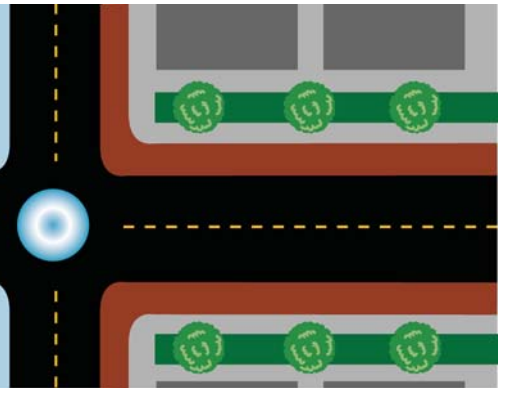




Virg Bernero, Mayor

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## Jazz Fest

It's the 14th year for JazzFest in Old Town. Get ready for great music August 1 and 2 from artists Beauty and the Beat, Children's Ballet Theatre of Michigan, Johnny O'Neal Trio, Sunny Wilkinson, and more.



Visit [www.jazzlansing.com](http://www.jazzlansing.com) for the complete list of artists, schedule, and map of the concert area. There are also vendors with food, art, and much more from the unique galleries and shops of Old Town. The festival is free, with music starting at 4:00 pm on Friday and 2:00 pm on Saturday.

## Going Forward:

- *August 2:* Ninth Annual Capitol City African American Parade and Festival. Parade begins at 11 am at Constitution Hall. For more information call Rev. Michael C. Murphy at 517.484.2180.
- *August 6:* Family Fun Walk at 6:30 pm at the Gier Community Center sponsored by the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department. Call 517.483.4313 to register.

## CSO on the Radio

Looking to hear the latest on the CSO Control Program? Hear it straight from the source on Monday mornings! Chad Gamble, Director of Public Service for the City of Lansing can be heard on 1320 AM with Walt Sorg at about 7:10 am. He'll have updates and other great information regarding CSO and how it's making Lansing cleaner and greener.

## CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

### Downtown – Grand Avenue

- Grand Avenue is closed to traffic; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Grand is open between Michigan and Allegan
- There is a temporary four-way stop at Grand and Kalamazoo and a temporary three-way stop at Michigan and Grand
- 21-inch storm sewer was installed on Grand between Allegan and Washtenaw
- Roadway building underway on Grand from St Joseph to Lenawee

### 018 SW – Larch from Saginaw to Grand River Avenue

- Larch is closed to traffic from Saginaw to Grand River; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Larch and Oakland intersection now open; underground work completed
- Sanitary and storm service installation complete on Larch from Oakland to Grand River
- Sanitary sewer installation continues on Larch south of Oakland
- Replaced water services made of lead on Larch south of Oakland

### 020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area

- All streets have been final paved and are open to traffic
- 020 regulator to be abandoned pending final project review

### 018 SE – Oakland and Pennsylvania Area

- Pennsylvania reduced to two lanes northbound ONLY from Saginaw to Grand River, side streets are open to traffic
- Paving on Pennsylvania is expected to be completed within the next two weeks; traffic will be shifted to the east side of Pennsylvania after paving, and Pennsylvania will be reduced to one lane northbound ONLY from Saginaw to Grand River
- Water and sanitary sewer services completed on Farrand
- Water main and sanitary sewer installation complete on Cleveland
- Water main installation continues on May between Cleveland and Johnson

### 013 NW – Neighborhood SW of Sheridan and Turner

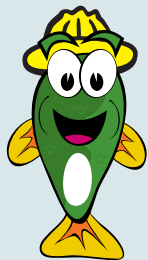
- Felt, Northdale, Fairfield, Frederick, and Hylewood have been base paved and are open to traffic; final paving scheduled for the week of August 4
- Final paving of Turner is scheduled for the week of August 11



## TOP FIVE Contaminants That Still Enter Our Rivers

The CSO Control Program will prevent sewage from entering our rivers. However, these “Top Five” contaminants will continue to pollute our rivers when picked up by stormwater unless we choose to make some simple lifestyle changes.

- 1. Sediment**, such as soil and sand, should be swept off of pavement, not hosed down.
- 2. Trash** belongs in a garbage can, not on the street where storms carry it to the river.
- 3. Automotive Fluids** can be kept out of waterways by keeping your car in tune to prevent leaks, cleaning up spills with absorbant materials, recycling used motor oil, not topping off when you fill up, and washing your car on the lawn or at a car wash facility.
- 4. Gardening Chemicals**, such as pesticide and fertilizer, should be used sparingly and caringly. Buy as little as possible and never use them right before it rains.
- 5. Pet Waste** should be bagged and disposed of in the trash.



**Every urban home is  
a waterfront home.  
Anything on your  
driveway gets washed  
into the river  
when it rains.**

- Grading of parkway areas is complete with grass restoration scheduled to happen within the next two weeks

### 045 – Larch from Michigan to Saginaw

- Larch closed to through traffic north of Michigan; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Shiawassee between Larch and Pere Marquette will be closed to through traffic until late August; the Shiawassee and Larch intersection is closed until early September; through traffic on Larch should turn at Michigan and follow the detour
- Base and level paving on Larch from Erie to Shiawassee is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks
- All sewer leads on the east side of Larch from Saginaw to Shiawassee have been installed
- Water main installation should begin on Larch south of Shiawassee the week of August 4
- Concrete curb and drive approaches completed from Erie to Shiawassee
- Catch basins have been installed in the intersection of Larch and Shiawassee



*Sanitary Sewer Main Installation on Larch, south of Oakland*

### 034A – Neighborhood SE of MLK Jr. and Mt. Hope

- Local streets are open to traffic
- Concrete curb and drive approach installation complete on Gordon from MLK Jr to Stirling
- Catch basins and storm leads complete at Gordon and Stirling
- Jack and bore sewer installation complete on Osband
- Water main testing and water service installation complete on Beal from Lenore to Cooper
- Sanitary sewer installation continues on Beal south of Lenore

### 013 NE – Chilson and N. East Street

- Traffic control is in place, one lane of traffic is open in each direction on N East
- Completed sanitary and storm sewer installation at the intersection of Chilson and N East
- 18-inch sanitary sewer installation has begun on N East north of Chilson
- 8-inch sanitary sewer installation has begun on N East north of Community
- Barrier wall set up on N East from Chilson to Howe
- Work at N East and Sheridan intersection scheduled to begin August 11 and last about three weeks; CATA buses will be re-routed and will use Frederick and Larch to get to Sheridan
- Road reconstruction to begin on Chilson within the next two weeks

## Other City Construction Project Updates

### Michigan Avenue Rain Gardens and Streetscape

Work is essentially complete. Trees and plants that did not survive the early months have been removed and will be replanted this fall when the temperature cools. A search is underway for an Adopt-a-Garden Program Coordinator to oversee maintenance tasks, such as removing trash from the rain gardens.

### N. Washington Square Streetscape

N. Washington Square will be officially reopened at a ceremony on August 6 at 10 am. Mayor Virg Bernero will speak at this event, which will also mark the completion of rain garden plantings on Washington Square and Michigan Avenue.

*If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to Alec Malvetis, Assistant City Engineer/CSO Project Manager at [amalveti@lansingmi.gov](mailto:amalveti@lansingmi.gov).*

