

# County Road News

## Ionia County Road Commission

### What's New Spring 2019

What a winter we have had! In mid-January we were beginning to wonder if it was ever going to arrive and then it finally showed up and did not play nice. Our drivers spent many hours trying to clear as much snow in 6 weeks we would normally see over an entire season.

The unseasonably warm temps in December caused some problems on our gravels that we don't typically see until spring time and we were only able to make minimal improvements during that time before the polar vortex swooped in and flash froze them. Now that spring has finally arrived, we are seeing conditions on gravel roads that are not ideal for the traveling public. It will take some time to get our gravels into shape after the winter and we thank you for your patience as we work hard to prepare them for the season.

Last August, Ionia County voted into effect a county wide road millage which will allow us to repair over 55 miles of Ionia County's worst roads. It will take 2 years to complete the projects, they will begin this year!

In 2019 we will be completing 30.8 of these miles and 26.8 miles in 2020.

**Township Contributions** – A big thank you goes out to all of our township officials in Ionia County. The township boards spent almost \$2 million on Ionia County primary and local roads and bridges during 2018! Please let your township officials know you appreciate their effort to make the roads better for all!

The Road Commission is currently on its summer work schedule of four 10-hour days. Please contact our office Monday – Thursday 6 am – 4 pm for any road related business you may have.

### Summer Maintenance Activities

**Dust Control** – We will begin our first application of brine for this year mid-May, weather permitting. Townships approve the amount of brine used and how many times it will be applied each summer. The Road Commission then prepares the roads and coordinates with a contractor to apply the brine to the roads. Please visit our website or contact our office for the tentative brine schedule for your township.

**Roadside Mowing** – Mowing will begin late spring/early summer on county blacktop roads.

**Gravel Resurfacing** – Some townships purchase gravel for local gravel roads. Contractors will haul gravel to specified roads and our grader operators will level the new gravel. Our goal is to re-gravel the roads that typically require the highest level of maintenance.

### 2019 Ionia County Road & Bridge Projects

The following is an overview of our major summer construction projects. For further details, please visit our website or contact our engineering department.

#### Bridge Project's

- Whites Bridge Rd, over Flat River, Keene Twp.
- Cutler Rd, from Grand River Ave to I96, Danby & Portland Twps.

#### Asphalt Resurfacing – 2018 Millage Program

- David Hwy, from Libhart Creek to Lyons Rd, Orange Twp.
- Ellison Rd, from Hawley Hwy to Chickering Rd, Keene Twp.
- Grand River Ave, from Jordan Lake to Kelsey Hwy, Berlin Twp.
- Hastings Rd/ Conklin Rd/Ware Rd, from Montcalm Ave to Grand River Ave, Boston Twp.
- Hawley Hwy/Andres Rd/Krupp Rd, from Zahm to Ellison, Keene Twp.
- Hayes Rd / Mckenna Rd / Vernier Rd, from Borden Rd to Crystal Rd, North Plains Twp.
- Nickle Plate Rd, from end of asphalt to Hubbardston Rd, Lyons Twp.
- Orleans R / Meade Rd / Haynor Rd, from Orleans Cemetery to Cowan Rd., Orleans Twp.
- Portland Rd, from Jackson Rd to Jordan Lake Rd, Berlin Twp.
- Sunfield Hwy, from Grand River Ave to Clarksville Rd, Orange Twp.
- Woods Rd, from M66 to Powell Hwy, Ronald Twp.

#### Chip Seal Projects

- Divine Hwy, from David Hwy to Portland City Limits, Portland Twp.
  - Drew Rd and Clarksville Rd, from Montcalm Ave to Clarksville Village Limits, Campbell Twp.
  - Grand River Ave, from Morrison Lake Rd to Jordan Lake Rd, Berlin Twp.
  - Hayes Rd, from Borden Rd to M-21, North Plains & Lyons Twps.
  - Haynor Rd / Rector Rd, from M-21 to end of asphalt, Easton Twp. \*
  - Hubbell Rd / Jefferson Rd, from M-66 to Nickle Plate Rd, Ronald Twp.
  - Jackson Rd, from Portland Rd to Clarksville Rd,
  - Jordan Lake Rd, from Clarksville Rd to Lake Odessa Village Limits, Odessa Twp.
  - Keefer Hwy, from Grand River Ave to Clarksville Rd,
- \*Township Funded Projects

meetings are held at the Road Commission office and the public is always welcome. We are located at 170 E. Riverside Drive in Ionia, MI.

All regular scheduled meetings are held on Wednesdays at 9 am unless otherwise noted below:

#### **REMAINING 2019 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday, April 10  
Wednesday, April 24 @ 7pm  
Wednesday, May 15 & 29  
Wednesday, June 12 & 26  
Wednesday, July 10 & 24  
Wednesday, August 14 & 28  
Wednesday, September 11 & 25  
Wednesday, October 9 & 23  
Wednesday, November 6 & 20  
Friday, December 6  
Wednesday, December 18 @ 7pm  
Friday, December 27



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