



August 15, 2014

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:

**Rod & Roll Classic Car Show**

Enjoy a summer Saturday with classic cars, motorcycles, pancakes food, fun, tailgate market, music and memorabilia – and it all takes place in the best downtown in the area. Dowagiac’s annual Rod & Roll. Saturday, August 16.

**Front Street Clock**

Time change is coming! No, not Daylight saving. Dowagiac has had two time zones this summer. One time on the north face of the Front Street clock and another on the south face. . Its schedule of 24 hours a day-365 days a year in the elements have simply worn out its mechanisms.

The clock was a gift from the Wolverine Mutual Insurance Company and has served its community well for over two decades. Production is nearly complete on the new mechanism for the downtown icon. The cost was \$3,795.00. We expect confirmation of its completion later this month.

**Rudolphi Woods Nature Area**

As you remember from last week’s report, work is beginning on the Rudolph Woods area. This week, crews began opening up the parking area and revitalizing the property on Daily Road. Upon completion, landscaping, security lights and entrance trail improvements will open up the visibility and enhance the ease-of-use to nature and wildlife in the area. We look forward to the increased use of this nature area as it adds to the quality of life in the community.

**Dowagiac Area History Museum**

The Summer Video Series on the Great Depression continues. Stop by for: “American Experience: The Market Crash of 1929” and “Ken Burns' The Dust Bowl.” Theses free programs begin each Wednesday at 4 p.m.

### Way-Finding Signs

Last week, it was reported that MDOT was reviewing updates to the sign project. Those comments have been received and an updated proposal will be going before City Council on the project. The team will then move on to the phase which will include multiple bids and Miss Dig.



### WNIT – “Our Town: Dowagiac”

Television premier of “Our Town: Dowagiac”  
Monday, August 18, Channel 34, 8 PM.

WNIT’s mission is to be a trusted, community-owned public media source that is dedicated to inspire, inform, educate, entertain, and unify the communities they serve.

They continue that commitment with the documentary series “Our Town.” WNIT has chosen only one or two communities to feature a year. Dowagiac is their first venture across the state-line. “Our Town” tells the story of a community through the eyes of the residents. It all begins with an open invitation for area residents to share the story of their community through the lens of their video camera. Business, school, recreation, history, tourism, architecture, cultural heritage – what does *your* community mean to *you*? Learn *just some* of the stories, the threads, which weave us together as a community from your neighbors. Will your home, business, family, school or organization show up on film? Tune in Monday, August 18, Channel 34, 8 PM and find out.

### Beckwith Park Concert Series

Congratulations, Vickie Phillipson, DDA and all the volunteers it took to provide a summer full of great music and memories! Last night’s Beckwith Park Concert Series at the gazebo was the finally for 2014. Neighbors and area visitors alike, enjoyed another aspect of this special community. Thank you Huntington Bank for investing in your community by sponsoring this series!

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Anderson  
City Manager