



March 4, 2016

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next meeting: None

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

### **Election Day, March 8**

Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Absentee ballots are available through the City Clerk's office. Also, the Clerk's office will be open on the Saturday before the election (March 5, 2016) from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

### **Where to Find Election Results**

We've received several questions from citizens and media regarding how they can find the election results on election night. The best way to find out results for all elections in Cass County is [www.electionmagic.com](http://www.electionmagic.com). Election results from each precinct are electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office and the Election Magic website is updated shortly after the County Clerk receives the data. County Clerk Monica Kennedy reports that she received information as early as 15 minutes after the polls close, but cannot guarantee that all results will be received by that time. Just check back if the results are not in the first time you look.

### **Trees on North Front**

The Michigan Department of Transportation is responsible for the right of way on North Front Street. Recently MDOT has marked a number of trees in the right of way that they have deemed hazardous and are making plans for removal. MDOT representatives have indicated that removal is not expected to take place until fall.

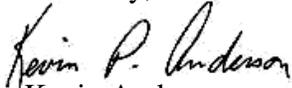
Mayor Lyons and I met with representatives from MDOT to discuss concerns regarding how the aesthetics will be negatively impacted by this amount of tree removal. After inspecting each area of concern, MDOT was agreeable to sharing in the cost for planting new trees. They provided a

list of acceptable species and city staff is working up a tree planting plan for MDOT to review and concurrence. We look forward to enhancing the North Front street streetscape this year.

**James E. Snow Professional Building Tenant Update**

Our new neighbors at the Law Offices of May Oberfell and Lorber, have pick up keys and are moving furniture this weekend, Advanced Dermatology is planning on seeing their first patients in the building in early April, and the drywall work on the County Health suite is expected to be completed this weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin P. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kevin Anderson  
City Manager