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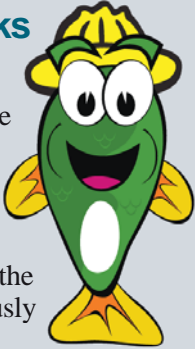
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Swish Bucks Extension

Check your purse or wallet for Swish Bucks you may have collected this summer. Swish the Fish has generously decided to allow recipients to redeem Swish Bucks until September 15. Swish Bucks were handed out at various locations from July to early September. Valued at \$5, Swish Bucks are good at many downtown locations including The Peanut Shop, Backyard Bar-B-Q, Kewpee's, Michiganiana and Riverwalk Theatre. Be sure to visit one of the participating downtown merchants with your Swish Bucks before they expire!



Summer isn't Over!

BluesFest: September 18 (4 pm-12:30 am) and 19 (2 pm-12:30 am), at the intersection of Turner and E. Grand River. Visit www.oldtownbluesfest.com.

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



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

CSO Block Parties!

Those who live in areas where Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) construction ends this year, will have an opportunity to celebrate with their neighbors. The City is hosting neighborhood block parties this fall thanks to sponsorship from CSO contractors. Residents and businesses in 013NE (Creston/Howe), 034A (Cooper/Poxson), 018SW (Center/Cedar/May) and 045 (Saginaw/Pennsylvania) will enjoy food, music, games and inflatables for the kids, plus Swish the Fish. This is also your opportunity to give feedback on your construction experience. Watch for your invitation in the mail. We hope to see you there!

You Can Tune a Car, but You Can't Tune a Fish!

When your car leaks automotive fluids, even just a few drips, guess where it goes when it rains? Stormwater is capable of picking up anything left on the pavement and carrying it straight to our rivers. Since it's nearly impossible to treat contaminated rivers and sickly fish, the most practical solution is prevention. Here's how you can help:

- Never dump anything into storm drains, especially automotive fluids. It's no different than dumping it directly into the river, and it's illegal. Used motor oil and other automotive fluids can most likely be recycled at your local oil change center.
- Repair leaks immediately and keep your car in tune to prevent leaks.
- Never hose down fluid spills. Absorb the spill with kitty litter or another material, sweep it up, double bag it and put it in the trash.

Downtown Beautification

The Accident Fund Corporation's re-development of the Lansing Board of Water and Light's downtown Ottawa Street Power Station is well underway. As part of this project, a section of the city-owned parking ramp that spanned across Grand is being demolished.

The contractor, Homrich Corporation, specializes in demolition operations and is utilizing equipment capable of "grabbing" and pulling down sections of the old reinforced concrete parking ramp structure. This demolition operation is interesting to behold (see photo above) In addition, removal of this parking ramp is restoring the natural vista and view of this riverfront location in the downtown area and of the historic Power Station building.



Demolition of the parking ramp and the associated re-opening of this section of Grand Avenue are expected to be completed in December of 2009 with completion of the overall Accident Fund project in the fall of 2010. Isn't progress grand!

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 continues on Allegan between Washington and Capitol
- Water main complete on Allegan from Washington to Capitol; water services underway
- Steam installation continues on Allegan between Washington and Capitol
- Road and concrete construction underway on Allegan between Grand and Washington
- Base paving complete 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 underway on Cedar from Adams to Oakland; concrete curb and base paving will occur in September
- Base paving complete on Cedar from Grand River to Adams and on Maple west of Cedar; final paving late September
- Oakland/Cedar intersection underground utilities, concrete and final paving complete on south lanes; preparing for concrete curb and sidewalk on north side of intersection
- Maple/Center intersection is open and underground utilities complete; final paving this month
- Installation of water main and storm sewer complete on Cedar south of Oakland and on Monroe east of Cedar; water services underway
- Spot repairs and miscellaneous sewer work will be underway on May from Cedar to Prudden beginning the week of September 14; expected to be complete by end of September; local traffic will be maintained.

