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## Upcoming Events

### Project ReDirectory: Repurposing Old Phone Books into Home Insulation and Hydro-Seed Mulch

The following locations will accept your used phone books until August 31:

Lansing Recycling Transfer Station, 530 E South, corner of South and Beech

Foster Community Center Parking Lot, 200 N Foster in the Nu-Wool Insulation Trailer on the southeast corner of the lot

Gier Community Center Parking Lot, 2400 Hall in the Nu-Wool Insulation Trailer on the west side of the lot

Nu-Wool Company, 2472 Port Sheldon, Jenison

### Last Two Wednesday Concerts at the Park

From 7-9 pm through August 12. Sponsored by Lansing Parks & Recreation.

Aug 5: Don Middlebrook and Living Soul (Tropical Rock) Quentin Park

Aug 12: Sea Cruisers (Oldies) Ranney Park

### Last Blues on Thursdays

John Nemeth with Six Hands Down on August 6, from 6-9 pm on Washington Square.

### Lansing JazzFest

Two-day FREE music festival that brings national, regional and local acts to an audience of roughly 15,000 people from across Michigan and nearby states. This year's festival will take place in the streets of Old Town, at the intersection of Turner and E Grand River. Vendors will line the streets offering ethnic food, beverages, art, clothing and crafts, and nearby galleries and boutiques will open their doors during festival hours.

For more information visit [www.jazzlansing.com](http://www.jazzlansing.com).

Aug 7: 4 pm-12:30 am

Aug 8: 2 pm-12:30 am

## Downtown Rain Gardens and Flower Beds Now Up for Adoption



With 40 rain gardens and over 100 planted gardens in the downtown area, the Lansing Principal Shopping District (PSD) and the City of Lansing are asking for your assistance in the quest to keep Lansing clean. This is your chance to play an active role in cleaning, greening and maintaining our downtown area by adopting a site. Sites for adoption include rain gardens, flower beds, historical markers and other public spaces.

Your commitment is minimal, with periodic litter pick-up, weed pulling and basic maintenance of your site. As a token of gratitude, the City of Lansing will place a recognition sign at your adoption site on your behalf.

It is time to let everyone in Lansing know that you care about the urban environment and your surroundings. To stake claim on your own little part of downtown Lansing, please contact Kaitlynn Sova, Adopt-A-Spot coordinator, at [adoptaspot@lansingpsd.com](mailto:adoptaspot@lansingpsd.com) or 517.487.3322.



For an up to date detour map, visit [www.LansingCSO.com](http://www.LansingCSO.com) and click on the detours icon.

**WAY TO GO GREEN!**  
Common Ground attendees recycled  
17,000 beer bottles and cans!

## 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 underway at the intersection of Allegan and Washington
- Storm sewer jack and bore work is complete from Washington to Capitol
- Steam installation underway on Allegan between Grand and Washington
- Road reconstruction underway on Chestnut between Ottawa and Shiawassee

### 018SW – Center/Cedar/May

- Cedar closed to through traffic from Grand River to Oakland; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Traffic shift at Grand River and Cedar will begin next week to complete remaining work in the northwest quadrant of the intersection
- The Maple/Center intersection will be closed from August 3 through August 21 to complete underground utilities and road construction
- Underground utility installation complete on Cedar from Grand River to Oakland and road construction underway
- Water main installation nearly complete on Maple between Cedar and Center
- Base paving complete on Adams, Ash and Maple (between Cedar and Larch)

### 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
- Traffic shift on Pennsylvania will take place next week to route traffic to the east side
- Utility installation is underway on south side Saginaw between Pennsylvania and Cleveland
- Concrete and road construction underway in the southeast area of Pennsylvania and Saginaw
- Utility work continues on Leshar between Linden Grove and Saginaw

### 034A – Cooper/Poxson

- All base paving, curb, driveway approach, sidewalk replacement and parkway restoration complete on Cooper between Osband and MLK Jr, on Woodbine between Stirling and MLK Jr, and on Stirling from Woodbine to Gordon
- Water main and sanitary sewer installation complete on Beal from Cooper to Poxson; sanitary services underway
- Sanitary sewer installation underway on Poxson from Osband to Beal
- Water main installation complete on Poxson from MLK Jr to Stirling and water services underway; on Poxson from Stirling to Rundle, water main installation is underway

### 013NE – Creston/Howe

- Base paving complete on Cedar between Frederick and Sheridan
- Sanitary sewer installation approximately 70 percent complete on Creston north of Howe
- Sanitary sewer construction complete on Howe near Cedar; road construction underway



## TOP FIVE Residential Stormwater Pollutants

*Because of the Clean Water Act of 1972, industries are no longer the leading source of water pollution. That distinction now belongs to the masses of homeowners who unknowingly contribute small quantities of pollutants on a regular basis. A few simple habit changes will make all the difference in the long run!*

- 1. Soil and Sediment** - Dirt, sand, trash, etc., left on the driveway or sidewalk can be carried away by stormwater directly to our rivers. Instead, sweep fine materials into the grass and NEVER hose them down into storm drains. Put trash in the garbage. Sediment is the most common surface water pollutant.
- 2. Pet Waste** - Whether you leave it on the lawn or in the gutter, pet waste bacteria can get flushed to the river. Make a habit of picking up and bagging pet waste promptly, and putting it in the trash.
- 3. Automotive Fluids** - That tiny oil leak that stains your pavement will become a sheen on top of the river after the next rain. Keep your car in good repair and clean up spills with kitty litter or another absorbent product.



