookside Cemetery
501 N. Union St.



4. Tecumseh Center for the Arts
400 N. Maumee St.



5. Parks & Recreation Department
AJ Smith Recreation Center
810 N. Evans St.



6. Department of Public Works
601 E. Cummins St.



7. Utilities Department
Business Office at City Hall
Location #1
309 E. Chicago Blvd.
Water Treatment Plant
Location #7
701 E. Chicago Blvd.



ALL POLICE AND FIRE EMERGENCIES – 911

City of Tecumseh Phone Directory

City Manager	Dan Swallow	424.6555	dswallow@tecumsehmi.gov
Administration	Madison Frisch	424.6544	mfrisch@tecumsehmi.gov
Assessor/Assessments	Amanda Lacelle	424.6543	alacelle@tecumsehmi.gov
Cemetery	Tracey Roberts	423.3632	troberts@tecumsehmi.gov
City Clerk	Tonya Miller	424.6541	tmiller@tecumsehmi.gov
(Voting/Ballots/Agenda/Meeting/Council Information)			
Center for the Arts	Amy Slupe	423.6617	aslupe@tecumsehmi.gov
Development Services	Ed Engle	424.6548	eengle@tecumsehmi.gov
(Building Permits/Zoning)			
Department of Public Works	Troy Rohrbach	423.1443	trohrbach@tecumsehmi.gov
(Streets & Roads)			
Economic Development	Kelly Jo Gilmore	424.6003	kgilmore@tecumsehmi.gov
Fire Chief	Scot Long	423.4545	slong@tecumsehmi.gov
Parks & Recreation	Sarah Gilmore	423.5602	sgilmore@tecumsehmi.gov
Police Chief	Brett Coker	423.7494	bcoker@tecumsehmi.gov
Waste Water Treatment Plant	Brad Faust	423.0402	bfaust@tecumsehmi.gov
(Utilities Water/Sewer)			
Water/Utilities Billing	Melissa Horn	424.6545	mhorn@tecumsehmi.gov
Trash Pickup	Stevens Disposal		
	& Recycling Services	800-779-0344	
City Hall Liaison	Tessa Irelan	424.6540	tirelan@tecumsehmi.gov
Treasurer/Taxes	Rachel Peters	424.6549	rpeters@tecumsehmi.gov
Acct. Payable/Receivable	Laura Papworth	424.6542	lpapworth@tecumsehmi.gov

City Hall Address & Fax Number

309 E. Chicago Blvd. Tecumseh, Michigan 49286

Phone: 517.423.2107 (See list above for direct lines) Fax: 517.423.3610

City Hall Business Hours

Business hours are:

Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. • Closed Friday

Helpful Phone Numbers & Contact Information

Utilities

Comcast (Cable)

800.266.2278
www.comcast.com

Consumers Energy

800.477.5050
www.consumersenergy.com

HughesNet (Satellite)

www.hughesnetinternet.net/local/Michigan

D & P Communications

734.279.1339
www.d-pcommunications.com

Frontier (Phone)

877.462.8188
www.frontier.com

Exede Satellite Internet

www.exede.com

Local Information

Police Department

Located in City Hall
309 E. Chicago Blvd.
Tecumseh, MI 49286
517.423.7494

Tecumseh Post Office

320 E. Chicago Blvd.
Tecumseh, MI 49286
517.423.1197

Stevens Disposal & Recycling Services

16929 Ida West Rd.
Petersburg, MI 49270
800.779.0344

Tecumseh District Library

215 N. Ottawa St.
Tecumseh, MI 49286
517.423.2238

Secretary of State Office

1114 S. Winter St.
Adrian, MI 49221
517.265.8981

Fire Department

101 E. Russell Rd.
Tecumseh, MI 49286
517.423.4545
517.423.2495

Tecumseh Public Schools

212 N. Ottawa St.
Tecumseh, MI 49286
517.423.2167
517.423.3847 (fax)

**Greater Lenawee
Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 338
Tecumseh, MI 49286
517.423.3740

**Lenawee Economic
Development Corporation**

5285 W. US Hwy. 223, Ste. A
Adrian, MI 49221
517.265.5141

Lenawee County Health Dept.

