



May 23, 2014

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

City Meetings: City Council, May 27, 7:00 p.m.

Calendar: Memorial Day, Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. Parade begins at 11:00  
Farmers Market, Begins this week on Wednesday and Saturday

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:

#### Front and Main Building

Progress continues on the Front and Main building construction site. The first floor walls are up and the steel beams are now in place. This afternoon workers have begun to place the floor joists for the second floor.



#### Day Trippers

Bobbi Jo Hartline recently shared the itinerary of a group from Kalamazoo that came to Dowagiac on a bus tour. They visited the following locations and events:

- Tour the Dowagiac Area History Museum
- Indulge at Caruso's
- Tour "Up Front" Art Walk
- Take in the SculpTour
- Visit Heddon Museum
- Enjoy dinner at Woodfire
- And finish the evening at the author event on the opening night of the Dogwood Fine Arts Festival.

It's good to see that a number of projects that the City of Dowagiac has been involved in appear on the list of desired stops! While these are wonderful amenities that are part of our way of life, it is fun to see that visitors enjoy them, too.

### Middle Crossing Road Bike Path

Significant progress has been made on the bike path that will provide a safe path for young and old to get to Russom Park by bike or by foot. The excavation and base material has been placed and paving is anticipated to take place next week.



### Storytime at the Sculptures

Bobbi Jo Hartline has provided the following report on the joint efforts of the City and the library to combine reading in the parks this summer:

*Multiple art forms will meld every Friday, all summer long, across the City of Dowagiac. Children's literature, visual arts, songs, hand crafts, games and free family fun are the focus of "Storytime at the Sculptures."*

*Every Friday, May 23 through July 25, area children, parents, and grandparents are invited to gather at one of the many pieces of public art across the city while Library Director Jacob Munford shares some of the libraries' exciting storybooks.*

*The first event will take place on Friday, May 23 at 11 a.m. at the "Touching Earth II" sculpture in Burke Park, with subsequent events taking place at other sculptures across the city.*

*Each week the story and games will tie into the selected piece of art.*

*The list of dates and locations for the events are:*

- *May 23 at 11 a.m. - "Touching Earth II" at Burke Park, Division St.*
- *May 30 at 11 a.m. - "Dawn Sentinels" at Lyons Health Center, Paul St.*
- *June 6 at 11 a.m. - "Dance of Creation" at Farr Park, Division St.*
- *June 13 at 11 a.m. - "Abundant Happiness" at Farr Park, Division St.*
- *June 20 at 11 a.m. - "Mount N' View" at Huntington Bank, Commercial St.*
- *June 27 at 11 a.m. - "Sunflower" at Beckwith Park, Front St.*
- *July 11 at 11 a.m. - "Stone Lion" at Beckwith Park, Front St.*
- *July 18 at 11 a.m. - "Resting Dancer" at City Hall, Front St.*
- *July 25 at 11 a.m. - "Wind Song" at Dowagiac Middle School, Riverside Dr.*

Memorial Day

A special thanks goes out to the many veterans who have served and continue to serve our nation. Your service and commitment, though often unstated, are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin P. Anderson".

Kevin P. Anderson  
City Manager

Attachment