
CITY OF LAINGSBURG

114 Woodhull St. Laingsburg, Michigan 48848-0178

Spring 2011

Phone (517) 651-5374 Fax (517) 651-5604 Clerk Treasurer Office Hours are 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Swimming Pools

Before installing one of the popular *blue “pop up” pools* please contact the City for a zoning permit.

Swimming pools, in-ground and above-ground, are considered an accessory building for the purposes of complying with the zoning ordinance. This means that the pool will have to meet all applicable regulations that a garage would – such as side yard and rear yard setbacks and maximum lot coverage. This fact sheet is intended to be used as a guide and checklist prior to seeking a building and/or zoning permit.

- The pool must meet all applicable side yard and rear yard setbacks for the zoning district in which it is located. **Pools are not permitted in the front yard.** No pool is permitted in an easement.
- All pools are to be fenced. Fencing must be at least 4 feet and equipped with a self-closing/latching gate. Latching devices must be at least 3 feet above the ground.
- If pool walls are 48 inches or greater a fence is not required. However you will still be required to remove ladder when not in use or have a latching gate.

No lights shall be erected, operated or maintained in connection with a swimming pool in such a manner as to create a disturbance to surrounding properties. All pools shall be kept clean and the water used there shall be filtered and sterilized by chlorination and in general in conformance with any state, county or local health standards.

When seeking a permit, you should bring a legible plot plan showing the proposed location of the pool, fencing, gates and all other existing structures on the site. Go to www.laingsburg.us for forms.

Brush Pick-up Program

Brush pickup will begin in April. Please use the following criteria when placing brush at the curb for pickup:

- Call City hall at 651-6101 and have your name placed on the brush pickup list.
- Place all limbs one-way (i.e., all cut ends facing the same direction)
- No tree limbs larger than 6 inches in diameter
- Limbs not to exceed 3 feet in length
- No stumps, firewood, dirt, trash, vines or any foreign objects.
- Thorn bearing items must be put in a separate pile
- Brush must be placed at the curbside or roadside, but not in the street

Emergency Services

Police protection is provided by the City of Laingsburg Police Department, located at 114 N Woodhull Street. Emergencies - phone 911. Non-emergencies 989-743-3411 or 517-651-5355. Fire and Ambulance Services are provided by LSW Emergency Services, located at 7425 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg. Emergencies phone 911. Non-emergency and burn permits for bon fires phone 517-651-2638. No burning is allowed in the city except for bon fires with permits issued, at the discretion of the Emergency Services Chief.

The emergency siren blows (waxes and wanes) at 7:00 p.m on the first Tuesday and at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of each month. This occurs just prior to fire practice. It tests the siren to make sure it is working. It may also blow in the event of a fire, letting firefighters know that more help is needed. (Firefighters have pagers/radios). In the event of a tornado warning there will be a **solid blast**, lasting three minutes. An all clear is a solid blast of one minute.

Planning Commission Vacancy

There is currently an opening on the City of Laingsburg's Planning Commission. If you are interested in serving on this board, please send a letter of interest to: City Clerk, PO Box 178, Laingsburg MI 48848. You may also call if you would like more information.

City of Laingsburg Filing Dates for Nominating Petitions for Mayor and City Council Candidates

The following offices will be elected at the November 8, 2011 Election:

Mayor (2 year term)

Three Councilpersons (4 year terms)

City of Laingsburg residents who are interested in running for either of the above positions need to circulate and file Nominating Petitions and file an Affidavit of Identify form. These may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Petitions and Affidavit's of Identity may be turned into the Clerk's office turned in **no later than 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2011.**

Upcoming Events

Laingsburg Lions Springtime Festival – This year's festival date has **changed** from Mother's day week-end to the third week-end in May. Festival dates this year are: Thursday, May 19 through Sunday, May 22, 2011. The Springtime Festival Parade, will be Saturday, May 21 @ 11:00 a.m.

