



March 13, 2020

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next Meeting: None

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

**Assistant City Manager Natalie Dean**, reports progress on the 2020 Neighborhood Enhancement Program grants has been swift! MSHDA has approved the City's program guidelines and applications. Marketing materials are being prepared today with the intent to release applications on Monday (which is at least 2 weeks ahead of schedule). Remember, this year will be a "lottery system" for applicants. They will have 4 weeks to submit their applications and those that qualify will be entered into the lottery. We are looking forward continuing the home improvement projects in both the north and south neighborhoods.

**Steve Allen reports on Overall Code Enforcement updates:**

This week's code enforcement activities included: 52 inspections

- Blight violations (closed) = 7
- Blight violation re-inspect (still open) = 3
- Blight violation (new) = 13
- Abandon auto violation (closed) = 4
- Abandon auto re-inspect violation (still open) = 1
- Abandon auto violation (new) = 5
- Missing house numbers violations (new) = 1
- EPM re-inspect (still open) = 12
- Trash canister violation (new) = 1
- Parking re-inspect (still open) = 2
- Parking violation (new) = 2
- Restricted animal violation re-inspect (still open) 1

**Highlight Case:**

Demolition of 700 Louis St.

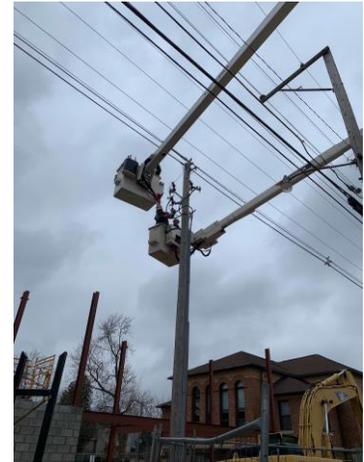
**DPS Director Chad Tyrakowski**, reports on projects across the city.

We had another busy week in Public Services. DPW crews addressed sewer concerns on Halstead, Sherwood, and M-62, as well as a call over the weekend from a resident who was digging near M-51 without calling MISS DIG and hit water. Luckily, we do not have water pipes in that area. DPS and Utilities completed extension disconnects. Crews continue spring clean-up and organizing of our buildings and grounds.



DPW and Electric pulled pumps at Vineyard again, also removing more cleaning towels and/or non-“flushable wipes”. Ferguson installed a new VFD at SLAUA A-1 lift-station last Friday, and have been working with Mitch to trouble-shoot and fine-tune some spiking issues.

Contractors pulling pilings at the library backed into an electric pole with an excavator. While only the 3-phase service to the library was impacted, the insulators and stand-offs were destroyed. Luckily, the base of the pole and insulation around the underground service survived; so, our crew straightened and reset the pole, removing the broken top section. Assisted by MEC, they then rebuilt the 3-phase connections, restoring power to the library in just a few hours.



EGLE (formerly MDEQ) visited the WWTP Tuesday for nonpoint source pollution comparative sampling, to obtain a follow-up Mercury sample, and perform a routine inspection. Report to follow.

Thursday and today, DPS crews participated in “Block Training” through MECA, hosted by MEC. This training encompassed several required OSHA topics into each training session. We look forward to continuing with this program. The electric crew also attended the Mutual Aid meeting, hosted by Sturgis. Haas Systems performed alarm testing at city hall and we assisted with tear-down from the election.



Sincerely,



Kevin Anderson, City Manager