



August 8, 2014

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

City Meetings:

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

Primary Election Day

Election officials and volunteers paved the way for a smooth experience for voters. A rather consistent number of voters turned out across all three wards. Even though just over 6% of eligible voters cast their vote, nearly 50% of those voters did not want to miss their opportunity to voice their choice and utilized absentee ballots.

Voter turn-out by Ward Ward #1 – 127 Ward #2 – 153 Ward #3 – 91 Total of 271

Housing Incentive Program

Nine Dowagiac residents applied for the most recent program time period. Over \$42,000 of property improvements were made by nine applicants and \$3,550 dollars were awarded. A balance of \$3,025 is available in the home improvement fund and \$1,200 in tree removal.

Way finding Signs

Progress is being made on the directional sign project. Local meetings with Valley City Signs and MDOT have cleared many obstacles and fine-tuned local needs. MDOT was especially pleased with the aesthetic design, opportunities for consolidation of current signage and neighborhood location placement suggestions. MDOT is final review is taking place and once that is complete bids can be taken.

Rod & Roll Classic Car Show

Enjoy the best convergence of classic cars, music and memorabilia – and it all takes place in the best downtown in the area. Dowagiac's annual Rod & Roll. Saturday, August 16.

Beckwith Park Concert Series

Thursday, August 14 - 7:30 pm – enjoy the music of Otsego Jazz Ensemble.

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.” These free programs begin each Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Sincerely,

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

Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager