



September 12, 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:

**Downtown Clock**

The new mechanism has been installed and the clock is back in working order.

**Road Repairs**

Pavement patches on East Division, McPhil, Helena, and Chestnut streets are complete and the streets are back open to traffic.

**Home Incentive Awards**

Twelve applications for Home Incentive Awards were reviewed at the September 3 meeting.

- Home improvement applications 8
- Total amount of improvement cost \$48,250.00
- Total amount awarded \$2,875.00
  
- Tree removal applications 4
- Total awarded \$800.00

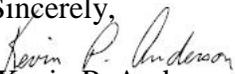
These awards leave a balance of \$400.00 left in the home improvement account and \$400.00 left in the tree removal account.

**Leaf/Brush Pick-Up Program**

Now through October 31, City residents who need curbside collection of brush/branches/leaves/grass clippings can schedule a pickup by:

Email: [DPS\\_Service\\_request@dowagiac.org](mailto:DPS_Service_request@dowagiac.org) or Phone: 269.782-8200

Please note that requests are subject to crew workload conditions and availability. Residents are always welcome to bring brush or yard waste to the City compost site located at Riverside Cemetery.

Sincerely,  
  
Kevin P. Anderson  
City Manager



## PRESS RELEASE

August 13, 2014

### Communities Receive New Ambulances

Pride Care Ambulance is pleased to announce that six (6) new ambulances have been placed into service, one of which services the Silver Creek and Keeler communities. Last year the organization purchased seven (7) new ambulances, two of which serve the Dowagiac, LaGrange, Wayne, Pokagon, and Volinia communities.

These vehicles are equipped with the latest in medical equipment and technology; including 12-Lead EKG cardiac monitoring, a host of emergency drugs, internet connectivity, GPS enabled tracking and routing capabilities.

In addition, Pride Care has placed a 14 passenger bus with wheelchair capabilities into service. This vehicle provides transportation for area nursing homes to and from special events within our communities.

Pride Care also purchased seven (7) new wheelchair vans last year to provide non-emergent transportation services. These vehicles provide transportation to and from doctor appointments, hospitals, out-patient and dialysis centers throughout West Michigan.

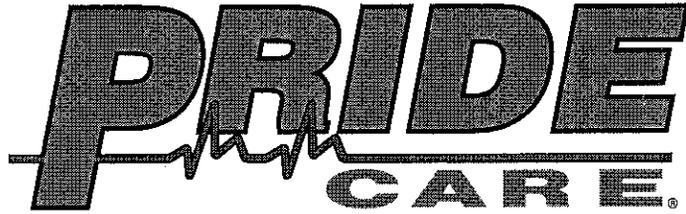
All in all, Pride Care has invested over one million dollars in vehicles over the past 15 months. This investment is part of our mission to provide our communities with the very best in pre-hospital care.

Pride Care is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS); which is the Standard of Excellence in the EMS industry. There are only 28 ambulance companies in the State of Michigan and there are fewer than 160 in North America who have achieved this credentialing.

Pride Care responds to over 50,000 requests for service each year in the Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, Barry and Kalamazoo communities. Pride Care is proud to be the contracted 9-1-1 EMS provider for 32 communities in SW Michigan, operating from 11 base locations with a fleet of over 40 vehicles and a staff of 200.

Pride Care does not receive any tax subsidy from any community in Berrien, Cass, Barry or Kalamazoo counties. All ambulance companies in Van Buren County receive a pro-rata share of the county-wide ambulance tax.

To learn more about Pride Care Ambulance, please visit [www.pridecare.com](http://www.pridecare.com) or call 269.366.3058.



**Save the Date:**

**Thursday, October 23, 6:30 pm**

**Semi Annual Pride Care Special Fall Municipality Meeting**

**2314 Helen Avenue**

**Portage, MI 49002**

You are cordially invited to attend this very special meeting of Municipal leaders from Pride Cares 911 service area in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties.

Please join us for an evening filled with information, demonstrations of amazing new programs we are using and a light dinner. The evening will conclude with a tour of the new Pride Care Headquarters and new state of the art dispatch center. We hope you will attend.

Take Care and see you soon,

Cassie Sikes

Director of Community Relations, Pride Care

Please RSVP to [cassie@pridecare.com](mailto:cassie@pridecare.com) or call 269 930 1582

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