1040 S. Winter St.
Adrian, MI 49221
517.264.5202

State Government
Governor Gretchen Whitmer

P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909
517.373.3400 • 517.335.6867 (fax)
www.michigan.gov/

State Representative Dale Zorn

517.373.8808
DaleZorn@house.mi.gov

State Senator Jeff Irwin

517.373.2406
senjirwin@senate.michigan.gov

Federal Government

Congressman Tim Walberg

U. S. Representative Congressional District 7

Washington, DC Office

2436 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
202.225.6276 • 202.225.6281 (fax)
<http://walberg.house.gov>

District Office

401 W. Michigan Ave
Jackson, MI 49202
517.780.9075 • 517.780.9081 (fax)

Senator Gary Peters

Washington, DC Office

Hart Senate Office Building • Suite 724
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510
202.224.6221 • 202.224.1388 (fax)
<http://peters.senate.gov/>

Southeast Michigan Office

Patrick V. McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Ave. • Suite 1837
Detroit, MI 48226
313.226.6020 • 313.226.6948 (fax)

Senator Debbie Stabenow

Washington, DC Office

731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202.224.4822
<http://stabenow.senate.gov/>

Southeast Michigan Office

719 Griswold St., Suite 700
Detroit, MI 48226
313.961.4330

County Government

David Stimpson

County Commissioner District 1

108 W. Chicago Blvd.
Tecumseh, MI 49286
517.423.0999

http://www.lenawee.mi.us/david_stimpson.html

Did You Know?

- The population of Tecumseh is 8,680 residents according to the 2020 census data.
- Tecumseh was named for the Shawnee Indian leader who had died only a dozen years before in the War of 1812.
- Tecumseh was one of the first three settlements in the Michigan Territory.
- Tecumseh was the first settlement in Lenawee County, made on May 21, 1824.
- Tecumseh has park and open space totaling 365 + acres.
- Tecumseh has an extensive network of pedestrian pathways and hiking/biking trails that provide residents and visitors ample access to 13 parks that virtually surround the city.
- Tecumseh is home to the Tecumseh Center for the Arts (TCA), a 572 seat performing arts venue that hosts national touring acts as well as a “homegrown talent” series. The TCA celebrated its 40th year in 2021!
- Downtown Tecumseh has much to offer its guests! Nestled inside historic buildings you will find an interesting mix of specialty shops, boutiques and dining options. Whether you are looking for opals imported from Australia, antiques and home decor items or the best cinnamon rolls in the area, you’ll find it in downtown Tecumseh!
- City of Tecumseh’s tagline is... “Innovative, Timeless, Inviting”
- Tecumseh is the burial site of General Custer’s horse, Don Juan. In his will, the General bequeathed his horse to a friend that resided in Tecumseh.



City Manager

The City Manager reports to the City Council and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City, including the various departments. The City Manager is also responsible for preparing and administering the various city budgets and ensuring that the various goals of the City are met. These goals are set every year with department heads at a strategic planning session. The basic goals include maintaining our small town values, managing our growth, financial strength and superior services. Residents, business owners and visitors are welcome and encouraged to call, email or write the City Manager with concerns, questions, comments and ideas, or just to talk. He can be reached by calling 517.424.6555/517.662.0012 or via email at dswallow@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 7:00am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday.

City Council

Tecumseh City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m in Council Chambers at City Hall (309 E. Chicago Blvd.) Study sessions are held, if needed, prior to the regular meeting.

City Boards & Commissions

The City requires a one-year residency and to be a registered voter for citizens interested in serving on any of the City of Tecumseh’s Boards and Commissions. Appointments are made by City Council after reviewing written letters of interest from residents qualified to fill vacancies for full and partial terms.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at:
Tecumseh City Hall
309 East Chicago Boulevard
Tecumseh, Michigan

Should a meeting date fall on a legal holiday in which City Hall is closed, the meeting will be held on the next succeeding business day at the same time and place.

