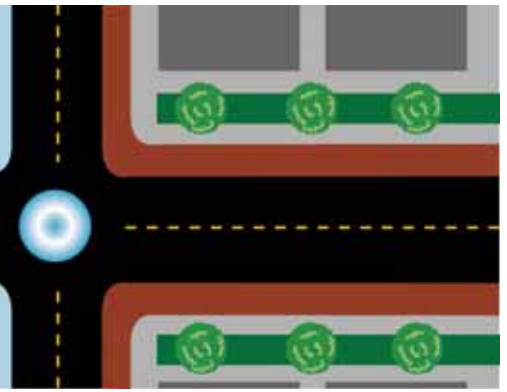




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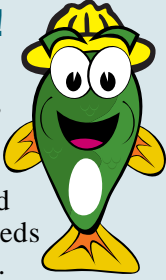


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Meet Swish!

Our friendly fish mascot finally has a name. Swish outswam Sunny, Cappy, Cosmo and Lance after hundreds of votes were cast.



Even without a name, Swish has become one of the big fish in the rivers protected by the CSO Control Program. In other words, he's already a very effective spokesfish! Many thanks to all who voted.

New City E-Mail Addresses

In conjunction with the City's website update, e-mail addresses have changed. Instead of the @ci.lansing.mi.us address, everyone will now use @lansingmi.gov in its place. The naming protocol of first initial, last name (some truncated) with no punctuation remains the same. The old format will still be valid for several months, but please update your address book accordingly.

2,500 "Students" Attended Construction University!

Despite the windy conditions, Construction University was a big hit during Be A Tourist In Your Own Town (BATYOT) on Saturday, May 31. Over 2,500 people came through the attraction located at Michigan and Grand Avenues, right over the Grand River.

"Students" were able to climb into construction equipment for photo opportunities, get their own hard hat, win a prize from the "duck pond" and enjoy coloring the new mascot, Swish, or making their own design on a scratch-off fish.

Go Green! Go Lansing! was also there with pine cone bird feeders, the City of Lansing's electric car and an opportunity to plant seedlings to take home.



CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

Downtown – Grand Avenue

- Grand Avenue is closed to traffic; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- The South Grand Ramp is closed during construction at the Grand and Allegan intersection
- Water main installation at Grand and Hillsdale is complete
- Underground work continuing in the intersection of Michigan and Grand
- Road reconstruction beginning on Grand between Lenawee and Hillsdale at the Michigan intersection
- 24-inch storm sewer completed between Lenawee and Hillsdale

018 SW – Larch from Saginaw to Grand River Avenue

- Larch is closed to traffic from Oakland to Grand River; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Installation of the storm sewer continues on Larch between Grand River and Oakland
- Sanitary and storm sewer services are being installed on Larch
- Water main installation will begin from Grand River to Oakland within the next two weeks



018SW Storm Sewer and Manhole Installation

020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area

- All streets are open to local traffic
- Underground utility work on Vine, Jerome and Hosmer completed
- Paving is scheduled to start next week on Vine, Jerome and Hosmer

018 SE – Oakland and Pennsylvania Area

- Pennsylvania reduced to two lanes northbound ONLY from Saginaw to Grand River; side streets are open to traffic



Get Past the Orange and Into the Blues!

Blues on the Square, a FREE outdoor concert series, begins on Thursday, June 12, from 6-10 pm on Washington Square in Downtown Lansing.

This awesome Thursday night series, featuring live national acts, is just one of the great reasons to brave construction this season. Bring a lawn chair and join the after hours crowd downtown!

Get past the orange and get into the "blues" by welcoming artist Mike Zito for the season opener this Thursday night!



TOP FIVE Reasons to Visit the Michigan Avenue Rain Gardens

1. **Interpretive signs** were just installed. There are ten throughout the gardens, each offering unique insight.
2. Urban rain gardens are on the **cutting edge** of all things green in downtown metropolitan areas.
3. The rain garden project is so cool, it was presented at an **international conference** in Hawaii!
4. The **beautiful native plants** and trees that soak up rain water and pollutants to protect the Grand River.
5. The incredible **revitalization** that is transforming downtown Lansing before your eyes.



