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## Mark Your Calendar

**Green Holiday Market at City Hall, Thursday, November 19, 11 am - 2 pm.** Local vendors, free snacks and entertainment. Bring your old holiday lights to be recycled and receive a FREE string of environmentally-friendly LED lights!

**Lansing 150 Grand Finale / Holiday Sing-Along, November 20.** Sponsored by the Lansing Sesquicentennial Corporation (Lansing 150th Birthday) and supported by the City of Lansing. The final event of the year-long celebration of Lansing's 150th Birthday will take place at the Lansing Center. The event is open to the public and all are invited to come out and sing holiday songs. For more information on the event, times and featured performers, contact the Lansing 150 Office at 517.908.0185.

## Contest Extended

The "I AM LANSING" entry deadline has been extended. You may now submit your pictures, video and essays until midnight, **Friday, November 13.**

Area residents, businesses and organizations can submit photos, videos and/or essays about Lansing for a chance to receive a \$500 cash prize. There are no other guidelines or restrictions on what can be submitted, so enter today!

## Silver Bells in the City

Celebrate the 25th Annual Silver Bells in the City on Friday, November 20, from 5-9pm in downtown Lansing. Bring the whole family to enjoy free entertainment for all ages, including admission to Lansing's cultural centers and museums, more than twenty activity sites, horse drawn wagon rides and an opportunity to meet Santa and his reindeer at the Lansing City Market.

The 13th Annual Electric Light Parade will begin at 6:10 pm, followed by the lighting of Michigan's official Christmas tree and fireworks over the State Capitol. For a full schedule of events, go to [www.silverbellsinthecity.org](http://www.silverbellsinthecity.org).



For an up to date detour map, visit [www.LansingCSO.com](http://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
- Final paving complete on Chestnut between Ottawa and Shiawassee; Chestnut is now open
- All underground utility and steam installation complete on Allegan between Washington and Capitol; concrete curb complete, street lighting underway and base paving scheduled for week of November 9
- Final paving complete in the intersection of Allegan and Washington; base paving complete on Allegan from Washington to Grand

### 018SW – Center/Cedar/May

- Cedar open to through traffic from Grand River to Saginaw
- Final paving complete on all side streets, including Maple, Adams, Center, Ash and Monroe
- Landscape work and restoration complete all streets
- Contractor working on cleanup items

### 045 – Saginaw/Pennsylvania

- Saginaw open to traffic between Prudden and Cleveland
- Pennsylvania utility construction complete, road construction complete; base paving complete; Pennsylvania should be fully open to traffic the week of November 9
- Final paving complete on Leshner and Linden Grove
- Underground utility installation complete on Orchard; road construction complete; base paving complete

### 034A – Cooper/Poxson

- Final paving complete for the entire project; contractor working on cleanup items

### 013NE – Creston/Howe

- Final paving complete for the entire project; contractor working on cleanup items



## TOP FIVE Ways To Go Green During Tough Times

- 1. Save Energy.** Switch to compact fluorescent bulbs, turn down your thermostat a couple notches and use thick curtains to insulate your home.
- 2. Save Fuel.** Combine errands into one trip and shop locally. Take a friend with you and run errands together. Of course, walking or using public transportation is even better.
- 3. Save Water.** You are most likely turning off the tap when you brush your teeth. How about turning off the shower while you soap up? Speaking of warm water, consider turning down the temperature of your water heater if you often get scalded when showering or doing the dishes.
- 4. Shop Smart.** Shop with a list to buy what you need. If you stick to it, you will save money and prevent needless consumption. Refuse to buy products with excess packaging – eventually manufacturers will take the hint. Buying second-hand is a great way to save money and promote re-use.
- 5. Save Money.** All of the above tips help you save money, but the fastest way to save money is to stop spending it. If you enjoy that shopper's high that comes from "retail therapy," realize that the best feelings are always experienced before you buy, not in actually having the purchase in the end. If you try cutting back on small expenses, you can save a nice bit of money to do something very special for yourself and the environment!

For more tips from the source, visit:  
[www.dumblittleman.com/2009/06/5-ways-to-go-green-during-recession.html](http://www.dumblittleman.com/2009/06/5-ways-to-go-green-during-recession.html)



### 015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Willow final paved and open to traffic; Chestnut (north of Willow), Edmore, Pleasant and Lemrork are final paved and open to traffic
- Oakland at Pine scheduled to reopen November 13
- All underground work complete on Grand River; road construction underway
- All underground work complete on Pine
- Concrete curb installed on Pine, Kilborn, Chestnut and Grand River
- Base paving complete on Chestnut between Willow and Maple
- Riverbank restoration continues

### 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
- Base paving underway on Mt Hope from Herbert to Bradley and will be complete week of November 9
- All utility installation and concrete complete in the Mt Hope/Washington intersection and to the south on Washington; road construction underway with base paving expected the week of November 9
- Base paving complete on Barnes from Bradley to Todd; streetlights and brick paver installation complete



Michigan Avenue Resurfacing



Resurfacing on Park



Resurfacing on Pattengill

## Non-CSO Street and Bridge Construction Progress

### Michigan Avenue Resurfacing

- Michigan between Howard (US-127) and the east city limit is being resurfaced; work to be completed in November
- Roadway paving is complete; some curb work is still outstanding and is scheduled to be completed by November 13, if weather permits; two lanes of traffic will be maintained

### Local Street Resurfacing Project (2008-2009)

- Park and Pattengill completed on November 5

### Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvement Program (NIIP) Street Resurfacing Project B

- All planned work for this year, i.e., paving of south side of Georgetown and Balfour, is complete and roads open to traffic

### Grand Avenue Streetscape Project

- Streetscape work is complete between Ottawa and Lenawee; Grand between Ottawa and Ionia is scheduled to reopen November 13



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).