City Council
Board of Review
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Elected Official Compensation Commission
Construction Board of Appeals
Downtown Development Authority
Election Commission
Electrical Board of Appeals

Historic Preservation Commission
Local Development Finance Authority
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Planning Commission
Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals
Employee Systems Retirement Board
River Raisin Watershed Board
Zoning Board of Appeals

Assessor

The City Assessor should be contacted with questions and problems concerning the assessment of real and personal property. Ownership Information, Property Data (i.e., square footage, lot size, etc.), Sales Data, Assessed and Taxable Values, P.R.E. Filing and Board of Review for Assessment Appeals are information that is available through the Assessor's office by calling 517.424.6543 or via email at alacelle@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 7:00am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday, closed Friday.

Brookside Cemetery

Brookside Cemetery has a serene park like setting, filled with historic monuments and tombstones, dating back to the early 1800's.

You may contact the Cemetery Superintendent at 517.423.3632 or via email at troberts@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 7:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday.

Clerk

The City Clerk serves as the official record keeper, election administrator and FOIA coordinator for the city. The City Clerk's office is responsible for maintenance of City records, including recorded actions of the City Council contracts, other general records and Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests.

The City Clerk's office conducts all city, state and federal elections. Voter registration records are maintained by the Clerk's office using the statewide Qualified Voter File. Information regarding voter registration and elections should be directed to the Clerk.

The City Clerk may be reached by phone at 517.424.6541 or via email at tmiller@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 7:00am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday, closed Friday.

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for a broad array of services within the city. Serving as much more than just the "street department", the DPW is responsible for construction and maintenance of streets and storm sewers, as well as snow removal on streets and city-owned parking lots. Working in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the City maintains a portion of M-50 (Chicago Boulevard) running through the center of town. The DPW also maintains off-system traffic signals, and are responsible for over 1200 roadside regulatory, warning and street name signs throughout the city.

In the event of severe weather, the DPW also provides storm damage pickup for downed limbs and trees. The City has over 140 vehicles and pieces of equipment in its fleet, the majority of which are all serviced at the DPW facility. DPW crews maintain all City-owned buildings as well. For questions or concerns you may contact the DPW by calling 517.423.1443 or via email at trohrbach@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 7:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday.

Development Services Department

The Development Services Department is responsible for the following services: issuing building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits, site plan review, zoning compliance, property maintenance complaints, noxious weed complaints, setting Zoning Board of Appeals dates, Planning Commission meetings, Historic Preservation Commission meetings, Construction Board of Appeals, Property Maintenance Board of Appeals and similar matters. This department oversees all new construction and additions to existing buildings in the city, including industrial, commercial and residential properties. The department also ensures that all construction meets State of Michigan Codes. Development Services Department inspectors review construction at certain stages and at the conclusion of all projects to ensure compliance with all the City's

Building Codes and Construction Standards. You may visit the City's website at www.mytecumseh.org to download permit application forms and informational handouts. Click on the "Government" drop down menu and click "Development Services". For more information you may call 517.424.6547 or via email at eengle@tecumsehmi.gov Business hours are 7:00am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday, closed Friday. The Development Services Department is located at City Hall.

Economic Development Department

The Economic Development Department is the resource center and liaison for all Tecumseh businesses. The Economic Development Department has a complete listing of businesses in the city, up-to-date demographic information, available properties listings, marketing, business coaching, access to resources and other information to assist entrepreneurs and businesses. Please contact the Economic Development office for additional information on starting a business by calling 517.424.6003 Business hours are 7:00am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday, closed Friday.

The Economic Development Department also serves as the City's liaison to the Tecumseh Downtown Development Authority. Additional information can be found at www.downtowntecumseh.com.

Fire Department

The Fire Department provides fire, rescue and EMS response to the community. The department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In case of an emergency, please call 911. For a nonemergency you may call 517.423.4545 or via email at slong@tecumseh.mi.us.

The Tecumseh City Charter delegates responsibility to the Fire Department for the prevention and suppression of fires, calling for a Fire Chief to be appointed by the City Manager with City Council approval to administer the operations of the department. The Fire Department is a combination department, employing a mixture of career and volunteer, or part-time paid firefighters. Full-time positions include the Chief and two firefighters with medical licenses at the Paramedic level. The Chief and two career firefighters work a 24-hour rotation assisted by part time staff ensuring the department is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with 2 firefighters. Off Duty part time members carry pagers around the clock to respond to emergencies when necessary. Additional information can be found at www.mytecumseh.org

The department provides fire protection to the City of Tecumseh and by contract to Tecumseh Township from one station, located at the intersection of South Evans Street and Russell Road.

