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Upcoming Events

- *April 25:* Recycling Event, 9am - 2pm, Meridian Twp Hall, 5151 Marsh. They will be accepting pharmaceuticals, styrofoam, bubble wrap, #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 plastics, paperback and hard cover books, and phone books. Books available until 3pm for purchase (25-50 cents, or free to nonprofits.)
- *May 2:* Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection, 8am-12pm, Lansing Recycling Transfer Station, 530 E. South. There is no charge for telephones, cell phones, laptops or small household appliances. Stereos, speakers, VCRs, printers, scanners, PCs, monitors, TVs, microwaves, etc., have fees ranging from \$2-8. Large items like console TVs and full-size copy machines range from \$20-40. Call 483.4400 for more information or write recycle@lansingmi.gov.
- *May 30:* Be A Tourist in Your Own Town, 10am-5pm. www.lansing.org/batytot



Hard Hat Day Concludes Week of Creative Construction Awareness

Downtown Lansing was a sea of yellow hard hats on April 2 for the culmination of several construction kick-off events. Pedestrians (and even some drivers) participated in celebrating a cleaner, greener Lansing by donning plastic hard hats.

The purpose of the hard hats was not only to announce the return of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) construction downtown but also to explain how the CSO Control Program is improving our rivers and overall environment.

In the week prior to Hard Hat Day, Lansing residents, commuters and visitors began seeing familiar “signs” of upcoming CSO construction. Kiosk signs were placed on Washington Square, particularly near Allegan, the focus of downtown CSO construction this year. Later, the orange barrels popped up with fun messages like “Extreme Makeover Allegan Edition.” There were also sidewalk messages written in chalk with light-hearted sayings, such as “Cone tipping is prohibited” and “Orange is the new black.” Many pedestrians could be seen reading the various messages and chuckling. Be on the lookout for new messages throughout this construction season!



CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

Downtown – Allegan/Chestnut

- Project to begin April 25 on Allegan from Grand to Washington

018SW – Center/Cedar/May

- Cedar closed to traffic from Grand River to Oakland; the Center and Adams intersection has been reopened to traffic; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Cleaning and televising of the existing sewers is complete
- Sanitary sewer installation complete in the Center and Adams intersection
- Sanitary sewer is being installed on Adams to the east



018SW Cedar

045 – Saginaw/Pennsylvania

- North lanes of Saginaw between Center and Cleveland are closed and traffic has been shifted to the south lanes; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Sanitary sewer is complete on Saginaw from Prudden to Pennsylvania



TOP FIVE Ways to Go Green and Save \$\$\$

- 1. Install a Programmable Thermostat.** ENERGY STAR estimates a yearly savings of \$180 by installing a programmable thermostat. The unit will cost about \$60 and you could spend \$50 getting it installed, but that still means a savings of \$70 the first year and \$180 each year after that.
- 2. Switch to Rechargeables.** The average family buys 32 batteries a year, for about \$.50 each. You could probably get by on four rechargeables at \$2.50 each, and a charger for about \$10. Add on an extra \$5 for energy costs to charge your batteries (assuming you unplug the charger when not in use.) Switching to rechargeables will cost you an extra \$9 the first year, but with potential savings of \$11 per year.
- 3. Switch to CFLs.** Let's say you can change ten light bulbs in your house. Incandescents will run you about \$.25 per bulb, while CFLs will be closer to \$2.50 each. However, this \$22.50 "loss" buying CFLs won't matter when you consider those ten long-lasting CFLs could save \$65.70 a year!
- 4. Print Springly.** Ink cartridge costs vary, but let's say it's \$60 for both your black and color ink. If you cut ink purchases from once every three months to once a year, that's \$180 in your pocket.
- 5. Swap Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).** You could easily spend \$20 per year, at least, on various cleaning supplies, paint and pesticides. If you attend a HHW swap event, you typically pay a nominal fee to acquire these "like-new" products, saving you cash and preventing gallons of hazardous, but usable, products from being disposed of before their time.

Figures provided by earth911.com

- Underground work completed in the Saginaw/Prudden intersection; concrete pavement has been placed and the parkway has been restored
- Water main installation complete on E Park Terrace; water service connections to begin next week
- Underground work continuing at the intersections of Saginaw/Pennsylvania and Quaker/Saginaw Access

034A – Cooper/Poxson

- Water main and service connections installed on Cooper from Osband to Stirling; sanitary sewer installation has begun
- Sanitary sewer and water main has been installed on Kelsey from MLK Jr to Stirling
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main installation continues along Stirling

013NE – Creston/Howe

- Sanitary sewer installation complete on Paulson from N East to Hunt
- Sanitary sewer and water main installation continues on Hunt
- Water main installation underway on Howe
- Underground work to begin on Orchard Glen within the next two weeks

015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Project expected to begin mid-May

034B – Mt. Hope

- Project expected to begin mid-May

Project Details On-Line

If you are looking for more information about a particular project, be sure to check out www.LansingCSO.com. Click on "Projects" in the list to the left to access details on current construction projects, projects in design, as well as recently completed projects.

Still can't find what you need? The CSO team is always happy to help. Just contact the CSO Hotline by telephone or e-mail and someone will get back to you within 24 hours during the business week.

CSO Hotline:

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



045 E Park Terrace



034A Cooper and Beal



013NE Howe

