



September 4, 2020

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next Meeting: Planning Commission, Tuesday, Sept 8, 7:00 pm

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

**Assistant City Manager Natalie Dean** Natalie Dean reports that the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) projects are sailing along now that the weather has started cooperating for outdoor projects. Here is our monthly progress run-down:

203 Main-Completed garage project (paint/new windows) and front pillar repair and painting  
308 Walnut-Completed new front porch, repair/painting of fascia/new screen-door  
(repair/painting of front foundation coming)  
302 Main Street-Upcoming new rebuild of porch facing New York St.  
205 Chestnut-Underway demolition of failing porch, replacement with new porch  
422 E. Division- Completed new roof  
403 W. Telegraph-Underway repair/rebuild front porch and new windows  
125 Lyle-Completed extensive landscaping work and window sealing  
102 Jones-Upcoming, new front porch  
420 N. Front-Upcoming, new front porch, front door and shutters  
311 Mc Omber-Completed driveway paving and new front door

BEFORE PICTURES OF 308 WALNUT:



**AFTER PICTURES OF 308 WALNUT:**



**DPS Director Chad Tyrakowski reports;** the last couple of weeks have focused on storm clean-up, brush collection, street sweeping, project restorations, and tree plantings continued over the past couple of weeks. In addition, the crew cleaned-up the drying beds and fence line trees at the WWTP, continues spraying weeds, and performed a lot of maintenance work at the compost site.

Koontz and Wagner was in to collect transformer oil samples at the sub-stations. T&R was in to drain and pick-up retired transformers and switching equipment. And, MEC assisted with installing the new pole, transformer, and wiring at the library, as well as with completing the August disconnects/reconnects.



EGLE paid a virtual, pre-survey visit through a web meeting Wednesday. This was to collect information in advance to limit time spent on the eventual site visits. The 2020 lead and copper report was completed and submitted. And, we were informed of a new PFAS reporting requirement.

Oudbier was in to calibrate the sanitary meters for both Indian and Sister Lakes, as well as address some items at the WWTP. We addressed a CCWS lateral water leak, as well as SLAUA odor complaints and a damaged fence. And, Mitch attended the SLAUA board meeting, during which they accepted Wolverine's bid to add VFD's and Generators to those lift-stations currently lacking at Indian Lake.

Amtrak completed the restoration of the Prairie Ronde crossing; however, they damaged one of our storm inlets in the process. Our crews worked to repair the unit while the Amtrak safety supervisor was on-site, and completed all but the curb. We will be reimbursed for associated costs. Amtrak plans to start on the Division St. /62E crossing next week.



We took 10+ years-worth of batteries and light-bulbs, mostly collected from past programs, to the Cass County Hazardous Waste Collection event, properly disposing-of/recycling these materials, and freeing-up much needed space. And, we have so far received three bids for the razing of 135 S. Front St., and continue preparation work, having Grover Plumbing disconnect and cap the water and sewer lines.

Underground work has begun on the installation of the pneumatic pay station at city hall. Concrete will be poured today and installation will be completed the week of September 14.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Anderson".

Kevin Anderson, City Manager