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



TOP FIVE Back to School Safety Tips

- 1. Do You Ride the Bus?** - Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb. Once aboard, remain seated where the driver can see you. After exiting, check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.
- 2. Observe the Rules of the Road** - Bike riders should always wear a helmet, no matter how short or long the ride. Wearing bright colors will increase visibility. Stay on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic and respect traffic lights and stop signs. Your school probably has its own set of rules for bike riders, so be sure to review those before you hit the road.
- 3. Novice Drivers** - Remember that many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. Parents of teen drivers should require seat belt use, limit the number of teen passengers and discourage unnecessary driving in bad weather. To prevent driver distraction, parents should not allow cell phone use, texting, or CD swapping while driving.
- 4. What's Better than a Carpool?** - In areas with higher levels of traffic, consider starting a "walking school bus." Two adults can accompany a large group of neighborhood children walking to school. There is safety in numbers, and adults can take turns "driving" on different days. Visit www.walkingschoolbus.org.
- 5. Does Your Backpack Weigh More than You?** - No matter how you get to school, every student has to carry a backpack. If yours is painfully heavy, consider these tips:
 - Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back. Always use both shoulder straps. Slung a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles.
 - Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the your child's body weight.
 - Check each day and only carry what you'll need.

- 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 and concrete curb is complete; base and final paving by late September
- Utility installation underway on west side of Pennsylvania from Saginaw to Linden Grove.
- Concrete and road base construction complete on Lesher between Linden Grove and Saginaw; base paving to occur by end of September

034A – Cooper/Poxson

- Base paving complete on Beal from Cooper to Poxson
- Lining of existing sewers to begin week of September 14 and be completed this month
- Final paving of all streets under construction in 2009 is expected to be complete this month

013NE – Creston/Howe

- Utility installation complete on Creston north of Howe; curb and drives underway and road construction complete with base paving to be completed this week
- Road construction complete on Howe east of Creston and Creston south of Howe; base paving to be completed this week
- All streets east of North East are now final paved and shoulder restoration complete

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 and concrete curb will be installed week of September 14
- Road construction underway on Lemrork; concrete construction complete
- Sanitary sewer and water main installation complete and storm sewer installation underway on Pleasant and on Edmore; road construction also underway on Pleasant
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main work underway on Chestnut between Willow and Kilborn
- Water main construction complete on Walnut and sanitary sewer installation underway
- 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 closed beginning Monday, September 14; businesses on Washington north and south of the intersection are open and detours are posted
- Sanitary sewer installation underway on Mt Hope from Bradley to the railroad tracks west of Washington; sanitary sewer installation complete on Mt Hope between Herbert and Washington; storm sewer installation underway
- Underground utility installation complete on Barnes from Bradley to Todd; road construction underway; Barnes closed to through traffic from Bradley to Todd

Non-CSO Street and Bridge Construction Progress

Washington Avenue Resurfacing

- Washington between Miller and Jolly closed to through traffic through September; local access and a posted detour to be maintained
- The sewer utility work and asphalt leveling course have been completed, and the concrete sidewalk and curb repair work is in progress

Michigan Avenue Resurfacing

- Michigan Avenue between Howard (US-127) and the east city limits is being resurfaced; work to be completed by November; one lane of traffic to be maintained in each direction
- The catch basin work associated with the project is complete; the asphalt has been milled out from one lane in preparation for paving, and concrete curb repair is in progress

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; the Rivertrail under the bridge is also closed
- The reinforced concrete bridge deck has been poured and is curing

Local Street Resurfacing Project (2008-2009)

- Work continues on Park and Pattengill

Edgewood Boulevard Resurfacing

- Edgewood is closed to through traffic between MLK Jr and Washington through September; Georgetown is closed at Edgewood and traffic must use Haag or Balfour to Miller to exit
- The leveling course in the asphalt road section has been completed and the concrete "white topping" operation continues (about 30% complete)

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 and a detour is being maintained

Grand Avenue Streetscape Project

- The streetscape work on the west side of Grand is generally complete, and work on the east side of the street is underway.

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

