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Electronics Recycling This Saturday!

A one day special recycling collection for computers and electronics will be held this Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 8am-12pm at the City of Lansing's Recycling Transfer Station (RTS) at 530 E. South.

Attendees must enter from S. Washington, turn east on South, just North of the RR tracks. The Transfer Station is at the corner of South and Beech. The RTS will not be accessible from Cedar via Elm. Elm will only be available for exiting the facility.

Computers, including monitors, CPUs, and all other components and accessories, TVs, stereos, VCRs, microwaves, copy machines and most other home electronics will be accepted. Participants are responsible for removing data from the hard drive and media storage devices.

For more information, including associated fees, please contact the City of Lansing Waste Reduction Services Hotline at 483.4400, recycle@lansingmi.gov or visit www.lansingrecycles.com.



You Want Me to Wash My Car Where?

Odd as it may seem, the best place to wash your car at home is on the lawn! Why? The contaminants being rinsed off your car and the detergents used to clean it will soak into the ground rather than heading to the river. If you wash your car in the driveway, the dirty water flows into the street and the storm sewer, which leads straight to our rivers. So if you don't use a commercial car wash facility that treats its washwater, be sure to park it on the grass!

Tours Highlight River's Beauty and Potential

Swish the Fish got out of the water and into a boat to experience the Grand River from the other side on Pat Gillespie's Downtown Development River Tour. The tours were intended to showcase the river's beauty and potential.

"We could have water taxis, fall color tours — there's so many hidden gems [along the riverfront]," Gillespie said. "A lot of people on the tours drive over the bridge every day, but they never realized what was below. We have a body of water, and it is navigable. They were so impressed."

The tours also gave people an opportunity to see how much cleaner the river has become, thanks to the work of the CSO Control Program. "CSO removal has dramatically changed the condition of the water flowing into the river. People expressed such surprise at how clean it looked," Gillespie said.

The work of the CSO Control Program is dramatically reducing the amount of combined sewage entering the area's rivers by transforming the old single pipe sewer system into a dual pipe system. The Program is reducing combined sewage flow by 585 million gallons each year — no wonder people are noticing a change in the river!

When the CSO Control Program is complete, 1.65 billion gallons of overflow will be prevented each year, virtually eliminating all water pollution caused by the City's sewage collection system.



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

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
- Sanitary sewer complete on Allegan from Washington to Capitol; sanitary services underway
- Steam installation continues on Allegan between Washington and Capitol; steam operational between Grand and Washington
- Road, concrete and brick paver construction underway on Allegan between Grand and Washington, including the Washington intersection
- Base paving complete on Chestnut between Ottawa and Shiawassee; final paving scheduled for week of September 27

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
- Base paving complete on Cedar from Adams to Monroe; final paving is expected to be completed the week of September 27 and Cedar is expected to be open to traffic between Grand River and Monroe by October 4
- Final paving on all side streets, including Maple, Adams, Center, Ash and Monroe will be completed week of September 27
- Base paving complete on Monroe from Cedar to Larch
- Concrete drive and sidewalk construction underway on Cedar from Adams to Monroe and on Monroe from Cedar to Larch
- Spot repairs and miscellaneous sewer work underway on May from Cedar to Prudden and should be completed this week; local traffic will be maintained



New Surface on Cedar in O18SW

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
- Base paving completed on south side of Saginaw; final paving to occur in next two weeks
- Utility installation, road construction, curb and walks complete on west side of Pennsylvania



TOP THREE Reasons to Support Adopt-A-Spot

1. It's Fun!



2. To Show Pride in Lansing!



3. It's Cool to be Green!



Over 150 volunteers have taken an active role in helping to clean, green, and maintain Downtown Lansing through the Adopt-A-Spot program. Adopt-A-Spot volunteers have removed over 30 bags of garbage from the rain gardens. Volunteers include members of the business community and local organizations.

The Adopt-A-Spot program continues throughout the year. For more information or to get involved, please contact AdoptASpot@lansingpsd.com.

**MANY THANKS TO
THE ADOPT-A-SPOT
VOLUNTEERS!**

- from Saginaw to Linden Grove; base paving scheduled for week of September 27
- On September 30, Pennsylvania traffic will be shifted from east side to west side between Saginaw and Linden Grove; utility construction will follow
- Concrete and road base construction complete on Leshar 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
- Final paving of all streets under construction in 2009 is expected to be complete this month

013NE – Creston/Howe

- Road construction and base paving complete on Creston north of Howe, Howe east of Creston and Creston south of Howe
- All streets east of North East are now final paved and shoulder restoration is complete
- Final paving scheduled on all remaining streets within next two weeks

015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Willow base paved and reopened to traffic; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Concrete and base paving complete on Lemrock, Pleasant, Edmore and Chestnut north of Willow
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main work complete on Chestnut between Willow and Kilborn; water services underway
- Water main and sanitary sewer construction complete on Walnut; water services and storm sewer installation underway
- Sanitary and storm sewer construction underway on Kilborn, mid block to Pine
- Riverbank restoration underway with installation of concrete riprap



**Riprap Installation to Restore
River Bank in O15N**

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; businesses on Washington north and south of the intersection are open and detours are posted
- Sanitary sewer installation complete on Mt Hope from Bradley to the railroad tracks west of Washington; storm sewer installation underway with road construction expected to begin week of September 27
- Sanitary services and storm sewer underway on Mt Hope between Herbert and Washington
- Water main installation to begin in the Mt Hope/Washington intersection beginning September 28
- 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; the concrete sidewalk and curb repair work have been completed; the final asphalt wearing course is scheduled to be applied today

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 asphalt wearing course has been applied east of Sears, and concrete curb repair is in progress; associated water main replacement by the Board of Water & Light continues

Aurelius Road Bridge

- The Aurelius Road Bridge over the Red Cedar, north of Mt Hope is scheduled to be reopened today, Friday, September 25

Local Street Resurfacing Project (2008-2009)

- Work continues on Park and Pattengill; the catch basin in the intersection of Park and Pulaski was found to be damaged and repair work will begin this Monday

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 concrete “white topping” operation continues

Holmes Road and Waverly Road Intersection

- The intersection of Holmes and Waverly is now open

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.

