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Swish Speaks

Hello Lansing peeps, and happy belated Fourth of July! I hope you were able to enjoy one of Lansing's many fireworks displays. The school of fish and I just loved watching the beautiful colors from the waters of the Grand River.

We are lucky to have so many local businesses take part in the Greater Lansing Go Green! Initiative. According to the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau, nothing screams "green" like our very own green-and-white campus in East Lansing.

Michigan State University (MSU) began its green efforts in 1990 when they established the office of Recycling and Waste Reduction and Academic Operation buildings. In 2007, MSU was one of only four institutions in the nation honored for its sustainability efforts. MSU was recognized for making environmental stewardship a major part of its campus vision, committing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and offering academic programs and research projects related to sustainability.

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015N – Oakland

- Oakland is closed to through traffic between Walnut and Martin Luther King, Jr.; businesses are open and detours are posted.
- Walnut is closed to through traffic at the intersection of Oakland; detour is posted.
- Base paving is complete on Oakland between Pine and Walnut; parkway restoration to be completed this week; miscellaneous concrete work to continue; castings to be raised this week.
- Road surface removal is ongoing on Oakland between Wisconsin and Martin Luther King, Jr.; water main installation is complete and service laterals are being installed; sanitary and storm sewer installation is ongoing.
- Underground utility installation is complete on Wisconsin between Daleford and Oakland; road reconstruction will begin this week; concrete restoration to begin within two weeks.
- Underground utility installation is complete on Daleford between Sycamore and Wisconsin; road reconstruction will begin this week; concrete restoration to begin within two weeks.
- Base paving is complete on Brook between Pine and Sycamore; parkway restoration will be completed this week; castings will be raised to final grade this week.
- Base paving is complete on Sycamore between Daleford and Brook; parkway restoration will be completed this week; castings will be raised to final grade this week.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. has been reduced to one lane of traffic, north bound only, from Saginaw to Oakland; water main installation will begin this week; water service laterals to begin within two weeks.
- Water main installation is complete on Sycamore between Daleford and Oakland; water service lateral installation has begun; sanitary and storm sewer installation to follow within two weeks.
- Water main installation is complete on Bluff between Sycamore and Pine; water service lateral installation to begin within two weeks.



*Sewer installation on
Oakland and Chicago*



Paving on Oakland



Cleaner, Greener Lansing

Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority (LEPFA) took the Go Green! Business Pledge in its inaugural year. They aim to reduce their carbon footprint at all three LEPFA-managed facilities in the downtown area: Lansing Center, Lansing City Market and Cooley Law School Stadium.

Even though they took the pledge in 2008, LEPFA has always used Green Seal-certified chemicals and recycled paper products; they also donate leftover event food to charities whenever possible.

After taking the pledge, LEPFA conducted an energy audit and installed green lighting, motion sensors, automatic-flush toilets and automatic faucets. Through their employee-initiated recycling program, LEPFA saved 81,000 pounds of material from entering the landfills this year alone.

“LEPFA firmly believes in the green movement not only for the health and safety of our employees, clients and their guests but for the environment as well,” says marketing manager Amanda Snook. That’s why, in 2011, LEPFA made sure Lansing Center became the first convention center in the nation to become SERF (Society of Environmentally Responsible Facilities) certified, followed by the certification of the Lansing City Market and Cooley Law School Stadium.

Due to their participation in the Go Green! Business Pledge, LEPFA lowered their utility costs and gained several clients that will only do business with green facilities.

Non-CSO Construction Projects

- **Kalamazoo (between Larch and Pennsylvania):** Construction has shifted to the south lane; one lane of eastbound traffic is being maintained; westbound traffic will follow the posted detour; project completion is expected by August 1.
- **Jolly (between Aurelius and Dunckel):** Project is nearly complete; intermittent lane closures will be in effect until project completion.
- **Pennsylvania (between Cedar and Miller):** Base and leveling paving has been completed; final paving will occur at night at a later date; final paving and pavement markings will be completed by July 17; two-way traffic is being maintained, except during final paving when traffic will be detoured.
- **Turner (between Carrier and Sheridan):** Construction began July 5; intersection of Turner and Sheridan is closed to all traffic; project completion is expected by early August.

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Lastly, MSU’s High Performance Computing Center ranks 43rd on the Green500 List of world’s most energy efficient supercomputers.

For more information on the Go Green! Initiative, please visit: www.lansing.org/explore-greater-lansing/going-green

You can catch me next time at Hawk Island Park on July 17 from 1-2 p.m. to celebrate Cancer Survivor’s Day!

Summer Events in Downtown Lansing

Taste of Downtown is a fun, summer festival in the heart of the capital city. It includes an afternoon of food sampling, wine tasting of over 100 different wines from around the world and live, local entertainment. Join Taste of Downtown this Saturday, July 9 from 3-8 p.m.

2011 Common Ground Music Festival. Sponsored by Center Park Productions and Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority - The Common Ground Music Festival will be held in downtown Lansing at Adado Riverfront Park from Monday, July 11 through Sunday, July 17, 2011. Festival gates will open at 5:30 p.m. except on Saturday and Sunday when they open at 12:30 p.m. For more information on the performances and ticket information, please visit www.commongroundfest.com.

For more information about the City’s events, please visit: www.lansingmi.gov, click on “Play” and “Current Events.”



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