UPDATES FROM CITY HALL

JULY 2026

AUGUST 4 PRIMARY ELECTION

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 4. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Morenci City Hall.

Residents who are not yet registered to vote may do so at City Hall during regular business hours leading up to the election, including on Election Day. In addition, City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 1, and Sunday, August 2, to assist voters with registration and absentee ballot submissions.

To help ensure a fair and orderly voting process, residents are reminded that electioneering is prohibited within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling location. Prohibited activities include:

- Encouraging voters to support or oppose a candidate or ballot proposal
- Distributing campaign literature or materials
- Soliciting petition signatures
- Requesting donations, selling tickets, or conducting similar activities
- Wearing clothing, buttons, hats, or other items supporting a candidate or ballot issue appearing on the ballot

BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

Morenci Citywide Bulky Item Pick-up is Saturday, July 25. This service will be in addition to the normally scheduled garbage pick-up on Wednesday, July 22. Refuse items must be placed at the curb before 7 a.m. If articles are placed at the curb after your street has been picked up, the crew will not return to that particular street. Bulky item pick-up is limited to residents of the City of Morenci only. A penalty will be charged if rubbish from outside the City is found being brought into the City. For a list of acceptable and unacceptable items, please contact City Hall or visit www.CityofMorenci.org.

ENJOY THE RIDE, PRIORITIZE SAFETY

As electric bicycles and scooters continue to gain popularity, Morenci Police Chief Nathan Adams encourages residents to prioritize safety. These devices can reach higher speeds than traditional bicycles and scooters, making it important for riders to understand and follow safe operating practices. Before riding, check that tires are properly inflated, brakes are working correctly, and the battery is securely attached. Riders should always wear a properly fitted helmet and consider wearing bright or reflective clothing to improve visibility.

While on the road, obey all traffic laws, including stop signs, traffic signals, and posted speed limits. Ride in the same direction as traffic, use hand signals when turning or stopping when applicable, and stay alert to vehicles, pedestrians, and other potential hazards. When using shared paths, slow down and yield to pedestrians.

Riders should also practice proper battery safety by using the manufacturer's recommended charger, avoiding unattended charging for long periods, and storing batteries in a cool, dry location away from direct sunlight.

Chief Adams encourages parents and guardians to talk with their children about safe riding habits, ensure they understand traffic laws, and emphasize the importance of wearing a helmet every time they ride.

By taking a few simple precautions, riders and families can help prevent accidents and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone sharing the road and pathways this summer.

Check out our digital monthly newsletter at https://mailchi.mp/cityofmorenci/july-2026-newsletter for more updates, articles, City Council meeting packets and minutes, and other helpful links.

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SUMMER BLOCK PARTY JULY 10

The Morenci Downtown Development Authority invites residents and visitors to travel back in time for 80s Night at the next Summer Block Party Concert on Friday, July 10, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. in downtown Morenci. This free community event will feature live music, food trucks, beer tents, yard games, and plenty of 80s fun for all ages.

Headlining the evening is 56DAZE, a high-energy band known for performing crowd favorites from the 80s, along with classic rock, 90s hits, and singalong party anthems. Their fully live performances have entertained audiences across Michigan and Ohio and are sure to keep the party going all evening.

Guests can enjoy a variety of food options from Fade 2 Black BBQ, Rock Yo Taco, and Hannah's Hawaiian Shaved Ice. Adults age 21 and older may also enjoy beverages purchased from participating downtown businesses within the Morenci Social District.

Attendees are encouraged to embrace the theme by wearing their favorite 80s-inspired outfits, from neon colors and leg warmers to big hair and vintage band tees. Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories: best dressed couple, biggest hair, and best neon outfit.

Bring your friends, grab a lawn chair, and join us for a totally rad evening! The final concert of the season will take place on August 14 with a 90s Night theme.

TREE STEWARDS WORKSHOP

Residents are invited to attend a free Urban Forestry workshop, Growing the Tree Stewards Team, on Saturday, August 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stair District Library. Led by Board Certified Master Arborist Steve Lane, the workshop will review skills from previous sessions, explore volunteer opportunities, discuss recruiting future Tree Stewards. The workshop is open to all residents, whether you have attended previous classes or are interested in learning more about Morenci's trees and urban forest. Register online or at Morenci City Hall.

STAY SAFE DURING SUMMER HEAT

As temperatures rise during the summer months, Morenci Area EMS Director Chad Corbin encourages residents to take precautions to prevent heat-related illnesses. Extreme heat can affect anyone, but older adults, young children, individuals with chronic medical conditions, outdoor workers, and those without access to air conditioning are at greater risk.

To stay safe during hot weather:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Limit strenuous outdoor activities during the hottest hours.
- Wear lightweight clothing and seek shade when outdoors.
- Spend time in air-conditioned buildings whenever possible.
- Check on neighbors, family members, and friends who may be vulnerable to extreme heat.
- Never leave children or pets in a parked vehicle.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion may include heavy sweating, dizziness, nausea, muscle cramps, and fatigue. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and may cause confusion, loss of consciousness, a very high body temperature, and hot skin. If heat stroke is suspected, call 911 immediately.

During regular business hours, the Stair District Library and Morenci Senior Center are available as cooling locations for community members seeking relief from high temperatures.

Additional heat safety information and resources are available on the City website.

SAVE THE DATES

August 12 - Back-to-School Bash, 6-8 PM
14 - Summer Concert Block Party, 6-11 PM
September 7 - Labor Day Bridge Walk, 11 AM
October 3 - Fall Fest, 4-11 PM
December 5 - Holiday Parade, Visit with Santa, & Tree Lighting, 6 PM