June is Recycling Month!

Are you trying to do a better job recycling, but need a friendly reminder? At www.lansingrecycles.com you can sign up for e-mail updates and notifications, including special events and holiday delays.

The site also includes valuable information about environmentally safe alternative cleaners and waste reduction tips. These are easy ideas, such as buying concentrated products to reduce packaging. June is the time to Go Green! Go Lansing!

Going Forward:

- **June 7:** Mayor's River Walk at 9 a.m. beginning at Potter Park Zoo. Come see what all the CSO work is protecting! Go to www.lansingmi.gov for more details.
- **June 12:** The start of the "Blues on the Square" concert series to be held (almost) every Thursday this summer. Mike Zito will play from 6-10 pm.
- **June 28:** Regional collection of unused medications from 9 am - 1 pm at the Delhi Charter Township Recycling Center on Grovenburg Road. 517.272.4145 for more details.

- Traffic will be shifted to the east side of Pennsylvania towards the end of June; at that time Pennsylvania will be reduced to one lane northbound ONLY from Saginaw to Grand River
- Clark parkway restoration complete
- Underground utility work on Persons is continuing
- Underground work complete on Porter and Cady
- Water main and water services being installed on Cleveland from Grand River to Oakland
- Pennsylvania main line sanitary sewer and water main complete from Saginaw to Grand River; installation of sanitary and water services has begun
- Road work is starting on the east side of Pennsylvania and on Porter from Pennsylvania to Cleveland

013 NW – Neighborhood SW of Sheridan and Turner

- Local streets are open to traffic
- Work on Sheridan at Turner will occur in mid-June; two-way traffic will be maintained on Sheridan
- Installed and tested water main on Fairfield
- Sanitary sewer is underway on Northdale between Frederick and Sheridan and on Fairfield west of Felt



Water Service Connection

045 – Larch from Michigan to Saginaw

- Larch Street closed to through traffic north of Shiawassee; local businesses open and detours are posted
- Road work is continuing at the intersection of Larch and Saginaw; the south half is paved and the north half is expected to be rebuilt by the end of June
- Storm sewer and catch basins installed at Larch and Saginaw intersection
- Sanitary and storm sewer installation on Larch proceeding
- Water main installation continuing on Larch

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

- Local streets are open to traffic
- Paving to start on Rundle between Lenore and Gordon within two weeks
- Curb and gutter installed on Rundle; sidewalk and driveway installation is underway
- Water main installation complete on Gordon from Martin Luther King to Rundle
- All underground utilities on Rundle from Lenore to Gordon completed
- Sanitary sewer installation is continuing on Gordon

013 NE – Chilson and N. East Street

- Traffic control is in place; one lane of traffic is open in each direction on N East
- Concrete and pavement removal continuing on the west side of N East
- Sanitary sewer installation to start on N East from Chilson to Sheridan within two weeks
- Sanitary sewer being installed on Chilson
- Water service connections underway on N East



013NE Pavement Removal on N East at Chilson

Other City Construction Project Updates

The Michigan Avenue Streetscape Project

- The trees are planted. Rain garden native plantings are now scheduled for mid-June. Ten unique interpretive signs were placed on the fence posts throughout the rain gardens.

Washington Avenue Rain Garden

- Special rain garden soil is being mixed. This soil should be placed in the rain gardens the week of June 9 with the rain garden plantings to follow. Shiawassee construction at Washington is scheduled for mid July.

MDOT Bridge Construction



- MLK at I- 496 bridge construction is scheduled to start the week of June 9. MDOT will be repairing a bridge over the Grand River/GTW Railroad. One lane will be open in each direction with a partial detour. Please contact the MDOT Lansing Transportation Service Center at 517.324.2260 for additional information.

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

