

# Parks & Recreation (989) 837-6930

## Jump into Action with Water Sports...

### Plymouth Pool...

Located in Plymouth Park, the pool features a shallow area with a zero-depth entry and special spray features. It has showers and changing facilities with handicap accessible dressing rooms.



Plymouth Pool is open seven days a week during the summer for recreational swimming. For admission rates and pool hours, call Parks at 989-837-6930 or the pool at 989-631-6750.

Swim lessons at Plymouth Pool begin in June. Group swim lessons are available from American Red Cross-certified instructors for Level I (tiny tots for parent & child) to IV.

**Stratford Beach...** located on E. Ashman at US-10, this public beach is open seven days a week during summer.

**Boating and Canoeing...** Spend an afternoon on the Chippewa or Tittabawassee rivers! Convenient access to the rivers is provided at the Caldwell Boat Launch, located at S. Saginaw and Gordonville Rd., and the Golfside Boat Launch, on Golfside Dr. between Currie Parkway and Chippewassee Park near downtown.

Canoe rental is available Monday-Friday by reservation only and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Golfside Boat Launch. See the May calendar for the start of the canoe rental season. Call Parks and Recreation (989-837-6930) for rates and reservations.

### Gerstacker and Longview Spraygrounds...

Spish splash the day away at one of two spraygrounds in Midland. The Gerstacker Sprayground is located near the Farmer's Market in downtown Midland and is open daily, dawn until dusk. The sprayground at Longview Elementary School is open daily as weather permits, but closed during school hours. Water shoes are recommended for your safety. Spraygrounds are open from June 1 through October 1.

## Golf FORE Fun at Currie...

located on Currie Parkway between M-20 and Main Street, the Currie Municipal Golf Complex offers three courses:

- Currie East is a traditional 18-hole layout designed in the late 1950s by a local philanthropist, the late Gilbert A. Currie.
- Currie West is an 18-hole course designed by Jerry Matthews.
- The Par 3 course is a 9-hole course, ideal for beginning players.

All three courses are served by a clubhouse donated by the family of the late Gilbert Currie. The Currie Clubhouse features a full-service pro shop, lounge area, and cafe.

Hours are April-October, dawn to dusk, 7 days a week. Call **989-839-9600** or visit [www.curriegolf.com](http://www.curriegolf.com) for more info.

Interested in renting the Clubhouse during the off-season (Nov. 15-Mar. 31)? Call 989-839-9600 for details.



## Best Doggone Park...

Midland's only public dog park is located on the westerly end of Chippewassee Park. It has approximately nine fenced acres of wooded and open play areas for your pet, agility stations, and a separate area for smaller dogs.



## Jump, Ride and Glide...

**Trilogy Skatepark...** Skateboarders and in-line skate enthusiasts will enjoy Trilogy Skatepark, located off Golfside Drive in Chippewassee Park. Seasonal hours are mid-spring until snow is on the ground. The park is lighted until 10 p.m. Use of protective gear is encouraged.

**In-line and Ice Skating Rink...** Located at the entrance to Emerson Park, this regulation-size hockey rink is an in-line skate rink by summer and an ice rink by winter. It is a non-scheduled facility, so drop in any time.

**BMX Track...** A bicycle motocross (BMX) track is available at Stratford Woods Park. National Bicycle League-sanctioned races are held on Tuesday evenings, and the track is available for general use at all other times from 8 a.m. to dusk, weather permitting. A helmet and other necessary safety protection, such as knee and elbow pads, socks, gloves, bicycle pads, a long-sleeve shirt, and long pants are strongly encouraged.



**Rail Trails...** A 30-mile ribbon of asphalt called the Pere Marquette Rail Trail extends all the way to Clare and is perfect for that long walk, run, bike ride, or other non-motorized activity. The trail begins at the Farmer's Market in downtown Midland at the end of Ashman Street. The Chippewa Nature Trail connects to the Pere Marquette Trail, offering citizens another natural pathway around the city.

**Bike Trails...** City Forest offers 11 miles of intermediate to technical single-track trails. A sturdy bike, helmet, and eye protection are recommended for your safety. Trail maps are available online at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) or at the City's Parks and Recreation Office. If you're interested in finding a group of bicyclists with whom you can ride, contact the Parks & Recreation Office for more information (989-837-6930).

