



April 17, 2014

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

City Meetings: Cass/Van Buren Emergency Services Authority, April 21, 1:00 p.m.
Russom Park Committee, April 21, 6:00 p.m.

Calendar: Good Friday, April 18 – City Offices Closed
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:

Spring Clean-Up Week Reminder

As a reminder, spring clean-up week begins Monday, April 21st and continues through April 25th. All materials should be placed at curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. Monday, April 21st, but not prior to Saturday, April 19th. Property owners will be responsible for removal of all remaining debris after the crews have passed down their street. Each street will be scheduled for pick up one time only. For more information regarding spring clean-up week, please see the attached guidelines.

Russom Park Community Build Playground Project

Mark the date. On June 13-14 the manufacturer of the new playground equipment for Russom Park will be here to assist a group of volunteers to install the new playground. By assuring that able volunteers will assist the City of Dowagiac and Silver Creek Township, we are able to stretch the dollars and get the most equipment possible. We are looking forward to this next step in building a community park with our neighboring township!

Dowagiac SculpTour

The Dowagiac SculpTour was unveiled at the recent Dowagiac Area History Museum's spring lecture event. David Baker's presentation, "Because Beauty Matters" focused on the public sculptures of Dowagiac. In his presentation, the SculpTour website was unveiled and allowed guests to experience a virtual tour of the area sculptures, walking maps, a variety of walk lengths and even videos of the sculptors introducing their work.

The event and the new website were covered by the Dowagiac Daily News and shared on Facebook. The SculpTour project story was then picked up by the South Bend Tribune and appeared on the front page of a section.

The Dogwood Fine Arts Festival received a call this week from a vintage car club in South Bend. The club has chosen Dowagiac and the SculpTour for their May outing. The club will tour Dowagiac and spend the day exporting all the city has to offer.

Front/Main Project

In spite of cold weather this week, progress continues on the Front and Main building. This week the concrete floor was poured. Next week's project will be construction of the elevator shaft and delivery of the steel. Also, City crews continue to work on the installation of underground electric that will serve the block. Progress is continuing as scheduled.

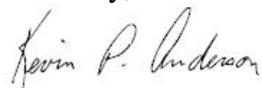


Middle Crossing Road Bike Path to Russom Park



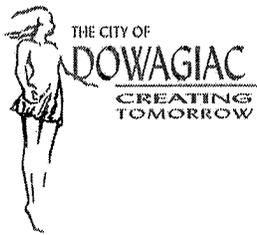
City crews have completed the electric relocation work so that the bike path project can continue. Contracted crews were on site to remove trees and brush in the right-of-way and it is expected that earth work will begin next week. The addition of the 10-foot-wide bike path from Prairie Ronde Street to Russom Park will be a tremendous asset to this park, which was jointly acquired and developed with Silver Creek Township.

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager

Attachment



SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK **APRIL 21 – APRIL 25, 2014**

CITY OF DOWAGIAC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

*******All materials must be placed curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2014*******

The following restrictions apply to all disposed materials:

1. Refuse must be neatly placed curbside in an orderly fashion.
2. No refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners will be accepted; unless certification sticker is placed on item indicating that the freon has been removed.
3. No household garbage will be accepted.
4. No individual item over 5' long, 3' wide, or 3' high, weighing over 100 lbs will be accepted.
5. No automotive/marine batteries will be accepted.
6. No tires or rims will be accepted.
7. No materials that are prohibited from disposal in TYPE II landfills (paints, solvents, oils, etc.) will be accepted. (Note: Paint cans that are open and contain only DRY paint will be accepted.)
8. No propane cylinders will be accepted.
9. All construction / demolition material must be less than one cubic yard in total volume for curbside pickup.
10. No lawnmowers or small engines will be accepted unless the gasoline has been completely drained.
11. Total curbside volume shall not exceed 3 cubic yards.
12. Windows, glass, and mirrors must be less than 3' x 4' in size.

EACH STREET WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR PICK-UP ONE TIME ONLY.

To minimize blighting effects within our neighborhoods, **debris may not be placed curbside prior to Saturday, April 19, 2014.** Violators will be subject to penalties as prescribed by the City's Blight Ordinance.

Property owners will be responsible for clean up and removal of any remaining debris **AFTER** pick up crews have passed through their neighborhood.

For questions regarding the Spring Clean-up Program, or to inquire about disposal alternatives, please contact the Department of Public Services office at 782-8200; email us at DPS_Service_Request@dowagiac.org; or visit the City's website at www.cityofdowagiac.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.