Parks & Recreation Department

Tecumseh's Parks and Recreation Department is "Your in to the outdoors!" The City boasts over 365 acres of parkland, brimming with green space, wildlife, waterways and hiking/biking trails. In addition to proudly overseeing the city's network of parks, the P&R Department also offers a full slate of programs, providing residents in Tecumseh and the surrounding area plenty of recreational opportunities. If you would like additional information regarding our parks or programs, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department by calling 517.423.5602 or via email at sgilmore@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday and 9:00am-2:00 pm Friday.

Police Department

The Police Department provides public safety services for the community. The Tecumseh Police Department is comprised of 14 sworn officers, including a school Resource Officer assigned to the Tecumseh Public schools, a Detective, and a Police Services Clerk. We are a full service Police Department, providing police services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tecumseh Police Officers are dispatched by Lenawee County Central Dispatch. If you require police services, dial 911 or Central Dispatch at 517.263.0524 for non-emergency calls

Office business hours are from 8:00am until 6:00pm Monday-Thursday. During these hours, you can contact the Police Department by calling 517.423.7494 and press "2" to speak to the Police Services Clerk, via email at barbourm@tecumsehmi.gov or by stopping into the station. The office is closed Friday through Sunday and major holidays.

The Police Department is responsible for criminal complaints and investigations, traffic complaints, city ordinance compliance, and security and traffic control at city events.

Tecumseh Center for the Arts (TCA)

The TCA offers a bit of everything, from Broadway stars and world class national touring artists to local companies and youth events. The variety and caliber of performances that light up the TCA stage is uncommon and especially remarkable in a community of our size. For more information you may call 517.423.6617, via email at aslup@tecumsehmi.gov or visit our website at www.thetca.org.

Treasurer

The Treasurer's office is responsible for all financial transactions of City Hall, including the preparation, mailing, and collection of property taxes, summer deferments, investment of City funds, payroll, retirement, accounts payable, accounts receivable, daily accounting, financial reporting, capital assets, billing of invoices and special assessments and dog licenses during the months of December through February. The Treasurer's office also provides tax information to citizens, banks, realtors, tax services, and mortgage and title companies. For more information regarding the Treasurer's office you may call 517.424.6549 or via email at rpeters@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 7:00am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday, closed Friday.

Utilities Department

The Utilities Department takes care of public water as well as waste water treatment. Water and sewer billing is managed by the City's Account/Utility Clerk. For information concerning water and sewer rates, how to obtain a separate water meter for a lawn sprinkler or to obtain general information concerning water and sewer bills, please call 517.424.6545 or email mhorn@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours are 7:00am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday, closed Friday. For questions or concerns you may contact the Utilities Department by calling 517.423.0402 or via email at bfaust@tecumsehmi.gov. Business hours for the Waste Water Treatment Plant are 7:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the City have a website?

Department employee phone numbers, ordinances, City Council agendas, upcoming events and other helpful information is available on the City of Tecumseh website: www.mytecumseh.org, www.downtowntecumseh.com, thetca.org, or www.tecumsehparksandrec.recdesk.com

Where do I go to find job openings?

The City advertises job openings in The Daily Telegram & Tecumseh Herald. Also visit our website at www.mytecumseh.org.

Where and when is the next City Council meeting?

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers in City Hall. The meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month; unless it falls on a holiday then the meeting will be rescheduled.

Will I have a chance to speak at the City Council meeting?

There are two opportunities to speak during a City Council meeting. One opportunity for public comment takes place at the beginning of the meeting in regard to items on the City Council's agenda for that evening. The second opportunity comes at the end of the meeting where the public is afforded the opportunity to speak regarding items that are not on that evening's City Council agenda.

What is the City of Tecumseh's millage rate?

The current 2024 millage rate for P.R.E. is 38.7813 Non-P.R.E. is 56.7813. The total Industrial Personal Millage Rate is 32.7813 and the Commercial Personal Millage Rate is 44.7813.