- 4. Car Wash Water** - When you wash your car in the driveway, you are sending the dirty water straight to the river. Park on the lawn next time and let the grass absorb and filter the pollutants instead.
- 5. Fertilizer** - When you apply fertilizer right before it rains, it is easily picked up by stormwater runoff and carried to the river. Check the weather forecast and be sure to sweep any excess back onto the lawn. Better yet, skip the fertilizer and mow high (3 inches) to stimulate root growth.

To learn more about stormwater pollution, visit:  
[www.mywatersheds.org/public\\_education.html](http://www.mywatersheds.org/public_education.html)

- Road construction continues on Howe east of Creston and Creston south of Howe; base paving expected within two weeks

### 015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Willow closed to through traffic from Grand River to Knollwood; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Sanitary sewer service laterals complete on Chestnut north of Willow; water main installation underway
- Sanitary sewer service laterals complete on Lemrork; storm sewer installation underway
- Storm sewer installation underway on Willow between Grand River and Lemrork; road construction and concrete work underway at Grand River, proceeding west
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main work underway concurrently on Chestnut south of Willow

### 034B – Mt Hope

- Mt Hope closed to through traffic from Cedar to Washington; businesses are open and detours are posted
- Barnes closed to through traffic from Bradley to Todd
- Water main installation to begin next week on Barnes from Bradley to Todd
- Water main installation underway on Mt Hope between Herbert and Washington
- Miscellaneous sewer repairs underway on Barnes and Smith

## Non-CSO Street and Bridge Construction Progress

### Washington Avenue Resurfacing

- Washington between Miller and Jolly will be closed to through traffic for resurfacing starting in mid-August through September; local access will be maintained and a posted detour will include Miller, Haag, MLK Jr and Jolly

### Michigan Avenue Resurfacing

- Michigan Avenue between Howard (US-127) and the east city limits will be resurfaced starting in mid August and completed in time for the Capital City River Run which takes place on September 27
- Traffic will be maintained with one lane in each direction; turning movements will be restricted during some phases of the project
- Work in the intersections of Homer and Howard will be conducted during weekend hours (to be determined) and traffic will be detoured

### Aurelius Road Bridge

- The Aurelius Road Bridge over the Red Cedar, north of Mt Hope is closed for deck replacement through September; the road is closed at Mt Hope and at Main; access to the parking lot at Kruger's Landing will be maintained
- The Rivertrail underneath the bridge is closed; pedestrian and bicycle traffic is rerouted south of the bridge on the Rivertrail to cross on Aurelius

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

- Construction is complete on Cambridge, Westchester, East Westchester, Vermont and Ohio
- Construction continues on Callihan, Artisan and Stoneleigh
- Park and Pattengill have been pulverized; construction continues

### Edgewood Boulevard Resurfacing

- Edgewood is closed to through traffic between MLK Jr and Washington through September
- Georgetown is closed at Edgewood; Georgetown traffic is not able to access Edgewood and must use Haag or Balfour to Miller to exit the neighborhood
- Access to Edgewood Villas and Traditions Townhomes will be maintained

### Holmes Road and Waverly Road Intersection

- The intersection of Holmes and Waverly will be reconstructed beginning July 20 and should take approximately 60 days to complete due to part width construction.
- A southbound left turn lane will be added on Waverly to ease congestion
- The road will be closed to through traffic, but access to local businesses is being maintained and was recently improved; a detour will be posted directing traffic to use Moores River, Mt Hope, Pleasant Grove and Jolly

### Grand Avenue Streetscape Project

- Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 20 and will continue through 2010; no road closures are anticipated

## Swish Thanks Patrons for their Support and Patience with Swish Bucks

Swish knows that even though the CSO Control Program will make Lansing stronger in the long run, construction can make getting to your favorite vendors a little harder.

To thank you for your ongoing support for businesses and the ultimate goal of a cleaner greener Lansing, Swish is making his way around greater Lansing to hand out Swish Bucks, \$5 coupons for almost 30 downtown merchants. Keep an eye out for Swish at these weekly events, and follow him on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/swishthefish](http://www.facebook.com/swishthefish)) or Twitter (@SwishtheFish) to get updates about where he'll be next!

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).

