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REMINDER OF NOXIOUS WEED & GRASS ORDINANCE

Chapter 21, Vegetation, Article II, Weeds, Sections 16-21 of the City of Eaton Rapids Code of Ordinances. This Ordinance is enforced from April 15th to October 15th. Under the provisions of this ordinance:



The occupant or owner shall not permit or maintain the growth of noxious weeds; nor any growth of grass to a greater average height of nine (9) inches; nor any accumulation of dead weeds, dead grass or dead brush. Properties not in compliance will be noticed directly with the provision to comply within twenty-four (24) hours. If the required notice is not complied with within the prescribed time, the weeds, grass and other vegetation will be removed at the expense of the occupant or owner. A person who is found to be violation will also be responsible for a municipal civil infraction subject to payment of a civil fine. Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased fines.

This Ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at City Hall and at cityofeatonrapids.com.

What Is a Curb-Side Grant?

The City of Eaton Rapids is offering a limited number of home improvement grants to homeowners as a way to enhance the overall quality of life of their neighborhood through citizen and government partnership. This program encourages the exterior rehabilitation, renovation and overall improvement of existing homes within the City.

Grants of up to \$2,500.00 are available for such projects that improve upon structural deficiencies, safety repairs, weatherization and deterioration prevention of homes throughout the City. Funds may be used to cover materials, supplies and project labor costs affiliated with the project. Labor costs will only be paid to licensed contractors that are not the homeowner and were hired to perform the work of the project. Program Funds not expended within the given fiscal year may be carried over and available in future years.

Tier	Funding Available up to	Examples
1	50% Match Up to \$2500	Significant safety repair or structural deficiencies
2	\$1000	Safety repair or structural deficiencies
3	\$750	Weatherization or deterioration prevention

Why Curb-Side Grants?

Maintaining a positive image is important to the City. The appearance of our neighborhoods plays a vital role in the perception of the quality of the community. The City wants to encourage homeowners to invest in their properties by making attractive improvements on building exteriors. The improved appearance of homes will make our neighborhoods more attractive and contribute to the enhanced viability of the entire area, and to the entire community.

Applications may be found at www.cityofeatonrapids.com or at City Hall during normal business hours.



PUBLIC MEETING CHANGE NOTICE

The River Recreation Sub-Committee has a new time for their regularly scheduled meetings! Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. For meeting location, please see the city calendar at www.cityofeatonrapids.com





Charlie's Corner

Hi! My name is Charlie, and I live at City Hall. Some of you may have met me before when you have come into the office to conduct business. If we have not yet met, stop in and say "Hi"!

Interesting Fact: Did you know that a cat's heart beats twice as fast as a human heart, at 110 to 140 beats per minute. Wow! Now that's interesting.

Join us for monthly virtual "create and take" classes hosted by the City of Eaton Rapids Arts Council! It's so easy! You will pre-register for the class online, you can find the link in the news and announcements section at www.cityofeatonrapids.com. Once your registration has been received and your kit is ready, you'll receive an e-mail letting you know when to pick it up. Each kit is \$10 and will include everything you need to create a one of a kind Mother's Day gift. Our classes are streamed live on Facebook [@eatonrapidsart](https://www.facebook.com/eatonrapidsart). Be sure to follow us on Facebook or check out the City's website calendar for more information!



The City of Eaton Rapids is interested in learning how to best communicate with members in your household. This survey is voluntary and open for anyone to take. Please use this link to take the survey online. <https://forms.gle/RvJ7s7sNSV5pVFxD9>

***Many meetings have been moved to a virtual platform. You may find links to each meeting on the "Notices" page under the "Government" tab on our website.



Don't forget to check the calendar at www.cityofeatonrapids.com for updates or changes

Planning Commission Master Plan Meeting	Monday, April 5, 2021 5-8 P.M.	City of Eaton Rapids, City Hall 200 S. Main St.
DDA Board Meeting	Friday, April 9, 2021 7-8 A.M.	Virtual
City Council Work Session	Monday, April 12, 2021 5-6 P.M.	City of Eaton Rapids, City Hall 200 S. Main St.
City Council Meeting	Monday, April 12, 2021 7-8 P.M.	City of Eaton Rapids, City Hall 200 S. Main St.
Arts Council Meeting	Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6-7 P.M.	Virtual
Parks Development Meeting	Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7-8 P.M.	Virtual
LDFA Board Meeting	Friday, April 16, 2021 7:30-8:30 A.M.	Virtual
Quality of Life Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7-8 P.M.	Virtual
River Recreation Meeting	Wednesday, April 20, 2021 6-7 P.M.	Virtual
City Council Work Session	Monday, April 26, 2021 5-6 P.M.	City of Eaton Rapids, City Hall 200 S. Main St.
City Council Meeting	Monday, April 26, 2021 7-8 P.M.	City of Eaton Rapids, City Hall 200 S. Main St.

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The COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) is a new program providing rent and utility assistance to households experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19. CERA provides up to 12 months of past-due rental assistance, three months of which may be used for future rent. Included in the program is assistance for past-due residential utility services when they are tenant supplied, including electricity, home heating (with any type of fuel), water, and sewer. CERA funds may be used towards future utility bills. Applicants may also have access to a \$300 internet stipend if qualified. To learn more about the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance program, the qualifications, and the application process, visit CERA program's website at www.michigan.gov/cera.



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

TEFAP is a quarterly food assistance program that provides commodities to low-income households four times per year. Although food packages vary, each package includes protein, fruit and vegetables. Items from each food group are made available four times per year to assist recipients in maintaining a healthy diet. For more information about this service or to learn about other services available, please call 517-543-5465

Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention

Capital Area Community Services, Inc.'s Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention projects will help participants focus on saving their home from property tax foreclosure through opportunities that do not include predatory lending. This will be accomplished by establishing a payment plan (acceptable to both the participant and the County Treasurer) – some including low interest lines of credit, educating each household in managing and increasing income, reducing debt to better utilize income, and decreasing dependency on external interventions and assistance (such as Payday loans).