When does the City collect property taxes?

There are two tax bills during the year, summer and winter. The summer bill is issued July 1st and due August 31st to avoid penalty and interest charges. The winter bill is issued December 1st and due February 14th to avoid a 3% penalty. Eligible seniors can defer their summer tax bill.

Will I receive my property tax bill?

Not necessarily. If your bank or mortgage company collects your taxes, your tax bill will go directly to the bank or mortgage company. The City Treasurer send copies of the tax bills to each city resident for their records.

For each of the taxing authorities, what are my tax dollars used for?

City Operating

Fire service, police service, garbage pickup, street cleaning, street maintenance; snow plowing, parks and recreation, and cemetery.

LISD (Lenawee Intermediate School District)

Amount paid to the Lenawee Intermediate School District. For questions on what it is used for, contact the school by calling 517.265.2119.

State Education Tax (SET)

Amount that is paid to the State of Michigan for the schools.

School Operating

Amount that is paid to the Tecumseh Public Schools. For questions contact the Superintendent at the Tecumseh School Board Office by calling 517.423.2167.

Tecumseh District Library

Voter approved millage for operation of the Tecumseh School District Library located in the City of Tecumseh. Questions on the library's millage should be directed to the Library Director by calling 517.423.2238.

County

Amount paid to Lenawee County for services performed by the county, such as police, snow plowing, and street maintenance. Questions on the county's millage should be directed to the County Administrator by calling 517.264.4508.

Department on Aging

Voter approved tax that is paid to Lenawee County for senior citizen programs, including Meals on Wheels, foster grandparent program, senior centers, and assistance for seniors to help keep them at home. Please direct questions to the Department on Aging Director by calling 517.264.5285.

Medical Care

Voter approved tax that is paid to Lenawee County for the Lenawee Medical Care Facility; the county owned nursing home for seniors on Sand Creek Highway in Adrian. This tax goes to what is known as "maintenance of effort". The State of Michigan pays for this through grants, but in order to receive the money the local unit (county) must pay a small portion. Any questions, please direct to the Administrator by calling 517.263.6794.

Veteran's Relief

State statute millage levied by Lenawee County to provide funding for veterans who meet a certain criteria. Please direct questions to the Veteran's Office by calling 517.264.5337. If you have a question regarding the actual millage please contact Lenawee County Equalization Department by calling 517.264.4522.

Who pays property taxes and how are they calculated?

All owners of real and personal property in the city pay City property taxes. Real property represents land and buildings. Personal property represents furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment used in the operation of a business in the city. Property taxes are calculated by multiplying the taxable value of the property by the millage rate and dividing by 1,000. This is because a mill equals \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The taxable value is determined each year by the City Assessor. After the first year, the taxable value can only increase with the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less. The Assessed Value, which represents 50% of the true market value of the property, is not capped and is based on a sales study. Each taxing authority sets its own millage rate each year. When buying property, due to the declining economy use the current taxes as an estimate of what your taxes will be on the property. Do not assume that the value of the property will be adjusted to what you paid for it.

What is the City's fiscal year?

July 1st - June 30th.

What time period do my taxes cover? Are they paid in advance or arrears?

According to the Attorney General's opinion of the State of Michigan, taxes are levied for a calendar year and are collected for the calendar year in which the levy is made, therefore making them paid in arrears. For instance, the taxes that are assessed and levied in 2023 are for the year 2024. The taxing authority may spend the taxes in 2023, but that does not change the fact that they are 2024 taxes. However, the above does not mean that buyers and sellers cannot agree to prorate the taxes on a property transaction in a different manner. MCL 211.2 of the General Property Tax Act provides that buyers and sellers may agree to prorate taxes in any manner in which they see fit. If a buyer and seller, between themselves, agree to treat taxes as though paid in advance, then that is how the taxes are to be prorated. If this method were used, then the buyer would be totally liable for a tax bill issued later in the calendar year in which the property was purchased. If they agree to treat the taxes as paid in arrears, that tax bill along with any earlier tax bill issued for that year is combined and prorated according to how long each party owned the property that year.

