

**SUMMER
2010**

COUNTY ROAD NEWS

IONIA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION



WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?

At this time the Road Commission crews are patching potholes, scraping gravel roads, and doing miscellaneous maintenance projects.

Road maintenance crews have begun a four 10 hour day schedule. The majority of the road crew work Monday thru Thursday. If you have a road related issue please contact us as early in the week as possible as we only have a small crew available on Friday.

You may contact us with any questions or concerns you may have by
Calling the office at (616) 527-1700;
E-mail us at info@ioniacountyroads.org or
Visit our website at www.ioniacountyroads.org

FUNDING...

Please remember that almost all of our revenues come from fuel taxes and license plate fees, **NOT** from property taxes.

The fuel tax that we receive is based on the number of gallons that are purchased **NOT** by the price per gallon. Gallons of fuel used continue to decline and adversely affect our revenue.

We are continually trying to get more funding to help maintain our deteriorating roadways. You can help by contacting your state legislators. You can learn more about helping improve Michigan's roads by visiting www.drivemi.org.

Right-of-Way and Mailbox Guidelines...



Right-of-way (R.O.W.) – The Road Commission has a 66' R.O.W. on most county roads and 100' R.O.W. on most state trunklines. This roadside area allows the Road Commission to maintain trees, ditches and culverts. Please remember that no structures (fences, rocks, etc.) are allowed in the R.O.W. Occasionally this distance changes so please check with the road commission if you are doing any improvements to your home or yard that may be in the R.O.W.

Mailbox – The only structures that are allowed in the R.O.W. are mailboxes. The Road Commission has a strict policy on the placement and structure type of mailboxes. Your mailbox should be made of light steel or plastic and the post should be a single 4"x 4" wood post. These specifications allow the mailbox and post to break away if hit by a vehicle. If your mailbox is made of any other materials or anchored into the ground, it may be an accident waiting to happen. If your mailbox is not in compliance with our regulations you will be asked to make changes immediately. **Remember NO masonry structures are allowed (stone, brick, concrete).** A mailbox brochure, with all of our specifications, is available in our office and on our website.

Political Signs...

The Road Commission reminds citizens and political candidates that signs placed along the roadside must conform to state regulations. Improperly placed signs can create safety hazards for the motoring public by blocking a driver's view. They can also cause damage to the Road Commission's mowing equipment. Please place signs outside of the right of way, which is generally 33' from the centerline of the existing road. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the public and our equipment and employees safe.

2010 ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Herbert Cusack, Chairman
Earl Strater, Vice-Chairman
Frederick Chapman, Member

The County Board of Commissioners appoints the Road Commissioners to six year terms. The Road Commissioners meet twice a month, generally at 9:00 am on Wednesdays, unless noted differently below. All meetings are held at the Road Commission office and the public is always welcome.

The Ionia County Road Commission office is located at 170 E. Riverside Drive in Ionia, MI. Our office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday- Friday.

2010 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

- June 9
- June 23
- July 14 @7:00 pm
- July 28
- August 11
- August 25
- September 10 on Friday
- September 22
- October 13 @ 7:00 pm
- October 27
- November 10
- November 24
- December 15 @ 7:00 pm
- December 29

2010 PROJECTS...

The Road Commission plans on completing the following projects this summer:



Grand River Avenue between Morrison Lake Road and Jordan Lake Road. Continuing from 2009 construction of drainage and culvert work, tree removal, shoulder reconstruction and resurfacing. Drainage and culvert work, tree removal and resurfacing will also take place between Nash Highway and Morrison Lake Road.

Whites Covered Bridge repairs. The historical bridge has been closed since earlier this year due to a vehicle accident. We are in the process of finalizing the construction plans to repair the bridge. We will be repairing/replacing interior, middle and exterior diagonal truss members along with the exterior side panels. Construction should commence in September and be completed in early October.

Haynor Road. Curve flattening reconstruction and tree removal in conjunction with County Drain Commission project.

Chip Seal at 8 locations county wide.

You can find further information about these and other projects on our website at www.ioniacountyroads.org

DUST CONTROL...

We have begun the first application of brine on gravel roads. This has been a slow process as we had a dry spring. Weather conditions have a major effect on the roads this time of year. We will continue to do what we can as Mother Nature permits. We have a **tentative** schedule available for you to view on our website. Thank you for your patience during this process.

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

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