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Third-Annual Blues on the Square Concert Series Kicks-Off June 11

Downtown will come alive once again this summer for the third-annual Blues on the Square concert series. The event features seven Thursday nights of free Blues music and family fun on Washington Square. Everyone is sure to enjoy a warm summer night downtown at Blues on the Square! All concerts are from 6-9 pm. This year's exciting line-up includes:

- June 11: Mike Zito
- June 18: Big James and the Chicago Playboys
- June 25: Sugar Blue
- July 16: Larry McCray
- July 23: Gina Sicilia
- July 30: Ronnie Baker Brooks
- August 6: John Nemeth

For more information, call the Lansing Principal Shopping District at 517.487.3322 or e-mail info@lansingpsd.com.



Construction University a Big Hit!

Construction University attracted thousands of kids (and kids at heart) with construction equipment from ET McKenzie and the City of Lansing's Operations and Maintenance Department. In addition to the loader and excavator, there was a plow truck and bombardier. Kids of all ages climbed inside the equipment for photo opportunities and pretend play.



In addition to the trucks, hard hats were given out along with fish-shaped graham crackers. Young kids enjoyed arts and crafts and games like cone bowling or selecting a duck from the pond for prizes. Adults learned how the CSO Control Program is improving the local environment by reducing pollution in Lansing's rivers. Swish the Fish joined in the fun with several appearances throughout the day to play with "students", young and old.



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 Washington; businesses are open
- Chestnut closed to through traffic between Ottawa and Shiawassee; the intersection of Ionia and Chestnut is open; businesses are open
- Water service installation complete on Allegan between Grand and Washington
- Steam removals are complete on Allegan between Grand and Washington
- Water main installation complete on Chestnut between Ionia and Shiawassee; water service connections underway
- Storm sewer installation underway on Allegan between Grand and Washington

018SW – Center/Cedar/May

- Cedar closed to through traffic from Grand River to Oakland; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Storm sewer installation complete on Cedar
- Curb and gutter, driveways, sidewalks and water services installed on Adams
- Sanitary lead installation complete on Cedar and Adams
- Water main construction complete on Maple between Cedar and Larch
- Water main construction underway on Ash between Cedar and Larch

045 – Saginaw/Pennsylvania

- North lanes of Saginaw between Center and Cleveland closed and traffic shifted to the south lanes; Prudden access off of Saginaw reopened; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Road construction forthcoming on Saginaw Access
- Road construction underway on E. Park Terrace



TOP FIVE Reasons to Start Grass-Cycling!

- 1. It's As Easy As Doing Nothing!** Grass-cycling simply means leaving the clippings on the lawn after mowing.
- 2. It Provides Free Nutrients!** Grass-cycling returns valuable nutrients to the soil. Clippings are about 85% water, decompose quickly, and contain a great deal of nitrogen.
- 3. It Saves Time and Money!** Unfortunately, many people treat their lawns like a "crop;" they (over) water and (over) fertilize to encourage maximum growth. The crop (grass clippings) is then bagged and transported, wasting both time and money.
- 4. It Doesn't Cause Thatch!** Thatch is the remains of the woody portions of the grass plants and is often the result of over-fertilizing and excessive watering. Grass clippings do not cause thatch, they make your lawn healthier!
- 5. Green Lawn, Clean Rivers!** Grass-cycling, combined with proper mowing, results in more moderate turf growth yet still produces a healthy, green lawn. Proper mowing means following the "1/3 rule;" mow your lawn often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is cut in any one mowing. Frequent mowing will produce short clippings that will not cover up the grass surface, and takes far less time than mowing an overgrown yard!



- Water services installed on Lesher
- Sanitary sewer construction continuing on Saginaw between Pennsylvania and Cleveland

034A – Cooper/Poxson

- Curb and gutter installation complete on Cooper from Osband to MLK Jr
- All remaining catch basins and storm leads installed on Cooper between Beal and MLK Jr
- Water service installation complete on Stirling from Rundle to Woodbine; curb and gutter, driveways and sidewalks complete
- Concrete curb, drive approaches and gravel base placed on Kelsey from MLK Jr to Stirling; paving forthcoming
- Water services complete on Woodbine from Rundle to Stirling; and sanitary sewer construction is underway

013NE – Creston/Howe

- Sanitary sewer installation complete on Howe between Turner and Creston
- Base paving complete on Hunt between Chilson and Paulson as well as Paulson between N East and Garland
- Water main installation complete on Garland between Community and Orchard Glen
- Sanitary sewer construction to begin on Seventh from Chilson to Paulson within two weeks



013NE Storm Sewer Ready for Installation on Howe near Turner

015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Willow closed to through traffic from Grand River to Knollwood; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Water main installation continuing on Willow and Chestnut
- Sanitary trunk sewer installation to begin on Chestnut week of June 8

034B – Mt. Hope

- Project expected to begin in mid to late June

Non-CSO Street and Bridge Construction Progress

Aurelius Road Bridge

- The Aurelius Road Bridge over the Red Cedar, north of Mt Hope is scheduled for deck replacement starting June 22 and lasting through September
- The road will be closed to traffic at Mt Hope and at Main
- Access to the parking lot at Kruger's Landing will be maintained
- The Rivertrail underneath the bridge will be closed; pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be rerouted south of the bridge on the rivertrail to cross on Aurelius
- Aurelius is currently being used as an alternate travel route by many commuters avoiding the US-127 lane closures; MDOT reports that the US-127 project is slightly ahead of schedule and the work necessitating the daytime lane closures on US-127 should be complete by June 22

2008 Local Street Resurfacing Project

- Work continues on this project, which began in 2008
- Resurfacing is taking place on Bedford, Cambridge, Westchester and East Westchester, north of Mt. Hope near Moores River
- Work is also underway on Leon, Byrnes, Beacon Hill and Colchester (south of Delta River), Cooper Street (north of Willoughby), Ohio, Indiana and Vermont
- Other streets to be completed in this project include Artisan, Callihan and Stoneleigh, Park and Pattengill



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