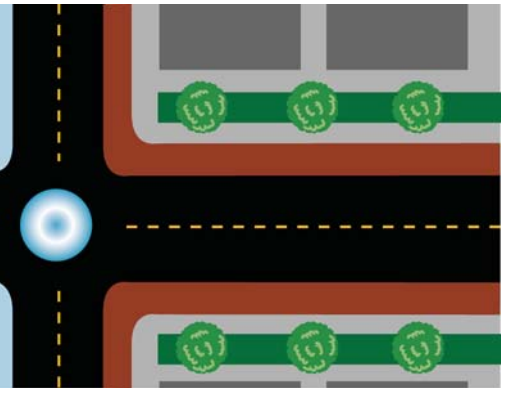




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Keeping Kids Safe

2008 construction is nearing completion, but it is still a good idea to remind your kids to stay away from construction sites and equipment. It is especially important to take precautions with kids old enough to trick-or-treat or go out after dark without parental supervision.

Going Forward

November 21, 2008: Mark your calendar now for Silver Bells in the City, sponsored by the Arts Council of Greater Lansing!

This family-friendly event includes a wide variety of holiday activities all around the downtown area starting at 5:00 p.m. including an Electric Light Parade starting at 6:00 p.m. followed by the lighting of the State Holiday Tree and fireworks over the Capitol dome.

For more information, contact Leslie Donaldson, Executive Director at 517.372.4636 ext. 10

Last Week for Cans for Cash Program

Have you been stockpiling your returnable cans all summer? Now is the time to take them in to get your deposit back and help the City try to win a \$5,000 grant from the Cans for Cash City Recycling Challenge!

How exactly does “Cans for Cash” work? It’s simple. Encourage everyone you know (including yourself) to return used aluminum beverage cans as usual to any store or recycling center within the City of Lansing before October 31. You still get to collect your regular deposit and we get to count your cans towards our overall total! We will compete against cities of a similar size to win a \$5,000 grant that will be used toward furthering recycling efforts in Lansing.

There’s no reason not to get involved! If you would like more information on “Cans for Cash,” visit www.cans4cash.com or www.usmayors.org/mwma.



CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

Downtown – Grand Avenue

- Grand is open to traffic between St. Joseph and Shiawassee
- Walnut is closed to traffic between Ottawa and Shiawassee; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Walnut between Ottawa and Shiawassee is scheduled to be paved and reopened to traffic by November 1
- Curb and gutter installation complete on Walnut from Ottawa to Ionia
- Road building on Walnut from Ionia to Shiawassee has begun
- Spot repairs to sewer in Shiawassee near Grand are continuing

018 SW – Larch from Saginaw to Grand River Avenue

- Larch closed to through traffic north of Saginaw; local businesses open and detours posted
- Larch is scheduled to be final paved and reopened to traffic the first week of November
- Installation of sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main on May is complete; road building to begin within the next week



TOP FIVE Clean Indoor Air Tips

- 1. Use Houseplants as Indoor Air Cleaners.** Certain houseplants help remove toxins, such as formaldehyde and benzene, from the air. The best options are philodendrons, spider plants, aloe vera, English ivy, golden pothos, and Boston fern.
- 2. Open Your Windows Often.** Even in the most polluted cities, the outdoor air has been found to be less toxic than the indoor air.
- 3. Go for Natural Fibers.** Wrinkle-resistant clothes and linens are often treated with formaldehyde that does not wash out.
- 4. Avoid Using Scented Products.** Air fresheners, perfumes, pot-pourri, etc., made with “fragrance” contain toxic substances.
- 5. Use Non-Toxic Cleaners.** Making your own is easy. Find recipes on-line at www.lansingmi.gov by searching for “cleaner choices.”

Family-Friendly Halloween Reminder

Don't forget about the new, fun, family-friendly Halloween event for Lansing residents: Trick-or-Treat on the Square will take place on Wednesday, October 29 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the 100 and 200 S. blocks of Washington Square. (Rain date is October 30.) Activities include:

- Magic Show and Other Live Entertainment
- Trick-or-Treating
- Refreshments
- Games

For more information, contact the Lansing Principal Shopping District at 517.487.3322 or email barbara@lansingpsd.com.



- Installation of curb and gutter, paving and parkway restoration underway on Larch between Saginaw and Oakland
- Sheridan, Maple, and Monroe to be base paved within the next week

020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area (COMPLETE)

018 SE – Oakland and Pennsylvania Area

- Traffic has been shifted to the east side of Pennsylvania; traffic opened to two lanes northbound on Pennsylvania from Saginaw to Oakland, left lane must turn left at Oakland; Pennsylvania has been reduced to one lane northbound ONLY from Oakland to Grand River; side streets are open to traffic
- May, Cleveland, and Clark all final paved south of Oakland
- Curb and gutter installation complete on Pennsylvania and Johnson
- Road building has been completed on Johnson
- Camp has been base paved and concrete sidewalks have been installed
- Final paving of Pennsylvania, Johnson, Farrand, Cleveland, Clark, Persons, Camp, and Cady is scheduled to occur within the next two weeks

013 NW – Neighborhood SW of Sheridan and Turner (COMPLETE)

045 – Larch from Michigan to Saginaw

- Larch between Michigan and Saginaw has been paved and is open
- Traffic is reduced to two lanes at the intersection of Larch and Saginaw
- Storm sewer replacement and parkway restoration complete on Linden Grove; base pave complete and final paving will occur within the next two weeks

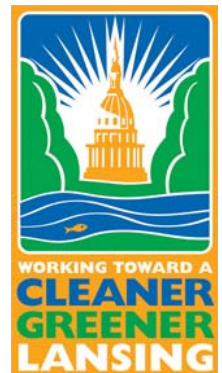
034A – Neighborhood SE of MLK Jr and Mt Hope

- Local streets are open to traffic
- All underground utility work scheduled for this season is complete
- Water main and water services installed on Gordon from Beal to Rundle and on Beal south of Poxson to dead end
- Water main connected and water services installed on Stirling from Lenore to Gordon
- Road building is continuing on Gordon, Stirling, and Beal
- Final paving of Gordon, Stirling, Beal, Osband, and Rundle is scheduled to occur within the next two weeks

013 NE – Chilson and N East

- Traffic control is in place; one lane of traffic is open in each direction on N East; local businesses are open
- Road building is continuing on the east side of N East
- Storm sewer installation completed on the east side of N East
- Parkway restoration has begun on Chilson, Community, Howe, and Paulson
- Chilson is scheduled to be final paved within the next week
- N East south of Paulson is scheduled to be base paved this week
- N East north of Paulson is scheduled to be base paved next week

- N East is scheduled to be final paved and open to traffic by November 10



If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to Alec Malvetis, Assistant City Engineer/CSO Project Manager at amalveti@lansingmi.gov.