



August 20, 2021

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next Meeting: Council Meeting 8/23/21 at 7pm

Assistant City Manager Natalie Dean reports the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) grant continues to improve homes around the Walter Ward and Water Tower Park neighborhoods. The newest improvement is at 205 Thickstun Ave. with the building of a new front porch. The contractor will also be installing a new window, new shutters and a new outdoor light fixture. The next project is taking place at 613 McCleary with a deck staining, new concrete patio, and new doors.



Before



After

Director of Public Services Chad Tyrakowski reports the effects of last week's storms lingers on, with clean-up and electric service delays continuing. We were notified by AEP contractors that they will be performing another round of tree clearing and pole replacements down High St. We also had to reset and reprogram the traffic signals at Division and Front.

A meeting was held between EGLE, Cassopolis, and the city (CCWS) in regards to the interconnect. Per an agreement reached, samples from both systems were collected and delivered for analysis. EGLE will review the results and make a determination regarding the next course of action. In the meantime, the VFD is working to keep the CCWS flowing while great progress is being made with the Penn tower interior and exterior work.



Assisted by Dussel and Ferguson, 2” water taps were also installed at Cara and Colony Bay. And, repairs were made to a water lateral that was not marked on Howell Drive.

With Wolverine wrapping-up installation and testing of the generators at Indian Lake, several city staff met onsite for a demonstration and basic training session. We also assisted SLAUA with repairing a cleanout riser damaged from a communications line that was again bored through, with locating a sewer connection that had collapsed in an odd location, and identifying manhole lids that were covered while chip-sealing.

Town & Country was at the WWTP to repair a leaking overhead water line that supplies the Fournier. Although flowing, the sewer main in the 100 block of Bradley was jetted due to two calls of back-ups in the past week.



Bricks were again delivered and reinstalled at Beckwith Park, along with a picnic table. Cross broke ground on 507 Spruce, with the future home already donning a “SOLD” sign. The city acquired the lot at 406 Tuthill. An arrow sign that had been struck was replaced on N. Paul. Preparations for this weekend’s Rod & Roll Classic are underway.

The Cass County Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held this Saturday from 9am-12pm at the Cass County Road

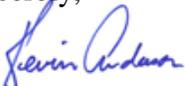
Commission, 340 North O’Keefe St. More information can be found at:

<https://www.casscountymi.org/CivicAlerts.aspx>

Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Allen reports on this week’s activities, including 53 inspections

1. 4 Weed and grass violations closed mowed by owners.
2. 11 Weed and grass violations mowed by contractor.
3. 16 New weed and grass violations.
4. 4 Blight violations re-inspection, still open.
5. 1 New blight violations.
6. 5 Blight violations re-inspection closed, resolved by owner.
7. 4 New abandon automobile violations.
8. 2 Abandon automobile violations closed, vehicles removed by owner.
9. 2 New exterior property maintenance violations.
10. 1. New exterior property maintenance violation
11. 2 Parking violation Re-inspections still open.
12. 1 Animal violation closed, animals removed.

Sincerely,



Kevin Anderson, City Manager