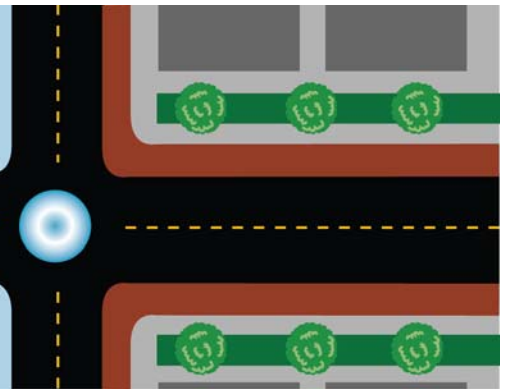




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## Common Ground Recycling Efforts

Please recycle PET #1 plastic bottles and aluminum cans while enjoying the festival. Recycling bins will be placed all over the festival grounds. WRS and Go Green will have a booth with recycling information. Reusable water bottles and canvas tote bags will be given to those who take the Go Green pledge.

## Take a Stroll Downtown

Have you considered taking a walk downtown lately? Kids enjoy seeing the construction activities and big equipment and everyone can appreciate the transformation underway.

Posted pedestrian maps make it easy to find your way whether you have a destination in mind or are looking for something new to try.



## More Construction Discounts

**Kewpee Sandwich Shop** - Receive 10% off your entire bill when you show your construction discount card.

**Barb's Hallmark** - Free \$.99 card with \$5 purchase

## Going Forward:

- **July 15:** Recycling event for plastic planting containers from 2-7 pm at Van Atta's Greenhouse, 9008 Old M78 in Haslett. Containers must be free of dirt with like items stacked together.



It's time for music, food, fun, and sun at the 9th Annual Common Ground Festival held at Adado Riverfront Park in Lansing. This year again brings something for everyone including Grand Funk Railroad, Staind, REO Speedwagon, Kellie Pickler, Finger Eleven, WAR, The Sweet, Los Bandits de Michigan, Geechy Guy, and Snoop Dogg.

Don't forget to bring the kids—a playground area is available just for them. Kids ten years or younger are admitted for free when accompanying a paying adult.

**Parking:** If you are wondering about parking for Common Ground, we've got you covered. Check out the Parking Map attached to this issue to get around and easily find parking.

**Seating Upgrades:** New seating upgrades are available this year! For \$10 you can upgrade your show seats to be within 150 feet of the Capitol City Airport West Main Stage. You don't even need to bring your chairs, as they have 150 seats reserved, allowing you to check out food vendors and grab a beverage before watching your favorite artist.

At the Pearle Vision East Main State, upgraded seating is available in the first 11 rows for the Zappa Plays Zappa and Lyle Lovett shows only. You will need to provide your ticket when you upgrade, while seats last.

### Headlining Acts:

- Monday, July 7—Staind (W. Main Stage)
- Tuesday, July 8—Sammy Hagar (W. Main Stage); Zappa Plays Zappa (E. Main Stage)
- Wednesday, July 9—Snoop Dogg (W. Main Stage); REO Speedwagon (E. Main Stage)
- Thursday, July 10—Kellie Pickler (W. Main Stage); Kenny Wayne Shepherd (E. Main Stage)
- Friday, July 11—Seether (W. Main Stage); Lyle Lovett & His Large Band Concert (E. Main Stage)
- Saturday, July 12—Grand Funk Railroad (W. Main Stage); Kathie Dunbar (E. Main Stage)
- Sunday, July 13—Trace Adkins (W. Main Stage)

If you are looking for tickets and additional information, be sure to visit [www.commongroundfest.com](http://www.commongroundfest.com). Common Cards are \$95. Single-day tickets range from \$32-\$39.

## CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

### Downtown – Grand Avenue

- Grand Avenue is closed to traffic; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Concrete and asphalt placed in Michigan and Grand intersection
- Michigan and Grand intersection is scheduled to reopen in early July
- Water main work complete at Hillsdale and Grand intersection; Hillsdale open across Grand

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

- Larch closed to traffic from Oakland to Grand River; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Installation continues on the storm sewer and water main on Larch between Grand River and Oakland
- Pavement has been removed on Larch between Oakland and Saginaw and water service replacements have begun

### 020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area

- All streets have been base paved and are open to local traffic
- Final paving of all streets is scheduled for July 9
- Pedestrian sidewalk and sidewalk ramps have been completed



Michigan and Grand Intersection



## TOP FIVE Reasons to Buy Locally

- 1. Protect the environment and your health.** Farming with pesticides and fertilizers can cause water pollution, and leave unwanted residues on our food. You can protect your health and improve the environment by choosing local, organic foods. Buying local cuts out the middle man and thus reduces transportation which helps prevent waste and pollution.
- 2. Nutrition.** Typically, food on the average Michigan plate has traveled 1,500 miles! Food loses vitamins and minerals as it ages. So, because buying local shortens the time it takes produce to get to a market, eating locally is also healthier, and of higher quality.
- 3. Trust.** Concerns about the health and safety of food are becoming more and more pronounced, buying locally adds to consumer confidence. Consumers get face-to-face contact with growers and producers which help them gain trust as well as a stronger sense of community.
- 4. Value.** The products you purchase at your local farmers' markets tend to be much larger in size. For example, a one pound head of lettuce cost \$1.38 at a national chain, while a three pound head at the farmers' market cost \$2.50. So the myth about buying local costing more just doesn't hold true. The prices at farmers' markets tend to be no different on average than those at grocery stores.
- 5. Variety.** Everyone knows how important it is to eat a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, but sometimes you just don't know what something is or how best to prepare it. When buying locally, farmers and fellow patrons are usually happy to share ideas and steer you in the right direction.



For a list of local farmers markets visit: [www.lansingmi.gov/how\\_you\\_can\\_go\\_green!.jsp](http://www.lansingmi.gov/how_you_can_go_green!.jsp)

For a list of markets throughout Michigan visit [www.farmersmarkets.msu.edu](http://www.farmersmarkets.msu.edu)

### 018 SE – Oakland and Pennsylvania Area

- Pennsylvania reduced to two lanes northbound ONLY from Saginaw to Grand River
- Side streets are open to traffic
- Pennsylvania scheduled to be paved within next two weeks; traffic will be shifted to the east side of Pennsylvania after paving, at that time Pennsylvania will be reduced to one lane northbound ONLY from Saginaw to Grand River
- Curb and gutter installation, road grading, and base paving complete on Cleveland from Saginaw to Grand River
- Water main installation complete and sanitary sewer installation has begun on Farrand

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

- Local streets are open to traffic with paving scheduled for mid-July
- Final paving of Turner is scheduled for mid-July
- Performing spot repairs on sewer located in Terminal
- Installation of 50 feet of sewer on Carrier near west end to start July 14; access to businesses on Terminal to be maintained

### 045 – Larch from Michigan to Saginaw

- Larch Street closed to through traffic north of Shiawassee; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- After Common Ground, construction will start in the intersection of Shiawassee and Larch; through traffic on Larch should turn at Michigan Avenue
- Road work is complete at the intersection of Larch and Saginaw; eastbound traffic on Saginaw can now turn north onto Larch
- Water service installation complete on Larch from Saginaw to Erie
- Storm sewer installation complete on Larch from Saginaw to Shiawassee



Sanitary Service Lateral Installation in 045

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

- Local streets are open to traffic
- Sanitary sewer installation is complete on Gordon
- Storm leads and sanitary sewer installed on Rundle
- Water main installation complete on Osband from Lenore to Cooper
- Catch basins and storm leads complete at Lenore and Osband

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

- One lane of traffic is open in each direction on N East
- Sanitary sewer being installed on Chilson; installation complete to within 200 feet of N East
- Water service connections complete on the west side of N East
- Work at N East and Sheridan intersection scheduled to take place in mid-August and last about three weeks

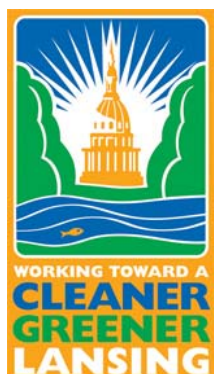
## Other City Construction Project Updates

### The Michigan Avenue Streetscape Project

- Rain Garden plantings have been installed. Annuals have been planted at the Michigan/Washington traffic circle.