# Wintertime the Best Time in Midland

**City Forest...** Located on Monroe Rd. 1/4 mile west of Eastman Ave. Phone: 835-7011 or Parks Office (837-6930).

**Tobogganing...** Four iced, elevated runs. Toboggans can be rented for a maximum of two hours.

**Ice Skating...** Outdoor natural ice rink with an excellent skating surface. Skate rental is available.

**Sledding...** Sledding hill for plastic sleds. For safety reasons, steel runner sleds and snowboards are not permitted.

**City Forest Chalet...** Sit by a gas log fireplace, drink hot chocolate, and watch the fun from large picture windows. The Chalet has restrooms, telephones, and a snack bar, and is available for rent from April 15-November 15. Call Parks and Recreation (989-837-6930) for information.

**Cross Country Skiing...** Groomed trails are marked for beginners to an advanced 11k loop. A 1k beginner trail is lighted from dusk until 8 p.m. every evening that the Chalet is open. Maps are available at the trail head and in the Chalet. Ski rental is available at the trail head office, located at the west end of the parking lot. Skis, boots, and poles may be rented.

**Midland Civic Arena...** Located at 405 Fast Ice Dr. (west of Rockwell Dr. off of Bay City Rd.), this beautiful 107,000-square-foot facility has two NHL and one Olympic-sized rinks for all levels of skating. For hockey or skating supplies, visit the arena's Pro Shop. Call 989-495-0610 or visit [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) for details about skating opportunities at the arena.



## Leagues & Clubs

Figure skating, speed skating, and hockey leagues are all headquartered at the Civic Arena. Call the Midland Amateur Hockey League at 989-495-0607, the Figure Skating Club at 989-835-5616, or the Speed Skating Club at 989-832-7501 for more details.

## Try These Cool Spots for Outdoor Skating...

- Emerson Park** • off Main St. at Orchard Dr. Regulation size hockey rink, lighted from 5:30 - 10 p.m. on evenings the ice is skateable. This is a rollerblading rink during non-ice time.
- Plymouth Park** • corner of Swede Ave. & E. Wheeler St. Location is not lighted.
- Stratford Park** • on E. Ashman St., east of Waldo Rd. Location is not lighted.
- City Forest** • on Monroe Rd. west of Eastman Ave.

## City Forest Hours

Thursday & Friday .....	4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday .....	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday & Holidays .....	Noon - 9 p.m.
Winter Break (Midland Public Schools) .....	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
December 24 & 31 .....	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Ski Rental Hours (trail is open one hour past rental)

Thursday & Friday .....	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday .....	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday & Holidays .....	Noon - 8 p.m.
Winter Break (Midland Public Schools) .....	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
December 24 & 31 .....	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Summer Playground Program

Two staff leaders provide supervised activities at nine school playgrounds: Adams, Cook, Plymouth, Carpenter, Siebert, Chestnut Hill, Woodcrest, Chippewassee and Parkdale. This program runs June - August for elementary-age children. Registration begins in June.

## Special Needs Program

Supervised evening activities broaden experiences and skills for participants ages 15+ with developmental disabilities. Program runs June - July, with registration beginning in June.

Call Parks & Recreation (989-837-6930) for details.

# More Chances for Recreation

## Making a Pitch for Softball

The Midland Softball Association and Midland's Parks and Recreation Department make a great team when it comes to providing softball in Midland. Team registration begins in March through the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact them or visit the City's website ([www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)) for team and game information.



## Disc Golf

The whole family can enjoy this interesting twist on golf! The 18-hole course is located at the intersection of Towsley and Whitman streets. Bring your disc (or a Frisbee) and try your hand at this unique sport. Game rules are posted on the course, which is open during regular park hours, dawn until dusk. No reservations or fees are necessary.



