



March 18, 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:

### **Spring Clean Up**

As spring approaches we all look forward to the cleaning up after a long winter. Once again the city is looking forward to spring cleaning and several programs are about to begin.

#### *Brush Clean Up Program:*

Our department of public services has provided the following notice:

**EFFECTIVE March 28th, 2016, City residents who wish curbside collection of brush/branches and leaves/grass clippings will be required to contact the City of Dowagiac to schedule pickup.** Residents may request pickup of material by sending an email to [DPS\\_Service\\_Request@dowagiac.org](mailto:DPS_Service_Request@dowagiac.org), or calling (269) 782-8200. Please note that such requests are subject to crew workload conditions and availability.

Residents are always welcome to take brush and/or yard waste (grass clippings and leaves) to the city compost site at any time the site is open. The entrance to the compost site is at the east end of Veterans Memorial Drive in Riverside Cemetery, which can be accessed from the intersection of Riverside Drive and Hill Street.

#### *Spring Clean Up Week:*

Each year City Council hires a waste hauling company to make a trip through the entire city to help residents get rid of all the stuff that accumulates in the yard, garage, basement and attic. April 25 through April 29 will be the week to clean out the clutter this year.

### **Welcomed by Art and History**

Four images of local landmarks and history, created by artist Larry Collins, welcome clients at the James E. Snow Professional Building. The artworks depict the historical Carnegie architecture of the Dowagiac District Library, youth fishing on the banks of the Mill



Pond, a steam engine arriving at the Dowagiac Depot and the very first sculpture, in the series of 15 works of sculpture across the city, *Dance of Creation*.

### **Focus on Dowagiac photo contest**

The second, in a year long, series of themed photo contests is underway is underway. The first round of photos featuring city parks are displayed just outside of Council Chambers at City Hall and will soon be replaced by photos of Dowagiac architecture.

The creative eyes and cameras of many have been capturing their take on Dowagiac architecture and the first 15 entries display Dowagiac from amazing perspectives. We are seeing Dowagiac from both the eyes of a drone to the delicate lines of single building.

There are just two weeks left to submit photos to the contest. The contest is free and open to the public.

- Photos can be taken at any time of the year and uploaded to the proper contest
- Entry may be landscape, portrait, action or event, color or black and white.
- Like the “Dowagiac Michigan” Facebook Page [facebook.com/dowagiacmichigan](https://facebook.com/dowagiacmichigan)
- Apply on-line on the “Dowagiac Michigan” Facebook Page
- Each photographer may enter up to three (3) photographs per contest.
- Applicant must also be the photographer.
- From all submissions received, the top 50 qualifiers will be posted on the City’s FB page at the end of the registration period.
- The general public will have an opportunity to vote on their favorite.
- The winning 11 photos will be selected based on theme, creativity, originality, popular vote, and a panel of contest owners.

### **One Featured Winner**

- Matted and framed print on display as part of a seasonal/quarterly display at City Hall.
- Featured as Facebook home page photo
- Each year’s quarterly winners will remain on display as that season’s photographic representative for the year.

**10 Finalists** - Matted and framed print on display as part of a seasonal/quarterly display at City Hall.

**Submissions close 3/31/16**

**Voting opens 4/4/16**

**Voting closes 4/15/16**

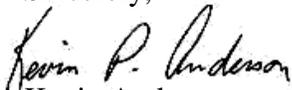
**Winners announced 4/18/16**

**Police Department Annual MILO Training**

Director of Public Safety, Steven L Grinnewald, report members of the Dowagiac Police Department recently completed annual training on the MILO (Multiple Interactive Learning Objectives) Range system. The MILO Range is an interactive video system that allows officers to practice live fire simulation training with a video screen. Officers are confronted with several scenarios ranging from disturbances, domestic violence, and active violence situations and are required to make split second decisions on use of force. Each member of the department runs through a series of scenarios with a firearms/use of force instructor with the Dowagiac Police Department and discuss use of force and procedural issues.

The Dowagiac Police Department is part owner of the MILO Range system that is shared by the Cass County Sheriff's Department, Berrien County Sheriff's Department as Dowagiac Police Department. Officers utilize the MILO Range system annually as part of their on-going training and it has proven to be a valuable tool for the department. Dowagiac Police Department use of force and firearms instructors also trained security staff with Southwestern Michigan College using the MILO Range. This allows SMC security staff the opportunity to not only train on use of force scenarios but also train with Dowagiac Police Department members as DPD is the primary law enforcement agency for SMC.

Sincerely,



Kevin Anderson

City Manager