



# WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HART AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Mayor, City Council, and City Staff welcome you to our community. To make you feel at home, we have put together this document of helpful information covering various areas. We hope you will not hesitate to contact us at City Hall – 873-2488 with any questions that you may have.

**History:** Hart is the county seat of Oceana County. Located in the western portion of the county, Hart is approximately seven miles from Lake Michigan. The town is situated by Hart Lake and was founded in 1856 by early pioneers. It was officially platted in 1864 and named after the township. It became the County seat in 1865 and was incorporated into a village in 1885 and a city in 1946. Please be sure to check our website for all the exciting happenings around the City.

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

### Zoning/Building –

A zoning permit is required before any new buildings, additions, structural changes to existing buildings, decks, fences, sheds, etc., can be put up or taken down on your property. Zoning permit applications can be found at City Hall or on the City's website. Upon receipt of an approved zoning application, a building permit must be obtained from the County Building Department at 844 Griswold Street.

### Voter Registration –

You can register to vote at any of the following locations: City Hall – 407 S. State St., Secretary of State Office – 3740 Polk Rd., Oceana County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse – 100 State Street.

### Hart Area Public Library -

The Library is located at 415 State Street, next to City Hall. They are open Monday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. You may reach them at 231-873-4476.

### Parking –

Whether parking downtown, on a public street or parking lot, there are some basic rules of thumb.

- From November to March, parking is prohibited on any street, or parking lot (except in designated lots) between 2:00 am to 6:00 am except for emergency vehicles.
- No vehicle shall be left at any one place, whether occupied or not, on any public streets for a period longer than 24 consecutive hours.
- No motor vehicles, motor homes, trailers, etc., shall be permitted in any City lot for longer than 24 consecutive hours or between the hours of 2:00 am – 6:00 am of every day.

The Hart City Police do monitor and ticket vehicles that do not comply with these guidelines.

### Animals –

Pets are welcome. However, new residents should be aware of the following information:

- Dogs older than four (4) months must have an annual license. These licenses are available for purchase at the County Treasurer's office located at 100 State Street. You must have a current rabies shot certificate to purchase a license.
- Per State Ordinance Code, 287-262, all dogs within the City limits need to be placed on a leash when being walked and not allowed to roam freely.

### Burning –

City ordinance prohibits burning any garbage, rubbish, grass, tree/tree branches, shrubbery, brush or building materials in any public street or on private property within City limits. However, this does not limit the use of outdoor grills, barbeques, spits, recreational or ceremonial campfires on public or private property or outdoor fires specifically authorized by a permit issued by the Hart Area Fire Department.

### Garage Sales –

Garage sales are limited to two (2) per calendar year and no more than three (3) consecutive days. Signs may be placed on-premises and along the main thoroughfare but need to be removed immediately after the sale. No signs shall be attached to any tree within City easements, right-of-way, or any City building or fixture.

### Garbage Service and Bulky Item Disposal –

City residents' trash is picked up once a week by Republic Services on Tuesdays; if that day falls on a holiday, the trash will be picked up the next day. It is best to your garbage container at the curbside the night before or early morning of the pickup date. Each resident is limited to three (3) bags of trash per week. The charge for garbage service is included on the monthly utility bill. Recycling

**City of Hart, 407 S. State St., Hart, Michigan 49420 – 231-873-2488 – [www.cityofhart.org](http://www.cityofhart.org)**

**Hours of Operation: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday**



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day is every other four weeks; Please call City Hall to request a cart to be delivered. If you have an item that is not normal refuse that needs to be disposed of, such as an old sofa, chair, refrigerator, etc., you will need to purchase a pickup tag from City Hall. The cost of these tickets is Bulky Tag: \$10.00, Appliance item: \$15.00, Appliance with a certified notice of freon removal: \$40.00. These items should be put out the night before the regular trash pickup date.

## Lawn Care –

The City has a monthly yard waste pickup on the first Monday of each month from April to November. City crews chip up large brush and branches. Leaves and grass clipping are picked up every Monday of the month, April through November and should be separate from the brush and put into recyclable bags to be set out Sunday night for the Monday morning pickup. These items may also be taken directly to the DPW bins on the north side of the DPW barn located at 1010 State St., at any time. Wood chips and compost are available at the DPW barn free of charge for as long as supplies last. No plastic bags or residential garbage, please. These items tend to clog up the composting machine. In the fall, the City will come around to vacuum up leaves placed at the curbside. This service will continue until the weather prohibits it. It is the resident's responsibility to see that the yard is maintained so that it is not deemed detrimental to the surrounding neighborhood properties.

## Utility Bills –

Your utility bills are sent on the first of each month and are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month without penalty. You may also request paperless billing and auto-pay for your utility account. We urge anyone who is on oxygen or has a medical condition dependent on electricity to let us know. This enables our Energy Department to work to get your power up and operating as soon as possible in the event of a power outage.

## Important Phone Numbers –

Frontier: 1-855-847-7792  
Gas – DTE: 1-800-477-4747  
Gas Leak: 1-800-947-5000  
Republic Services: 1-877-698-7274  
Charter Communications: 1-855-312-2700  
Secretary of State: 1-888-767-6424  
Hart-Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce: 231-873-2247  
State Police: 231-873-2171  
Sheriff's Dept: 231-873-2121  
Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 231-869-5858  
Hart Public Library: 231-873-44  
Hart Public Schools: 231-873-6214  
Memorial Medical Care Center: 231-873-2163  
2481 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Hart  
Hart Family Medical: 231-875-5675  
611 E. Main St., Hart  
Mercy Lakeshore Hospital: 231-861-2156  
Shelby  
Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital: 231-843-2591  
Ludington  
Department of Human Services: 231-873-7251  
Oceana Cnty Adult & Child Protective Svcs: 231-873-210  
Transfer Station: 231-861-6934

## City Hall and Department Numbers -

City Hall: 231-873-2488 (Main Number)  
City Manager: 231-873-3546  
City Clerk: 231-923-0012  
Utility Clerk: 231-923-3810  
HR/AP Clerk: 231-923-3837  
Police Chief: 231-923-0696  
Officer on Duty: 231-923-0851  
DPW: 231-873-3100  
Energy Dept: 231-873-5367  
BioPure Treatment: 231-873-2259