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River Clean-up!

The fall Adopt-A-River Clean-up will be held this Sunday, October 11, 2009. The clean-up will start at 11 am and lunch will be served at 1 pm, at Impression 5 Science Center.

New this year, Impression 5 will host a massive “Go Green” Environmental Education Fair with activities and demonstrations for the whole family!

For more information, visit www.Impression5.org.



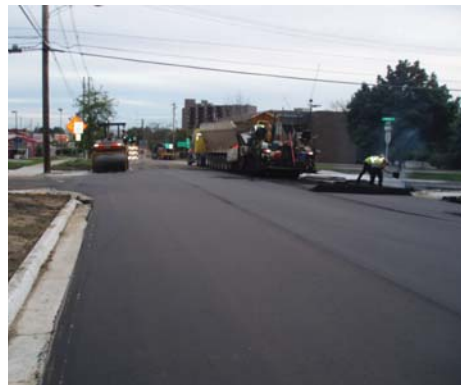
“I am Lansing!” Contest

Lansing150.com is calling on residents to submit their best Lansing story. Simply visit www.Lansing150.com and submit your favorite family or business story related to Lansing for a chance to win \$500! All entries must be posted by midnight, Oct 31, 2009.

Cedar Street Reopening Celebration!



On Wednesday, October 7, a celebration was held at Preuss Pets recognizing the reopening of Cedar Street. This marks another step toward the completion of the CSO Control Program’s goal of removing 1.65 billion gallons of combined sewage from the Grand River. Way to go Lansing!



CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress



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

Downtown – Allegan/Chestnut

- Allegan closed to through traffic between Grand and Capitol; businesses are open
- Final paving complete on Chestnut between Ottawa and Shiawassee; Chestnut is now open
- Underground utility installation continues on Allegan between Washington and Capitol
- All sanitary and storm sewer installation complete on Allegan from Washington to Capitol
- Steam installation continues on Allegan between the Alley and Capitol; steam operational between Grand and the Alley
- Road, concrete and brick paver construction continuing on Allegan between Grand and Washington, including the Washington intersection; this section to reopen to traffic next week, weather dependent

018SW – Center/Cedar/May

- Cedar open to through traffic from Grand River to Saginaw
- Final paving on all side streets, including Maple, Adams, Center, Ash and Monroe will be completed next week
- Spot repairs and miscellaneous sewer work underway on May from Cedar to Prudden and should be completed this week; local traffic will be maintained

045 – Saginaw/Pennsylvania

- Saginaw open to traffic between Prudden and Cleveland
- Traffic on Pennsylvania shifted to the east side from Saginaw to Shiawassee; utility construction ongoing
- Base paving complete on Leshner and Linden Grove
- Underground utility installation continues on Orchard



TOP THREE Ways to Fertilize Responsibly (Lawn Fertilizer Doesn't Just Fertilize Lawns!)

Lawn fertilizer, especially when applied incorrectly, fertilizes a lot more than just your lawn. When carried by stormwater runoff into our rivers, the same nutrients that help grass grow also help algae and pond weeds grow. This leads to algal blooms and excessive aquatic plants that are not only unpleasant to look at and to swim in, but also affect food quality and habitat for fish and other organisms.



Does this mean environmentally aware citizens are doomed to have unattractive lawns? Not at all. By following a few simple recommendations, you can make sure you're not contributing excess nutrients to our rivers, streams and lakes.

- 1. Start with a Soil Test.** Your lawn may not even need fertilizer, but if it does, a soil test will tell you exactly what nutrients to apply.
- 2. Choose Wisely.** When you buy fertilizer, the package will be labeled with three numbers. Look for a middle number of zero, which indicates phosphorus free fertilizer. The first (total nitrogen) and last (soluble potash) numbers to choose will be dictated by your soil test results.
- 3. Apply Fertilizer Sparingly and Caringly.** Never hose down excess fertilizer left on pavement. Sweep it into the lawn or save it for later. Save money and perhaps avoid fertilizer altogether by leaving grass clippings on the lawn to decompose and recycle nutrients back into the turf.



SWISH WILL THANK YOU!

034A – Cooper/Poxson

- Final paving of all streets under construction in 2009 is complete

013NE – Creston/Howe

- Final paving complete on all streets
- Contractor working on clean up items

015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Willow base paved and open to traffic
- Water main installation is underway on Grand River
- Water service installation continues on Chestnut between Maple and Kilborn; road construction is underway between Willow and Maple
- Base paving complete on Walnut from Willow to Maple
- Sanitary and storm sewer construction complete on Kilborn; water main installation underway
- Sanitary and storm sewer construction continues on Pine from Kilborn to Oakland
- Riverbank restoration continues



Rebuilding Mt. Hope in 034B

034B – Mt Hope

- Mt Hope closed to through traffic from Cedar 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
- Underground utility installation complete on Mt Hope from Bradley to the railroad tracks west of Washington; road construction has begun
- Sanitary services and storm sewer complete on Mt Hope between Herbert and Washington; road construction has begun
- Water main installation ongoing in the Mt Hope/Washington intersection and to the south on Washington
- Road construction underway on Barnes from Bradley to Todd; Barnes closed to through traffic from Bradley to Todd

Non-CSO Street and Bridge Construction Progress

Washington Avenue Resurfacing

- Project is complete; Washington was opened to traffic on Monday, September 28

Michigan Avenue Resurfacing

- Michigan 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
- Crews are preparing the area for a weekend milling and paving operation on Michigan in the intersections of Howard and Homer; Michigan will be shut down at the intersections from 6 pm Friday, October 9, through Sunday evening, October 11, with one lane traffic maintained on Howard and Homer; detours will be posted

Aurelius Road Bridge

- Project is complete; the Aurelius Road Bridge over the Red Cedar, north of Mt Hope was opened Friday, September 25

Local Street Resurfacing Project (2008-2009)

- Road construction is almost complete on Park and Pattengill; the base course of asphalt will be applied by Friday, October 9, weather permitting

Edgewood Boulevard Resurfacing

- Edgewood is closed to through traffic between MLK Jr and Washington through early October
- The leveling course in the asphalt road section is complete and the concrete “white topping” operation continues; the road is tentatively scheduled to be reopened on Saturday, October 17

NIIP Street Resurfacing Project B

- Georgetown and Balfour are being resurfaced and are open to local traffic only

Holmes Road and Waverly Road Intersection

- The intersection of Holmes and Waverly is complete; it was opened to traffic on Wednesday, September 23

Grand Avenue Streetscape Project

- The streetscape work on the west side of Grand is generally complete; work continues on the east side of the street



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