



July 24, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

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:

Upcoming Meetings: Council - July 27, 7:00 pm

### **Riverside Drive extension**

Excavation on the Riverside Drive extension has begun. The construction will connect Riverside Dr. with Mathews Street. This expansion will provide a second access option for school time traffic, emergency vehicles and the general public.



Grading and gravel is anticipated to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Paving will begin after the phase II water main extension, to the Pokagon development on Daily Road, has been completed. The water extension project is an important enhancement for fire protection and water pressure to the Pokagon development and to Southwest Michigan College area. We look forward to the enhancement of public health and safety that will come from both the water and street improvements.

### **Weaver Building**

The City had now closed on the property purchase of 214 Commercial Street that has housed the Weaver family's insurance company for two generations. Weavers are excited about the next stage of their business and are making plans for their new location. The City, as well, is looking forward the properties utilization in future downtown development plans.

### **City Council Workshop**

City Council will meet for the next workshop on Friday, August 28 at the fire station. On the docket for discussion will be downtown developments and parks.

### **Grab your camera and Focus on Dowagiac**

The Dowagiac Michigan Facebook page is hosting the first of four photo contests. Four different themes will be covered over the next 12 month. The first series will cover City parks. The contest's focus is on the spirit of how people use the public parks and what makes them special.

After a submission period, the top 50 photos will be published on the City's Facebook page and people will be able to vote for their favorites. Eleven photos will be selected for a display at City Hall. This display will change each quarter when another theme is covered a new set of eleven winners are chosen. The contest is free and open to the public.

- Photos can be taken at any time of the year and uploaded to the proper contest during its submission dates.
- Entries may be landscape, portrait, action or event, color or black and white.
- Like the "Dowagiac Michigan" Facebook Page at [facebook.com/dowagiadmichigan](https://facebook.com/dowagiadmichigan)
- Apply on-line on the "Dowagiac Michigan" Facebook Page.
- Each photographer may enter up to three (3) photographs per contest.
- Applicant must also be the photographer.
- From all submissions received, the top 50 qualifiers will be posted on the City's FB page at the end of the registration period.
- The general public will have an opportunity to vote on their favorites.
- The winning 11 photos will be selected based on theme, creativity, originality, popular vote and a panel of contest owners.

#### Timeline

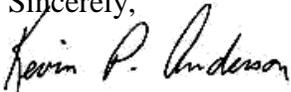
Contest opened 7/20

Submissions close 8/8

Voting opens 8/12

Winners announced 9/1

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Anderson

City Manager