How can I pay my property taxes?

Tax payments may be paid by cash, check or money order at Tecumseh City Hall between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For your convenience, a night deposit box is located to the left of the rear entrance to City Hall. Taxes can also be paid at the Tecumseh branch office of County National Bank by: Bringing the original tax bill, paying on or before the due date and paying the total amount due.

Taxes can be paid by credit card, e-check (EFT) and other electronic options or by visiting the City's website at www.mytecumseh.org and clicking on "pay taxes now" button. A 3.25% convenience fee will be charged for credit card services and \$2.50 will be charged for an e-check.

Taxes can also be paid by completing an ACH form online under Treasurer/forms or completing an ACH form at City Hall and choosing one of the three (3) dates available for payment for each tax bill.

When are taxes due?

Summer (City) taxes are due August 31st and payable between July 1st and August 31st. Winter (County) taxes are due February 14th and payable between December 1st and February 14th.

What are the requirements to defer my summer taxes?

To qualify for a deferment of summer taxes, you must not have a household income of more than \$40,000 for the previous calendar year and you must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Be 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.
- Be a paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic.
- Be an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower.
- Be a blind person.
- Be totally and permanently disabled.

You can also have property that is classified or used as agricultural real property with the gross receipts of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year being not less than your total household income for the previous calendar year or the combined incomes in the previous year of the individual members of a limited liability company that owns the agricultural property.

May I also defer my winter taxes?

No. However, if you meet the requirements for deferring your summer taxes and can show a copy of your Homestead Property Tax Credit form to the Treasurer's office, which was filed before February 15th, and you have not received a check yet, but the check is received during the remaining two weeks in February, any penalty that would be due will be waived.

How do I register to vote?

To register to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age by Election Day and a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register. You can register at your local Secretary of State branch office, offices of several state agencies, such as the Department of Human Services, at Tecumseh City Hall, 309 E. Chicago Blvd., by mail, or online at mvic.sos.state.mi.us. If you have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, Federal and State identification laws still apply. You must be a resident of the jurisdiction at least 30 days before the election to be eligible to vote. Michigan law states that the same address must be used for voter registration and driver's license purposes.

How do I get a dog license?

Dog licenses are available at Tecumseh Police Department from December 1st through February 28th or 29th (if leap year). The cost is currently \$10.00 for spayed/neutered pets and puppies, and \$15.00 for unspayed/unneutered. A current valid rabies certificate must also be presented to purchase a license. State law requires all dogs four months and older to have a license. Dog licenses may also be purchased at the County Treasurer's office in the Old Courthouse in Adrian or at the Raisin Township Hall office December through the following October. Licenses expire December 31st of each year and need to be renewed every year.

Where do I pay my water bill?

Water bills may be paid at City Hall. You may also pay your bills through auto pay. Forms are available at City Hall. Payment may also be made online through our website www.mytecumseh.org by clicking on "I want to..." and

then under “Pay A Bill” click on “Pay My Utility Bill”.

What are the water rates for the City of Tecumseh?

Water is billed by gallons and the price is \$9.53 (\$3.21 for water and \$6.32 for sewer) per 1,000 gallons. These rates were established in July 1, 2024 and are subject to change. Please call 517.424.6545 for more information.

How do I get rid of limbs, brush and leaves?

Yard waste pickup is provided by Stevens Disposal & Recycling Services, from 3rd Wednesday of March through the 3rd Wednesday of December. Limbs and brush may be bundled for pickup on your regular garbage day. Please see the Garbage Collection page at www.mytecumseh.org for specific details on bundling. Leaves must be in brown Kraft bags or plastic containers clearly labeled “Yard Waste” for Stevens pickup. Leaves may not be raked into the curb and burning the leaves is not allowed. Grass clippings may not be blown into the street. The DPW does not accept yard waste of any kind.

What does it mean when a snow emergency is declared?

During a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on all public streets. This allows road crews to safely and effectively plow and salt. You can tune into a local radio station such as WLEN 103.9, or check your email for an newsletter bulletin from the City of Tecumseh. If you would like to sign up for the email bulletin please go to www.mytecumseh.org and sign up for the newsletter on the front page. The Police Department will ticket vehicles that remain parked on the street during a declared snow emergency.

