

# At Your Service



A Newsletter for the Citizens of Midland, Michigan

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## Look "FORE" Currie Golf Information Online

**W**ith the golf season in full swing, now is a good time to find information on golf specials, merchandise, how to book a tee time, and other details on Currie Municipal Golf Course's new website, [www.curriegolf.com](http://www.curriegolf.com).

The new site will allow golfers to book their tee time online for Currie West and East courses, and features the rating, slope, and scorecard for Currie West, Currie East, and the Par 3 course. Information on Currie's rates, maintenance schedule, driving range, plus how to schedule outings, is also posted on the site. In addition, course-sponsored tournaments and outings have been scheduled and are listed online.

As details are finalized, we'll make updates to the site on how to sign up for golf lessons and clinics.

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## New Service Makes Doing Business with the City More Convenient

**P**aying for City of Midland services continues to get easier. In March, the City Treasurer's Office began accepting select credit and debit cards for most City bills.

Since 2007, citizens have been able to pay their City of Midland water bills and parking tickets on the City's website using VISA or MasterCard, or debit cards with the VISA or MasterCard logo on them. Now, citizens can use these cards to make payments at the City Treasurer's Office for a variety of City services and items. Here are just a few:

- Water bills
- Water connections
- Parking tickets
- Accounts Receivable invoices
- Permits (Building, Electrical, Engineering, Mechanical, Plumbing)
- Contractor registrations
- Rental inspections
- Handbill distributor licenses
- Yard waste bins and annual renewal fees
- Household refuse bins
- Midland Municipal Cemetery fees
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) fees
- Sanitary Landfill invoices
- MCTV Network user fees



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## Citizens Academy Gets an “A”

**A**nother City of Midland Citizens Academy class has passed with flying colors.

The second annual academy – held from January 30-March 26 – served as a perfect opportunity for citizens to get an up-close and personal look at their city government.

Through presentations and facility tours, City staff explained the role and responsibility of the various City departments and the services they provide to the community. Participants learned about these departments/functions:

- City Attorney’s Office
- City Clerk’s Office/Communications Function
- City Manager’s Office
- Department of Public Services (DPS)
- Engineering Department
- Fire Department
- Fiscal Services
- Grace A. Dow Memorial Library/MCTV Network
- Human Resources’ Safety Program
- Police Department
- Planning/Housing/Downtown Development Authority
- Utilities Division

Participants also met with the Midland City Council for informative conversation during “Coffee with Council”, a session held near the end of the nine-week academy.

Midland’s Citizens Academy was designed by City staff in response to citizen requests for more two-way communication with their local government. The academy provides one more way for the City to inform and enlighten residents about how their municipality is working for them.

For news of next year’s academy, watch local media, MGTV Cable Channel 5 in Midland, and the City’s website ([www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)) for information on how you can register.



*Citizens settle in to learn the many facets of their local government*



*During a tour of the Municipal Service Center, Parks and Recreation Director Brett Ireland climbs aboard a City truck to demonstrate how it’s used*

## Currie Golf Website (cont. from Page 1)

When you arrive at Currie for a game or two, introduce yourself to the new PGA golf pro and manager, Paul Milholland, and check out some of the great new merchandise starting to line the shelves at the course’s Golf Shops. And – new this year – Catering by Rachel will serve tasty sandwiches and salads, homemade soups, and cold beverages at the Currie Cafe.

For more information on Midland’s premier municipal golf course, call 989-839-9600.



## May 6 Election Reminders

**May 6 School Election** – An election for two Midland Public School board seats.

- Sat., May 3 – Deadline for absentee voting by mail, 2 pm Midland City Clerk’s Office, City Hall
- Mon., May 5 – Deadline for absentee voting in person, 4 pm, City Clerk’s Office, City Hall
- Tues., May 6 – Election Day. Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm at various precincts.

Call the City Clerk’s Office (989-837-3310) with your election questions, or visit [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org).

# Credit/Debit Cards Accepted

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Credit/debit card payments may be made at the City Treasurer’s Office only. The office is located in City Hall.

