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Labor Day Emergencies

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, for Labor Day. Sewer and water emergencies can still be reported to 517.483.4161, although we certainly hope your holiday is eventful in more enjoyable ways!



For an up to date detour map, visit www.LansingCSO.com and click on the detours icon.

Mark Your Calendar!

Downtown Social Hour:

Beat the daily grind the first Wednesday of every month during Lansing's Downtown Social Hour. Each month from 5-7 pm, join your friends at local bars and restaurants for cheap drinks and great conversation.
9/2: The Corner Bar and Grille
10/7: Capitol City Grille
11/4: Troppo
12/2: Rum Runners



BluesFest: The Old Town BluesFest is a two-day FREE music festival that brings local, regional and national acts to an audience of roughly 15,000 people from across Michigan and nearby states. BluesFest's music is truly history in the making. Each artist at the festival is asked to play an original composition, something that hasn't been played at any other festival.

This year's BluesFest will take place Friday, September 18 (4 pm-12:30 am) and Saturday, September 19 (2 pm-12:30 am), in the streets of Old Town Lansing, at the intersection of Turner and E. Grand River. For more information, visit: www.oldtownbluesfest.com

Riverfest: September 19 from 3 pm to midnight on the banks of the Grand River near Impression 5 Science Center.

It's Raining Cats and Dogs

The U.S. EPA reports that dogs and cats are major sources of fecal contamination at local beaches. Funny thing is, you don't have to take your dog for a walk on the shore for its waste to enter the river. When it rains, pet waste left on lawns, trails and sidewalks washes into storm drains. Pet waste and the pathogens (bacteria, parasites and viruses) and nutrients it contains end up flowing directly into our rivers where they can harm human health and the environment.

To avoid these problems, this week's Top 5 list gives you some simple tips and inspiration to put your pet's waste where it belongs – in the trash or down the toilet!



CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

Downtown – Allegan/Chestnut

- Allegan closed to through traffic between Grand and Capitol; businesses are open
- Chestnut closed to through traffic between Ottawa and Shiawassee; intersection of Ionia and Chestnut is open; businesses are open
- Underground utility installation underway on Allegan between Washington and Capitol
- Water main nearly complete on Allegan from Washington to Capitol; testing is underway
- Steam installation continues on Allegan between Washington and Capitol
- Road construction underway on Allegan between Grand and Washington
- Base paving completed on Chestnut between Ottawa and Shiawassee

018SW – Center/Cedar/May

- Cedar closed to through traffic from Grand River to Monroe; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Cedar converted to two-way traffic between Saginaw and Monroe
- Road construction and concrete curb/walks underway on Cedar from Grand River to Oakland; final paving will occur by mid September
- Grand River/Cedar intersection is final paved and now open
- Oakland/Cedar intersection underground utilities underway; concrete and final paving expected to be completed first week of September
- Maple west of Cedar underground utilities completed; concrete and road construction underway; final paving will occur by mid-September
- Maple/Center intersection is now open with underground utilities completed; final paving will occur by mid-September
- Installation of water main and storm sewer underway on Cedar south of Oakland and on Monroe east of Cedar

045 – Saginaw/Pennsylvania

- Traffic has been shifted from the south to the north side on Saginaw between Center and Cleveland; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Road work complete in the southeast corner of the intersection of Pennsylvania and Saginaw; traffic has been shifted to east side of Pennsylvania
- Utility installation complete on south side of Saginaw between Pennsylvania and Cleveland; road construction has begun and concrete curb is expected to be placed by end of August with final paving to occur by mid September
- Utility installation underway on west side of Pennsylvania
- Utility installation complete on Leshar between Linden Grove and Saginaw and road construction is underway

034A – Cooper/Poxson

- Utility installation complete on Beal from Cooper to Poxson; concrete curb and sidewalk installed and road construction underway
- Utility installation complete on Poxson from Osband to MLK Jr; concrete curb and sidewalk installed and road construction underway
- Final paving of all streets under construction in 2009 is expected to be complete by the end of September

013NE – Creston/Howe

- Utility installation complete on Creston north of Howe; curb and drives underway and road construction underway
- Road construction complete on Howe near Cedar
- Road construction continues on Howe east of Creston and Creston south of Howe; base paving expected within two weeks



TOP FIVE Reasons to Pick Up After Your Pet

- 1. Please Don't Drink from the Toilet!** - Our pets may like to drink from the toilet, but we humans do not! Pet waste is easily picked up by stormwater and carried to the river in our storm sewers. This polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.
- 2. It's Not Fish Food!** - Excess nutrients, such as the nitrogen in pet waste, can cause algae blooms. When algae die, it sinks to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low levels of dissolved oxygen.
- 3. Watch Where You Step!** - It's easier to carry a bag with you and pick up after your pet than to clean off the bottom of your shoe or treat polluted water. You may think it's just one dog, but America's 71 million dogs produce 29,000 tons of waste each day! (One 10-pound dog makes over 68 pounds each year.)



