



Virg Bernero, Mayor

The Construction Observer

Lansing
We Build
the **FUTURE**

www.LansingCSO.com

Vol. 4, Update No. 16 - October 27, 2010

SWISH SPEAKS

There's a lot you can tell about people from the way they celebrate Halloween. Some people go all out, decorating their lawns and planning their costume for a year in advance. There are those who love planning parties, carving pumpkins and buying all of their favorite candy in hopes of leftovers. Whatever type you are, there is plenty of fun (and fright) for all this Halloween.

If you live for the scare of Halloween, transform your front lawn into a haunted graveyard. Hide out as a scarecrow on your front porch and give people a scare as they come trick-or-treating. Make sure you have some killer candy selections to make up for all the screams you get. Consider hanging sea creatures and blue streamers from your trees and make your lawn a floating lagoon. (Okay, maybe that will just be me).

If you enjoy party planning and having fun, invite your friends over for an Adams Family-themed bash. Don't forget the caramel apples, candy corn, gummy worms, spiced pumpkin seeds and cookies shaped like witch fingers.

DIY folk love Halloween because it is the one time of year you can go as crazy as you want making costumes. Check out Youtube for some last minute tutorials. This year I'm going as a seagull, the ultimate disguise!

Whatever your style, make sure to be safe this Halloween and have a blast while bringing out your inner child in Lansing.

CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

015N – Saginaw

- Saginaw is reduced to one lane of traffic on the north side of the road from Westmoreland to Martin Luther King Jr; all underground utility work is complete; road construction has begun and paving will occur next week
- Road construction continues on Lawler; concrete restoration is ongoing
- Sanitary sewer installation is complete on Maple between Walnut and State; road construction will continue between Pine and Chestnut; miscellaneous underground utilities will be complete between Pine and State this week; road construction will begin between Pine and State within one week
- Pine between Willow and Kilborn is closed to traffic; detours are posted; road work has begun; paving will begin next week
- Concrete construction continues on Wisconsin between Oakland and Saginaw; paving to begin in the next two weeks
- All underground work to be complete on Chicago between Saginaw and Oakland this week; road reconstruction to begin in the next two weeks
- Final paving to begin next week on Chestnut between Willow and Oakland, West Grand River between Seymour and Pine, Kilborn between Walnut and Pine, Saginaw between Martin Luther King Jr. and Chestnut, Walnut between Willow and Maple, and Maple between Walnut and Chestnut
- Limited construction to occur on Daleford between Sycamore and State in the next two weeks



OCTOBER 30 - TREAT OR TREAT EVENTS

Candyland Trail - Come out to Fenner Nature Center from 1-4 p.m. for this great event! This trail is designed for younger ghouls. Characters will talk with our little visitors and hand out sweet treats! Cost is \$5 per child.

Halloween Swim at the Southside Community Center Play in the water and on our pool inflatable; enjoy decorations and special treats for the kids! Normal open swim rules apply. Cost is \$2 per person at the door, or \$10 maximum for immediate family. Event runs from 12-2 p.m.



TOP FIVE Tips to Make Sports Greener

With all the colors outside, it can only mean one thing: fall sports!

- 1. Green your snacks.** Buy a recyclable water jug; save the planet from plastic bottles and save yourself some money. Pack healthy foods to munch on during a break. These small undertakings will make a big difference in the environment.
- 2. Transportation.** Why not add to your exercise by jogging or biking to and from your athletic activities? This will keep harmful emissions out of the air and gas money in your pocket.
- 3. Buy green products.** Wilson, Nike and Prince now manufacture eco-friendly sports equipment. Tennis bags, tennis racquets, soccer balls, and delivery boxes are all composed of recycled materials. Buy your products from a green company and support their efforts in keeping the environment clean.
- 4. Green your jersey.** Nike, Coca-Cola and Reebok are turning plastic bottles into athletic gear. Nine World Cup soccer teams support this movement by wearing their green jerseys. You can purchase your own green sports gear from Nike, Reebok, boutiques or even Wal-Mart.
- 5. Support green facilities.** Many professional sporting associations are going green. Stadiums and sports arenas around the country are installing solar panels and becoming LEED certified. Show your support for these buildings by donating money, purchasing their sports paraphernalia or going to one of their home games.

034B – Washington

- Washington is closed to through traffic from Rosadell to Holmes; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Water main installation is complete; water service installation, sewer rehabilitation and manhole replacements will be complete within one week on Washington between Rosadell and Holmes; road construction and concrete restoration will continue to Holmes throughout the next two weeks
- Median work to begin on Barnes from Bradley to Todd next week
- IRMC cross-lot, National Guard cross-lot, and the Cooper cross-lot utility installations are complete; restoration is complete
- Mt. Hope will be under construction for final paving efforts beginning immediately; lane closures will be in place; paving to begin next week
- Washington will be final paved from Bank to Greenlawn next week

Non-CSO Construction Projects

Keystone Avenue and Executive Drive Rehabilitation

- Base and leveling course asphalt has been placed on Keystone; curb and gutter work on Keystone will be finished in the next two weeks; complete final paving on Keystone and Executive will be finished in the next two weeks

NIIP Street Rehabilitation “Project A” - **PROJECT COMPLETED!**

Grand Avenue Streetscape

- Final paving on Grand Avenue between Ottawa Street and Shiawassee is complete; east side of Grand between Ottawa and Shiawassee is closed to traffic for construction staging of the Accident Fund Project
- Steam construction in front of the CATA Center is complete; road restoration is ongoing; paving on Grand between Lenawee and Kalamazoo will occur in early November

Bridge Rehabilitation Projects

- **Pennsylvania over Red Cedar River:** Concrete overlay replacement on bridge deck is complete; beam repair and painting work began on September 15; additional beam repair work identified in early October will extend the project through December 2010; existing traffic control and detours will continue until project completion; two-way traffic is being maintained with one lane open in each direction