Due to the potentially high costs to conduct transactions, the City is unable to accept credit or debit cards for property tax payments. However, taxes may be paid electronically through the **Auto-Pay** program. This free service allows

property owners to have funds automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings bank account on the date taxes are due. This same service can also be used to pay water bills. Visit the City’s website ([www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)) or stop by the Treasurer’s Office for an Auto-Pay enrollment form.

The City will continue to accept checks or cash for all City service/item payments.

Contact the City Treasurer’s Office at 989-837-3315 with any questions, or visit the City’s website for more information.

## City Bill Payment Options...

Here’s a summary of the many ways you can pay your City bills:

SERVICE/ITEM	HOW TO PAY	WHERE
Most Services & Fees	Cash Check Money Order Select Credit/ Debit Cards	At City Treasurer’s Office (City Hall) By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office At City Treasurer’s Office
Water Bill	Cash Check Money Order Select Credit/ Debit Cards Auto-Pay Automatic Funds Withdrawal	At City Treasurer’s Office By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office Online ( <a href="http://www.midland-mi.org">www.midland-mi.org</a> ), <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office Through your bank account
Parking Ticket	Cash Check Money Order Select Credit/ Debit Cards	At City Treasurer’s Office By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office Online ( <a href="http://www.midland-mi.org">www.midland-mi.org</a> ), <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office
Property Taxes	Cash Check Money Order Auto-Pay Automatic Funds Withdrawal	At City Treasurer’s Office By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office By mail <u>or</u> at City Treasurer’s Office Through your bank account

## 2008-2009 City Budget Adoption Process

Council meetings at which the proposed 2008-2009 City budget will be discussed will be cablecast live and replayed on MGTV Cable Channel 5 in Midland, and via streaming video on [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org). Tune in or come to the following meetings to find out where your taxpayer dollars could go in the coming fiscal year:

- Monday, April 28, 7 p.m. – Preliminary public hearing
- Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. – Second budget workshop
- Monday, May 12, 7 p.m. – Charter-mandated public hearing
- Monday, May 19, 7 p.m. – Budget adopted by Council

You can also read the proposed budget online, or in hard copy form at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and the City Clerk’s Office (Midland City Hall). The budget document has a new, easier-to-follow format and contains information on trends, performance measures, key priorities and how funding decisions are being made in line with City Council goals. Check it out!

# City's Upcoming Construction Projects

City engineers are planning on a busy spring and summer, with a variety of construction projects on the docket for roads in Midland. Some major projects that could affect citizens' travel routes are listed below.

Stay up-to-date about City construction projects by visiting our Construction Updates web page on the City's website at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org). You can also sign up for weekly and last-minute City of Midland construction updates by subscribing to our e-newsletter, City Hall News, via the City's website.



Project	Project Limits	Project Description	Est. Start Date	Est. Project Completion
Jerome, Bookness, Suncrist, Brown Ct., Elgin, Montrose, Adelaide	Various	Selective Curb & Gutter Repairs and Pavement Patching	April	June 30
Lexington Court	Concord to End of Court	Water Main Replacement, Street Reconstruction, Selective Curb & Gutter Replacement	April	July 15
Norwich Street	Washington to End of Court	Street Reconstruction, Selective Curb & Gutter Replacement	May	July 15
Valorie Lane	Sturgeon to St. Marys	Street Reconstruction, Selective Curb & Gutter Replacement	May	TBD
Dartmoor Place	Nelson to End of Court	Street Reconstruction, Selective Curb & Gutter Replacement	May	TBD
W. Sugnet Road	Orchard to Eastman	Water Main Replacement, Street Reconstruction, Selective Curb & Gutter Replacement	May	July 15
Eastlawn Drive	Jefferson to Washington	Street Reconstruction, Selective Curb & Gutter Replacement	June	August 30
E. Sugnet Road	Washington to Swede	Water Main Replacement from St. Andrews to Swede, Street Reconstruction, Selective Curb & Gutter Replacement	June	August 30
*W. Sugnet Road	Eastman to Saginaw	Street Reconstruction	August	September
*Saginaw Road	Circle to Patrick	Rut Filling and Resurfacing	September	October
*Baldwin Street	Lancaster to Sugnet	Storm Sewer / Street Reconstruction	July	September
*Rockwell Drive	Bay City Road to Fisher	Street Paving	August	October

*\*Proposed project for 2008-2009 Budget. City Council approval pending.*



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