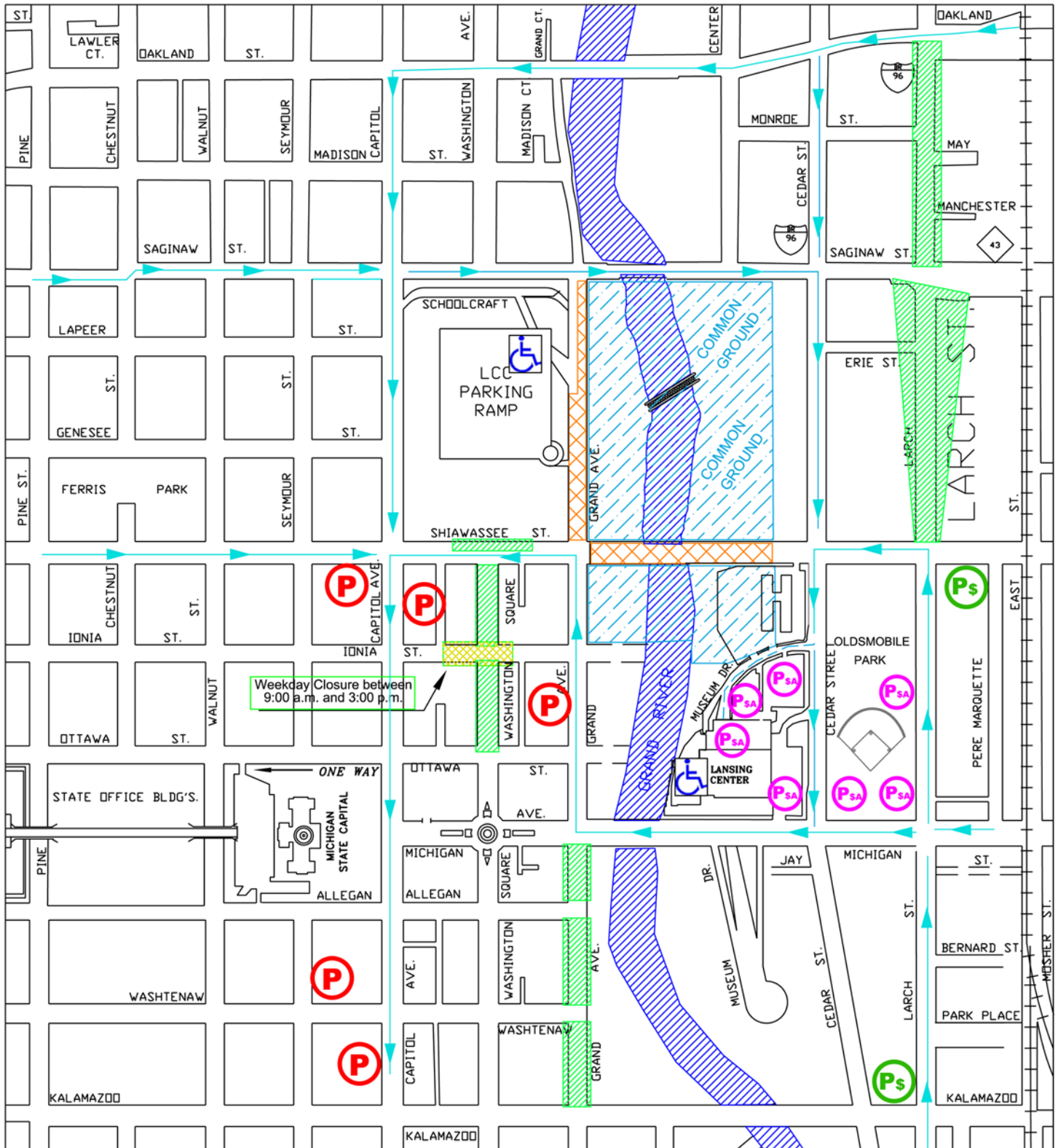
### N. Washington Square Streetscape

- Rain garden plantings have been installed. Through the end of July, the north side of Shiawassee Street at Washington Square will be reconstructed. Westbound traffic will be maintained. Through the end of July, Washington Square from Ottawa to Shiawassee will be closed to complete road construction. Parking will not be allowed. Ionia at Washington will be closed daily from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to facilitate this construction.



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).

# COMMON GROUND PARKING and DOWNTOWN ROUTES



Construction Projects



Free Common Ground Parking



Pay on Entry Common Ground Parking



When Available Pay on Entry Common Ground Parking



Handicap Parking



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