When will you plow my street?

Major streets (i.e. Chicago Boulevard, Evans Street etc.) are plowed first, and then we start on local streets (i.e. residential streets). Every street will be plowed, but the priority is to keep the major streets open at all times. Please help us do our job by not shoveling or snow blowing snow back into the street. Not only is it dangerous, but also it is illegal and can result in a fine.

My driveway was just plowed shut!

Snowplows deposit snow only one way – off the roadway, and into the right-of-way and driveways located in the right-of-way. Our job is to keep the roadway cleared to allow safe passage of vehicles and emergency equipment. This may result in snow being deposited in driveways, unfortunately sometimes it may be after you have already shoveled.

How do I report a faded or damaged sign or a pothole?

Please contact the Department of Public Works (DPW) by calling 517.423.1443 to report any sign or roadway problem.

Who do I talk with about a concern?

Concerns may be directed to the department handling that particular issue. Residents may also contact the City Manager’s office by calling 517.424.6555 or via email at dswallow@tecumsehmi.gov. to address concerns, or visit our website at www.mytecumseh.org to get direct emails for a Department Supervisor.

Does the Mayor perform weddings?

Yes, the Mayor performs weddings. The date is subject to his schedule and appointments are required. You may call the Mayor at 517-403-4768 or email bradant@tecumsehmi.gov. There is a City fee for weddings performed by the Mayor (see Annual Fee Schedule for pricing). (These amounts are subject to change, please call for details.) The couple must also have a valid marriage license and two witnesses who are 18 years or older.

Can I find documents, forms and brochures on the City’s website?

Yes you can! Just go to the City’s website at www.mytecumseh.org.

Can I run a business from my home?

The City’s Zoning Ordinance allows some “home occupations” to be conducted from a residence. The Development Services Department has information describing allowable home occupations and the rules regarding the operation of the occupations.

Where can I get a City Map or a Zoning Districts Map?

The City Calendar contains a street indexed map of the city. The city zoning map can be viewed via a link at the Development Services Department webpage on the City’s website at www.mytecumseh.org.

What kind of permits or licenses does the City issue, and when do residents need them?

Permits are needed for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing for work at residential, commercial, and industrial properties. Additions or alterations to existing buildings or new under construction also require a permit. Please contact the Development Services Department by calling 517.424.6547 for details regarding necessary permits. A right-of-way permit is needed when work will take place in the public right-of-way. Permits are also needed for new businesses, garage sales & solicitors. Please visit www.mytecumseh.org for applications and city contact information.

I own recreational vehicles and/or equipment; may I store these items in my driveway?

Recreational vehicles and equipment may not be stored in your driveway, but temporary permission is granted for loading and unloading purposes. Forty-eight hour permits are issued to park your RV, motor home, trailer, camper, or boat in your driveway. Permits are also issued for nonresident guests to temporarily occupy an RV with certain stipulations. Please contact the Development Services Department by calling 517.424.6547 for further information and to obtain a permit application.

I would like to install a pool. What permits do I need to obtain?

Pool permits are required for any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas. Please visit the City's website and go to the Development Services Department page. Click on "Permit Forms and Informational Documents" and locate "Swimming Pool Requirements" to download a pool permit application and specifications. Please note that some pool installations require an electrical permit as well.

I would like to build a new fence or alter an existing one, what do I need to do?

A Zoning Compliance Permit is required to build a new fence or alter or move an existing fence. There are specifications for building privacy, chain-link, and ornamental fences that can be found on the City website or by contacting the Development Services Department by calling 517.424.6547.

I would like to build a deck or porch. Are building permits required?

Yes! Building permits are required for decks and porches.

My house or garage needs the shingles replaced. Do I need a permit?

Yes. Building permits are required for stripping and replacing shingles on your home or garage.

I would like to build a shed, garage, or detached accessory structure. Do I need a permit?

Yes. Permits are required for detached accessory structures, such as sheds, garages, and residential pole barns. Contact the Development Services Department for further information by calling 517.424.6547.

I am planning to fix up my house, is there financial assistance to do so?