# Book a SPECIAL PLACE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

Consider the following City facilities, which are available for reservation by the public\*:

## Outdoor Park Shelters\*\*

**Chippewassee Park:** Capacity: 75. **Emerson Park:** 3 shelters, Capacity: 150, 75 and 75. Also 5 unsheltered areas at 75 each for capacity. **Plymouth Park:** 3 shelters, Capacity: 200, 75 and 75. Also 2 unsheltered areas with capacity for 75 each. **Barstow Woods:** Capacity: 75. **Stratford Beach:** Capacity: 50. Each has grills and electricity. Available: April 15 - October 15. See the January calendar for details on reserving picnic shelters.



## City Forest Chalet\*\*

Capacity: 65. Amenities: fireplace, picnic table seating for up to 65 guests, kitchen/serving area with refrigerator. Indoor restrooms, outdoor deck with charcoal grills (you supply the grill contents). Available: April 15 - Nov. 15. Call Parks and Recreation at 989-837-6930 for reservations and rates.



## Currie Clubhouse

Capacity: 70. Amenities: fireplace, tables & chairs, indoor restroom, outdoor deck and refrigerator (however, on-site cooking is not permitted). Available: Nov. 15 - March 31. Contact Parks and Recreation at 989-837-6930 for reservations and rates.

## Midland Civic Arena

Capacity: up to 25 in each of two rooms. Amenities: tables & chairs, concession stand, ice sheet rental, ice skate rental and arcade. Available: Year round. Contact Civic Arena at 989-495-0610 for reservations and rates.



## Auditorium at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library\*\*\*

Capacity: 266. Amenities: stage with sound and lighting system. Available: year round. Various audio/visual equipment and piano are available for rent. Call 989-837-3432 for room/equipment rates and availability.

## Lounge at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library\*\*\*

Capacity: up to 49. Amenities: tables & chairs, plus kitchen facilities including refrigerator, stove, microwave oven and coffee urns. Available: year round. Various audio/visual equipment available for rent. Call 989-837-3432 for room and equipment rates and availability information.



## Conference Rooms at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library\*\*\*

Capacity: up to 20 in each of three rooms. Available: year round. Various audio/visual equipment available for rent. Call 989-837-3432 for room and equipment rates and availability information for each room.

\*All rental rates are subject to change.

\*\*See Parks and Recreation web pages on the City's website ([www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)) for fees.

\*\*\*On the front page of the library's website ([www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary)), click on "Rooms for Rent" for pictures, current rates, rules and regulations.

# Water/Sewer Billing

City residents are billed quarterly for their water and sewer usage. The water / sewer bill is divided into two categories: fixed costs (called "readiness to serve"), and variable costs (called "usage"). Usage is billed per 1,000 gallons of water used during a three-month period. The readiness to serve fee is determined by the meter size of a home. Most homes in Midland have a 5/8-inch or one-inch meter.

For billing purposes, the city is separated into three cycles, which are determined by the geographic location of service. Each cycle is coded by color (**Cycle 1 - red**, **Cycle 2 - green**, **Cycle 3 - brown**) with designated billing dates. Due dates for 2009 are below (date may vary depending on actual bill date):

Cycle	Due Date	Cycle	Due Date	Cycle	Due Date
01	02/26/09	02	03/26/09	03	01/22/09
01	05/28/09	02	06/25/09	03	04/20/09
01	08/27/09	02	09/24/09	03	07/23/09
01	11/19/09	02	12/29/09	03	10/29/09
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## Paying Your Bill...

**ONLINE:** Water/sewer bills may be paid online using select credit or debit cards or electronic checks. On the City's website ([www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)), select the Pay Online header, then choose Water/Sewer Bill to access the online system.

**USING AUTO-PAY:** Water/sewer bills may also be paid automatically through an electronic funds transfer program called Auto-Pay. Customers designate a checking or savings account from which payments are automatically made on the day water/sewer bills are due.



Sign up for this free program using an Auto-Pay Enrollment Authorization Form, found online ([www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)) or at the City's Water Office (333 W. Ellsworth St.).

**MOVING? PLEASE NOTE:** A new water account number is created whenever you move. As such, you must fill out and sign a new Auto-Pay Authorization Form each time you move.

**BY MAIL / IN PERSON:** You may also pay your bill by mail to - or in person at - the City Treasurer's Office, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, MI 48640.

## Water/Sewer Account Actions:

Use our Action Line Request forms at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) or call the Water Office at 989-837-3341.