



April 24, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Upcoming Meetings: Council Meeting 3/27, 7:00 pm

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

Wastewater Treatment Plant – bids opened

This week bids were opened for major upgrades to the WWTP that have been in the works for several years. The WWTP not only serves the citizens of Dowagiac, but also serves Sister Lakes, Indian Lakes, the Village of Cassopolis and the Cass Area Utilities Authority. These upgrades will replace old equipment, greatly improve energy efficiency and upgrade filters. The \$1.95 million construction bid came in just below the engineer's estimate and will be funded through grants, a low interest loan, and capital improvement funds. The construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2015 and take 14 months to complete.

Arbor Day Recognition

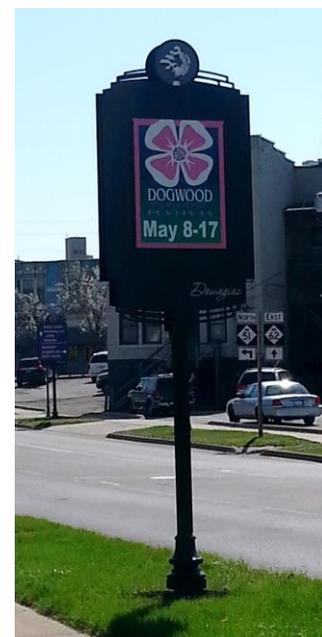
Today is National Arbor Day, recognized annually on the last Friday of April. The people of the City were encouraged to plant a tree and free White Pine saplings were given away at City Hall.

Mayor Lyons led a proclamation recognizing the ninth annual Dowagiac celebration at City Hall.

Way-finding signs

City DPS crews and Valley City Signs were successful in prepping and installing 11 directional and two parking signs last week. The fixtures are designed to welcome visitors to town and guide them towards various services and resources throughout the city.

The signs design and color are unique and each is topped with a medallion depicting distinguishing features of the City's public sculptures. Another unique feature are the slots on the backside of each sign, where posters can be placed to promote various community events.



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

Kevin P. Anderson

City Manager