Owners who rehabilitate their own homes should consider applying for property tax relief using the Mathieu-Gast Act, MCL 211.27(2) to ensure relief because of improvements made to their homes. Not included in the Act are additions or new construction. This law is beneficial to all homestead properties. The City also periodically applies for grant assistance for low-moderate income homeowners. See the Development Services Department or City Assessor for an application.

How can I obtain a burn permit?

The City of Tecumseh does not allow any open burning of any materials including brush, leaves or trash. The City does allow small campfires no larger than three foot in diameter and no higher than three feet in height. All campfires must use seasoned fire wood only, must be attended at all times and extinguished prior to midnight on the same day. No permit is required for a campfire. You may call 517.423.4545 for additional information.

When do I put out my household trash?

Household trash is picked up weekly. The City is divided into two zones, with Union Street dividing west and east sides. Western Zone and Eastern Zone pickup is weekly on Wednesday. Trash must be in trash carts, and placed at curbside before 7:00 a.m. Do not place carts in the street. Recycling is picked up every other week by zone.

You can also find more information on the City's website at www.mytecumseh.org and in the City Calendar.

How do I dispose of unusual or oversized items like dryers, bed frames, TV sets, etc.?

Any item containing Freon must have Freon removed and the sticker attached, letting the driver know it is removed. Any other large items, such as chairs, mattresses, box springs, dryers, washers, etc. may be placed at the curb on your regular trash pickup day for disposal. Please contact Stevens Disposal at 800-779-0344 at least one day prior to your normal pick up day.

When is yard waste (compost) pickup?

Yard waste is picked up at no charge weekly on your designated trash collection day, from the 3rd Wednesday of March through the 3rd Wednesday in December. Yard waste material can be in personal containers labeled with yard waste stickers or in paper bags. (No plastic bags). Sticks or limbs can be bundled with twine to a maximum diameter of 1 foot. (No duct tape). See the www.mytecumseh.org website for more details.

Does Tecumseh have curbside recycling?

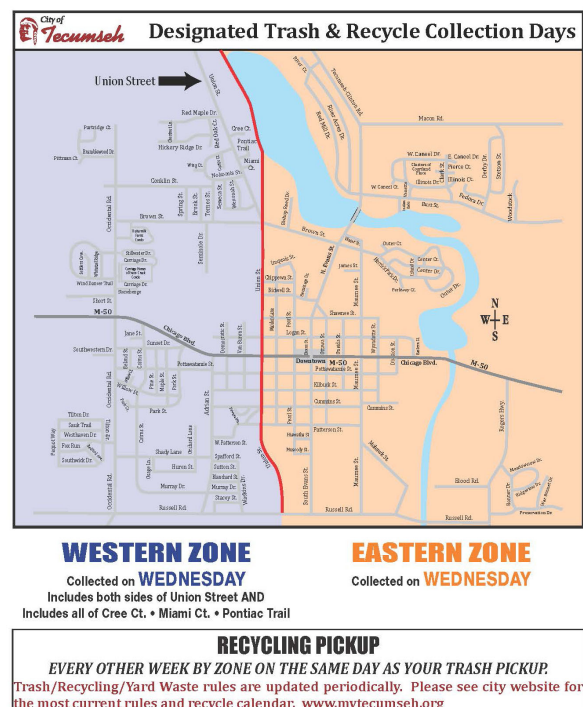
Yes! There is no charge for the curbside recycling program. A list of recyclable and nonrecyclable materials is available at City Hall. The City is divided into two sections, with Union Street dividing west and east sides. Recycling is picked up every other week by zone. See map below for zones.

Which holidays might delay trash/recycle/yard waste pickup for the City of Tecumseh?

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Christmas Day.

What can I do to dispose of interior/exterior paint? What about oil-based paint?

Interior/exterior paints, also known as latex paints, must be completely dried and the individual can(s) may be put at curbside with lids removed on trash day. Do not put them in bags. Oil-based contain solvents that are flammable and evaporate quickly, creating fumes that can be very toxic and harmful. To dispose of latex paints and oil-based paints, please contact the Lenawee County Solid Waste Department by calling 517.264.4546 for household hazardous waste pickup sites and times.





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