



November 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**

Tuesday, November 8 is primary election day. Voting polls are open from 7 AM – 8 PM. Remember to bring your photo ID. Voter turnout is expected to be heavy but we have an experienced crew of election workers who will do their best to keep the lines moving as expeditiously as possible.

**Leaf Collection**

The leaves were late in falling, but one crew has been working traversing all city streets with the leaf vacuum. We expect that people will be raking this weekend and a second crew will begin leaf collection next week. Leaves will be collected until the weather stops us.

Residents are welcome to bring brush and yard waste to the City's compost site located at Riverside Cemetery through December 3.

**Police Department "No Shave November" Permits**

The officers of the Dowagiac Police Department are participating in a fund raiser to raise money for Domestic And Sexual Assault Services (DASAS) through the month of November utilizing "No Shave November". Each officer who participates pays \$25 for a "permit" to join this fund raiser. Officers will then simply not shave through the month of November. At the end of the month photos will be taken of the officer's facial hair. A yet to be determined judging will take place by people putting money/coins in to vote for their favorite facial hair growth. Once the winner is determined all of the money collected will be donated to DASAS in the name of the winning officer and the department.

Please keep an eye out for officers to check on their progress as they grow their beards for charity!! Anyone wishing to donate to help encourage the officers on their hairy quest can stop by the police department and do so. This is a fun way to raise money and bring awareness to a very serious cause and great organization like DASAS.

### **Winter Parking**

The Dowagiac Police Department would like to remind everyone that the winter parking hours are now in effect. Beginning November 1, 2016, there is no parking allowed on any city streets between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. For the downtown business district there is no parking allowed on streets between 3:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Officers will be passing out reminders on vehicles that are found parked on city streets for the next few days to get the word out. These hours are in place until April 1, 2017.

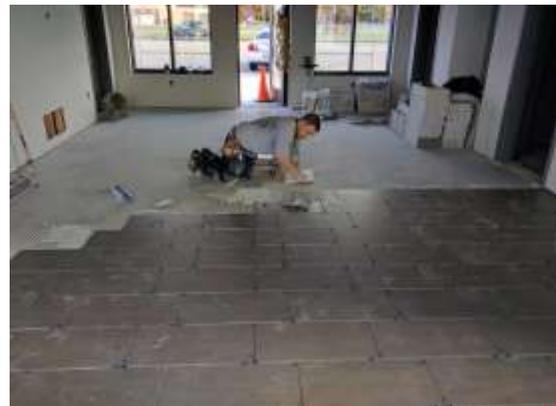
### **Commercial Street Construction Progress**

This week nursery stock has been installed across all constructions areas. You will see grass seeded at E Railroad and Division Streets and sidewalk work in progress. The parking lot near China Garden has been paved and is receiving its final touches. Foundations are poured and bricklayers will begin street pavers on Monday.



### **Dowagiac Airport Terminal**

Airport Manager, Oscar Azevedo, shares status from this week's construction. Exterior signage and brick water repellent treatment have been completed. Interior, doors hardware, gas, plumbing and HVAC have been installed. Drywall finishing, top soil and hydro seeding are complete, and the front canopy ceiling and ceramic floor installation has begun.



### **Quarterly Council Workshop**

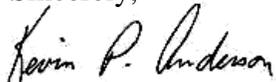
City Council members, please check your calendars. The next quarterly workshop is typically held in November. How does Friday, November 18 look on your calendars? Please contact Bobbie Jo Hartline with Friday availabilities in November. The hours will be 8:30 am – 12 PM.

**Dowagiac Area History Museum Fall Lectures**

Museum Director, Steve Arseneau, reports that this month's lecture, *The Kentucky Raid of 1847*, featuring guest Author and Historian Dr. Veta Tucker, was attended by 115 on the same night as Cubs Game 7 World Series win.

This very popular series will continue on December 7, with *Dowagiac During World War II*, with Steve Arseneau.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin P. Anderson  
City Manager