



March 28, 2014

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

City Meetings: None

Calendar: Spring Clean-Up Week, April 21-25

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

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

Cass County Hazardous Waste Program

The Cass County Hazardous Waste Program has been scheduled for May 17th. The collection will be held at the Cass County Fairgrounds at 590 O'Keefe Street in Cassopolis from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. I have attached a brochure regarding the event that includes a fee schedule for tire disposal and a list of acceptable household hazardous waste.

In addition, Berrien County is partnering with Cass County for "clean sweep" for pesticides. If you have a large quantity of pesticides, report to the fairgrounds between 11:30 and noon. Smaller quantities can be dropped off anytime during the event.

Front & Main Building

The Front & Main Building project has begun in earnest. Soils have been removed from the building location and the work on footings will begin next week. Also, the demolition of the former Borgess Medical Building was completed this week.

Rezoning Request for Former Lincoln School

We received a request from Mr. Matt Wilkins to rezone the former Lincoln School building to allow the building to be converted for multi-family used. In the years since Lincoln School was last used as part of the public schools system, it has been a community center run by the City of Dowagiac and a dance studio run by Encore Dance. The building has been vacant for a number of months and on the market for sale.

The Planning Commission will hold its public hearing on this matter on April 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Museum Spring Lecture Series

David Baker continues the Dowagiac Area History Museum's Spring Lecture Series on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. with *Because Beauty Matters: The Dowagiac Sculpture Collection*. Dowagiac has one of the largest public art collections per capita in the country and Baker will examine the sculptures that help beautify the City of Dowagiac and the impact they have on the community.

The programs are free to museum members and costs \$5 to non-members. Children under 18 years of age are also free. For more information, call the Dowagiac Area History Museum at 783-2560 or visit www.dowagiacmuseum.info.

Airport Annual Report

The annual reports of City departments continue this week with the Airport. Here are highlights from Gary Carlile's report:

- Several projects should be undertaken in 2014, which are crack sealing on the main runway and restriping the runway after sealing. These regular maintenance items will increase the longevity of the pavement and improve landing visibility. Total cost will be approximately \$24,000 for crack sealing and \$14,000 for painting with a local share of \$950 (2.5%) for both. These projects will be completed through State Bid and will be the last projects at the 2.5% local match.
- Tree growth in the approach areas are causing us to work towards eliminating current and pending obstructions to the 20:1 approaches at the Airport. To accomplish this, two activities will be involved; one is the removal of trees on City-owned property, and the other is to utilize grant funds from the State of Michigan/FAA Block Grant Program (5% local match) to acquire air easements over lands owned adjacent properties to the north and south.

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager

Attachment

CASS COUNTY

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection (Free For First 300 lbs./vehicle)
- Electronic Waste Collection (Free)
- Used Tire Collection (See back page for cost)
- Old Flag Collection (Free) Flags will be disposed of properly with a ceremony by the VFW
- Used Eye Glasses Collection (Free) - given to Lion's Club to be recycled
- Hearing Aids (Free) – donated to Lion's Club to be recycled

When: Saturday May 17, 2014 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon (No Appointment Needed)
First Come/First Served

Where: Cass County Fairgrounds
590 O'Keefe Street
Cassopolis, Michigan 49031

Please look on back page for examples of Household Hazardous Waste items accepted and for tire recycling cost.

Electronic waste consists of any item that is operated with a battery or is plugged into an outlet.

Items That Will Not Be Accepted

Latex Paint – Latex Paint is not hazardous and may be disposed of with your ordinary refuse. Open can, let paint dry and throw out with regular trash.

Major Appliances

Air Conditioners

Dehumidifiers

Fireworks

Used Motor Oil

Fire Extinguishers

Ammunition

Bio-Hazards

Propane Tanks (20# or Larger)

Used Tire Fee Schedule

<u>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>Without Rims</u>	<u>With Rims</u>
Car/Pick-Up Truck	\$3.00	\$5.00
Semi Truck/Trailer	\$8.00	\$10.00
Tractor	\$25.00	\$30.00

List of Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste (First 300 lbs. per vehicle Free then \$1.50 lb.)

From Your Home	From Your Garage	From Your Garden	From Your Workshop	Miscellaneous Items
Aerosols	2-Cycle Gas Mixes	Algaecides	Adhesives & Cements	Disposable Propane Cylinders (less than 20# tanks)
Ammonia	Antifreeze	Ant & Roach Powder	Alcohol's	Dry Cleaning Solvent
Batteries All Types	Brake Fluid	Bug Sprays	Artist's Paints	Hobby Chemistry Sets
Carpet Cleaners	Car Wax	Fertilizers	Creosote	Hot Tub Chemicals
CFL & LED Bulbs	Degreasers	Fly Strips	Cutting Oil	Lighter Fluid
Chlorine Bleach	Diesel Fuel	Fungicides	Mineral Spirits	Mercury
Drain Cleaners	Engine Cleaners	Garden Dusts & Sprays	Model Paints	Photographic Chemicals
Dyes	Fiberglass Epoxy	Insecticides	Muriatic Acid	Swimming Pool Chlorine
Floor Care & Floor Wax Products	Gas/Diesel Additives	Rat & Rodent Poison	Naphtha	Thermostats
Furniture Polish	Gasoline	Weed Killer	Oil Based Paints	Thermometers
Insect Sprays	Kerosene		Paint Brush Cleaners	White Gas
Lamp Oils	Metal Polishes		Polyurethane Coatings	
Moth Balls & Flakes	Radiator Flushes		Rust Remover	
Oven Cleaners	Rubbing Compounds		Strippers	
Scouring Powders	Starting Fluid		Sulfuric Acid	
Smoke Detectors	Transmission Fluid		Thinners	
Spot & Stain Removers			Varnishes	
Spray Dust Cleaners			Wood Preservatives	
Upholstery Cleaners			Wood Stain	

Need More Information: Call 445-4438

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Pesticides at HHW...

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