



May 7, 2021

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next Meeting: Council, May 10, 2021, 7:00 pm

Natalie Dean

Natalie Dean reports that the MSHDA MOD home on Spruce received fresh flooring and a fresh coat of paint this week. The MSHDA inspector went through the home on Wednesday and approved it. There will be an Open House on May 19th to give everyone a chance to see this lovely home before it's sold. Please make plans to attend, you don't want to miss this!

MSHDA MOD OPEN HOUSE
505 SPRUCE STREET

May 19, 2021
City Council Tour 10 am
Realtor Tour 11 am
Public Tour
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Schedule your tour
269.782.0437

PROGRAM INFO AND APPLICATION AT
WWW.CITYOFDOWAGIAC.COM

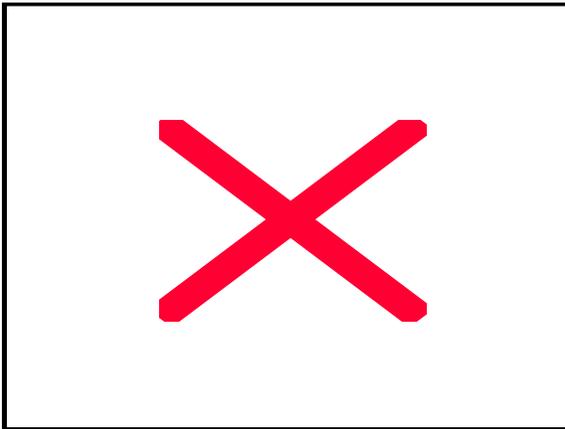
The community is ready to start the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Round 6. As soon as we receive the grant agreement from MSHDA, applications will be released for a two week period.



Director of Public Services Chad Tyrakowski reports on projects across the city.

Last week's valve repairs ended on a high note Monday. As anticipated, all precautionary samples were found to be good; and, the boil water notice was lifted. Niles allowed our use of their trailer mounted electronic arrow board since ours was out of commission (now repaired). We are currently working with MDOT and contractors on a plan to permanently patch the road in the coming weeks. We provided a demonstration/tour of our valve-turner/WTP for Niles and Cassopolis, and also assisted Niles with parts for an emergency repair.

The crew replaced a problematic orange-burg sewer lateral on N. Mill from the cleanout to the curb. They also repaired a cap on the sewer main hit by Semco's contractor in the alley to the west of downtown where the gas main is being replaced.



With vegetation taking hold, the silt fencing was removed at Schuur Park. A PO was issued to Tree Servants for seasonal vegetation management at various city sites. The courts at Walter Ward were sprayed with weed control in preparation for rehab. Lawn rehab of project sites and winter damage continues. Planting pots are being prepped for the season, also making repairs to pot irrigation. Irrigation was also turned on at several other sites, while also making repairs at the cemetery. And, many

maintenance/improvement items were completed to the softball field at Rotary.

Park benches that were removed from downtown for winter plowing were put back into place. The crews made rounds thru town, patching pot-holes and collecting brush. New mechanic Peter serviced and repaired chipper and the street sweeper. The chipper is back in use; and, the sweeper is being tested on the state roads today.

The Cemetery GIS project is nearing an end, with a presentation of the current product and training session held to allow for final feedback. We are working with Wightman to finalize the valve flushing program for the CCWS, and Dixon on the roof for the WTP clearwell. And, we met with Gordon Engineering to discuss boring a new sewer tap just outside city limits on M-62W.

At the WWTP, the cross-collector drive sprocket was received and installed. All primaries are currently back in operation.

Mitch attended the SLAUA board meeting. And, plans have been finalized for a spring clean-up/dumpster days, scheduled for May 15th and 22nd at the DPW complex (203 Chestnut).

Spring Cleaning - The City will host a Spring Clean-Up Drive-Thru on Saturday, May 15 and 22 from 8 am to 2 pm.

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

DRIVE THRU

Saturday, May 15 and 22

8 AM – 2 PM

DPS - South Front Street - Next to Lions Park

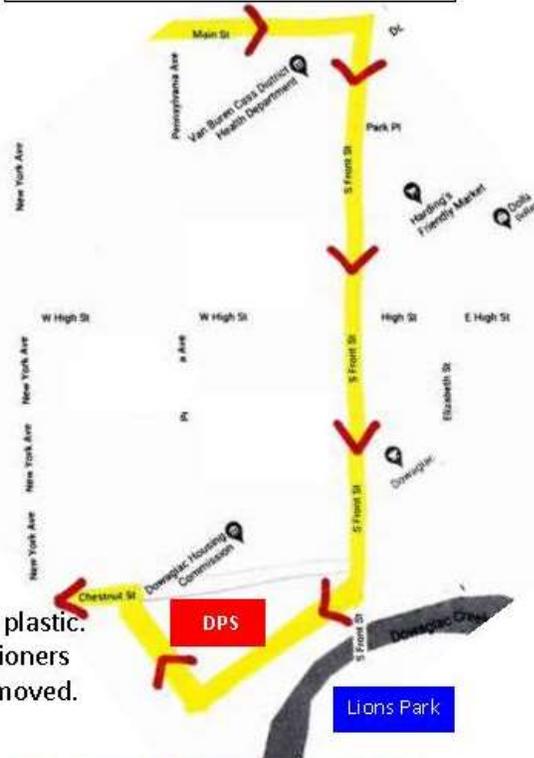
**Up to 1 level truck bed
per city address**
Have your ID ready &
copy of *lease, utility or tax bill*

Stage on S. Front from Main

**DO NOT BLOCK
INTERSECTIONS or DRIVES**

Not Accepting

- No Household garbage
- No Blocks, bricks, rocks, or concrete
- No Automotive or marine batteries
- No Yard waste
- No Dirt or soil
- No Asbestos
- No Tires
- No Liquids of any kind
- No Paint cans with wet paint
- No Hazardous materials
- No Closed cylinders
(Propane, oxygen, helium, water)
Must be open to visually inspect
- ❖ Mattress must be wrapped and sealed in plastic.
- ❖ Only Refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners
with certification that Freon has been removed.



Questions - Call 782-8200 or Email DPS_Service_Request@dowagiac.org

Sincerely,

Kevin Anderson, City Manager