If you think picking up pet waste is bad, try swimming in it!

- 4. To Make Rivers Swim-able and Fish-able** - Does Fido like to jump in the water now and then? The excess bacteria in pet waste make the water unsuitable for recreation. Pet waste is responsible for up to 90 percent of all bacterial watershed pollution in urban areas of the U.S.
- 5. Pet Waste is Natural, but -** The U.S. EPA estimates that two days worth of dog waste from about 100 dogs would contribute enough pollution to close a bay and all watershed areas (rivers, lakes and streams) within 20 miles of it. Be a responsible pet owner! Please pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly!

015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Willow base paved and reopened to traffic; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Water main and service installation complete on Chestnut north of Willow; road construction underway
- Utility installation complete on Lemrork; road construction underway
- Sanitary sewer and water main installation complete on Pleasant; sanitary and water installation underway
- Water main installation complete on Edmore; water services underway
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main work underway on Chestnut south of Willow
- Water main construction underway on Walnut
- Riverbank restoration underway

034B – Mt Hope

- Mt Hope closed to through traffic from Cedar to Washington and from railroad tracks to Bradley; businesses are open and detours are posted; Washington/Mt Hope intersection is open
- Pavement removal underway on Mt Hope from Bradley to the railroad tracks west of Washington this week
- Barnes closed to through traffic from Bradley to Todd
- Water main installation complete on Barnes from Bradley to Todd; water service installation underway
- Sanitary sewer installation complete on Barnes from Bradley to Davis; construction continues between Davis and Todd
- Deep sanitary sewer installation complete on Mt Hope between Herbert and Washington; shallower "piggyback" sewer now underway
- After water services transfer to water main on north side, sanitary sewer installation expected to begin next week on Mt Hope from Bradley to the railroad tracks
- Miscellaneous sewer repairs complete on Barnes and Smith



Barnes Under Construction in 034B

Non-CSO Street and Bridge Construction Progress

Washington Avenue Resurfacing

- Washington between Miller and Jolly closed to through traffic for resurfacing through September; local access to be maintained and a posted detour will include Miller, Haag, MLK Jr and Jolly

Michigan Avenue Resurfacing

- Michigan Avenue between Howard (US-127) and the east city limits is being resurfaced; work to be completed by November
- Traffic to be maintained with one lane in each direction; turning movements to be restricted during some phases of the project
- The intersections of Homer and Howard will be closed for work during weekend hours in October (to be determined) and traffic will be detoured

Aurelius Road Bridge

- The Aurelius Road Bridge over the Red Cedar, north of Mt Hope is closed for deck replacement through September; the road is closed at Mt Hope and at Main; access to the parking lot at Kruger's Landing will be maintained
- The Rivertrail underneath the bridge is closed; pedestrian and bicycle traffic is rerouted south of the bridge on the Rivertrail and across Aurelius

Local Street Resurfacing Project (2008-2009)

- Park and Pattengill have been pulverized; sanitary sewer spot repair and storm sewer work continue

Edgewood Boulevard Resurfacing

- Edgewood is closed to through traffic between MLK Jr and Washington through September
- Georgetown is closed at Edgewood; Georgetown traffic is not able to access Edgewood and must use Haag or Balfour to Miller to exit the neighborhood
- Access to Edgewood Villas and Traditions Townhomes to be maintained

Holmes Road and Waverly Road Intersection

- The intersection of Holmes and Waverly is under partial-width construction and is scheduled to be completed by October
- The road is closed to through traffic, but access to local businesses is being maintained; a detour is posted directing traffic to use Moores River, Mt Hope, Pleasant Grove and Jolly

Grand Avenue Streetscape Project

- Work to continue through 2010; no road closures are anticipated

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

