



June 5, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Upcoming Meetings: Council meeting 6/8, 7:00 pm

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

**Lane closures**

Manhole repairs were completed this week on northbound Front Street. Curbing will begin next week for the Main Street parking lot.

**Thank you for an engaged community**

Director of Public Safety, Steve Grinnwald, would like to thank everyone who came out to meet with the Police Department and share at the community ward meetings over the last two weeks and provides the following report:

*Officers and members of the community were able to discuss several items and learn a lot about each other. It was a great opportunity for everyone to come together and get to know one another on a personal level.*

*Learning the opinions, perspectives, and ideas from the community is extremely valuable and we appreciate everyone that gave insights from multiple perspectives. Open lines of communication foster a united community and deter the "us and them" mentality. The men and women of the Dowagiac Police Department are committed to delivering the best service possible and exists to serve the residents of Dowagiac.*

*The door to the Police Department is always open and we are always willing to listen and learn from the community. I would also like to thank the City Council members for their participation in this process. The support for both the Dowagiac Police Department and especially the citizens of Dowagiac is greatly appreciated.*

**Buy fresh, buy local, save time, save money**

Loyal patrons were eager to revisit Dowagiac's Farm and Artisan Market, despite the gray sky and rain. Check out the selections each Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am – 2 pm.

**WWTP Bonds**

The final paperwork on the bonds that will fund two major improvements at the WWTP were finalized this week. We can now begin the construction that will provide reliable equipment, reduced operating costs, and expanded plant capacity. Construction is expected to take about 14 months to complete.

**Beckwith Park Concert Series**

The Beckwith Park Concert Series opened this week with the Southwestern Michigan College Brass Band. Don't miss next week - 6/11, the Out of Favor Boys. Free concerts, every Thursday night, and all summer long!

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Anderson

City Manager