

04-07-22 Bagley St. Bridge to be shut down for 6 weeks to complete project

The Bagley Street Bridge will be shut down to traffic for approximately six weeks so crews can complete the project.

Alpena County Road Commission Managing Director Ryan Brege says weather permitting, work will resume on the bridge Monday, April 18, necessitating the reestablishment of a detour.

He expects the bridge to reopen to traffic near the end of May.

Brege says the installation of pedestrian railing, guardrail, and approach work are a few of the items that need to be completed.

In addition to the closure, the traffic signal at Bagley, Long Rapids and Genshaw roads will be placed in flash mode until the bridge is reopened to traffic.

04-20-22 City selects firm to perform water/sewer rate & authority study

The Alpena Municipal Council has selected a firm to conduct a water and sewer rate study, along with an evaluation and review of a proposed water and sewer authority agreement between the City and Charter Township of Alpena.

The selection is contingent upon approval by the township's board of trustees.

City council selected a consulting firm out of Holland, Michigan, which would be paid at estimated \$56,000 to review rates and a proposed authority agreement.

05-04-22 County expected to release RFP for sale of jail by end of next week

A subcommittee of Alpena County Commissioners Wednesday, approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale of the former jail property on Johnson Street.

The RFP is expected to be released by the end of next week, if it is approved by the full board of commissioners Tuesday. A site visit of the property is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 at 1 p.m. Prospective buyers would have until 4 p.m. on June 21 to submit their best offer, with a required minimum bid of \$150,000.

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05-17-22 Entries now being accepted for Alpena 4th of July parade

Registration forms for the annual 4th of July parade in Alpena are now being accepted.

This year's theme is 'Fourth of July in Alpena!' which should be the dominating factor in preparing floats.

Entries will be judged on theme, creativity and appearance, and appropriate music is highly encouraged. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in commercial and non-commercial categories.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 4, at the Alpena County Fairgrounds and will travel the usual route, ending in the large parking by the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center.

06-03-22 #. of flyers down slightly in May

For the first time in 2022, the number of monthly passengers flying out of the Alpena airport fell short of last year's total for the same timeframe.

A total of 973 enplanements were counted in May, down slightly from the 2021 total of 983.

The year to date enplanement total stands at 4,297, up 1,008 or 30.6% over the first five months of last year.

06-15-22 Alpena Co. taking 14 parcels to tax delinquent sale

Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Oscoda counties are joining up for a series of land auctions to dispose of properties that were seized because the previous owner failed to pay their property taxes.

The tax delinquent property sales, all of which will be held online only, are an opportunity for the counties to recoup lost property taxes, this year from the 2019 tax year.

Properties will be offered through three sales this year, up from two. During the first two sales, September 6 and September 28, properties will be offered at a "minimum bid," which is essentially the amount of taxes and associated fees that were owed. Remaining properties will head to the auction block a third time on October 28 where the minimum bid will be as low as \$1.

Alcona County needs to dispose of 10 properties, Alpena 14, Montmorency 9 and Oscoda 9.