



May 8, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Upcoming Meetings: Council 5/11/15, 7:00 pm

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

Department of Public Services Street Paving Projects

Local Street Paving is anticipated to start the week of May 11, 2015. Paving locations include: Cedar Street, from LaGrange to Spaulding; Helena Street, from Clyborn north 440'; E. High Street, from S. Front to Henry; 400 Block of Maple Street, from Chestnut to alley; McPhil Drive, resurface cul-de-sac; S. Paul Street, from Grove south to end of Second Baptist Church Parking Lot; E. Prairie Ronde, from Uneta to Colby. Please drive carefully in these areas during the paving.

Ambulance Building Parking Lot – Grading and paving has been completed. Striping of the lot is anticipated in the next few days.

City Parking Lot at Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. City crews have begun work on the parking lot with concrete removal and installation of storm sewer and catch basins. Additional work includes new drive entrances, curbing, sidewalk, and paving. During this construction, the parking lot will be closed.

Neighborhood Meetings with Police Department

Steve Grinnwald, Director of Public Services, is planning a number of neighborhood meetings throughout the city with the hope that neighborhoods will share priorities, thoughts, opinions, concerns and questions with regard to the many neighborhoods that form community. Steve, Deputy Chief Jarrid Bradford, and city council members will be available at the following locations this month:

Ward 1 - May 19th @ 7:00 p.m. Dowagiac Union High School - 701 W. Prairie Ronde St.

Ward 2 - May 21st @ 7:00 p.m. Federated Covenant Church - 202 Center St.

Ward 3 - May 28th @ 7:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church - 603 McCleary St.

Communication is an important component to public safety and we are looking forward to being in conversation with the members of the community whom we serve.

Hydrant Flush

Hydrant flushing in the City of Dowagiac is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 18, 2015 and run through the end of June. Flushing of the lines is important so that sediment is removed from the lines, water pressure is verified, and the firefighters are assured that hydrants are working properly and ready should an emergency arise. This flushing may cause some temporary discoloration of water in homes that can be removed by running water for 5-10 minutes.

Museum Events

Museum Director, Steve Arseneau provided the following update on Museum Events:

“The Dowagiac Area History Museum held two quality events this week. Dr. Marsha MacDowell of Michigan State University, one of the leading experts in the nation on quilting, talked about her projects chronicling Native American quilts with *To Honor and Comfort: Native Quilting Traditions* on Saturday.

The museum also hosted the third installment of its Spring Lecture Series on Wednesday with David Bainbridge presenting *Greek Temples to Robber Baron Castles: Dowagiac Architecture*. The program attracted 90 attendees to hear about and see archival photographs of Dowagiac’s many historic houses. The series concludes on June 3 with Nicole Romo of the Council On Aging with her program *Walk the Michigan Lighthouses: A Virtual Visit to Some of Lower Michigan’s Historic Lighthouses*.”

Dogwood – May 8-17

As the Dogwood Festival begins its 24th, yes, 24th season, it’s amazing to think of the opportunities we have to experience the richness of the arts in various shapes and forms. Thank you Dogwood Festival for decades of service to our community. Let’s support and enjoy this year’s offerings!

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager