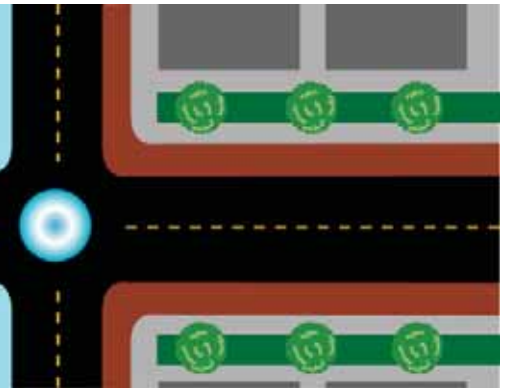




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Downtown Construction Added to Lansing's Summer "Soundtrack"

Sounds of car horns, trucks backing up, and yelling construction workers had to compete with various music festivals held this summer. Lansing was jam-packed with concerts and festivals. Here's a look back at the music events you attended, those you wish you had been a part of, and you hope you can attend again next year.

Common Ground Music Festival

Hundreds of eagerly awaiting guests formed long lines along the Grand River during the week of the Common Ground Music Festival (July 8-15). Adado Riverfront Park was filled with vendors, outdoor activities, and large stages for top-notch entertainment.

As one of Lansing's largest annual events, national artists were asked to perform. Performers included Peter Frampton, Los Lonely Boys, "Weird" Al Yankovic, Papa Roach, The Guess Who, Montgomery Gentry, Pretty Ricky, and many more.

You can log on to www.commongroundfest.com to keep updated on next year's festival.

Blues on the Square

"Downtown Lansing is indeed alive after five!" Mayor Virg Bernero announced about Blues on the Square. This free concert series took over the 200 block of South Washington Square every Thursday for seven consecutive weeks.

A different solo artist entertained Lansing residents and guests each week of the series. The event featured various genres from the smooth sounds of Ana Popovic, to the electric blues of Ronnie Baker Brooks.



Case Street

Lansing Jazz Fest

This summer marked the 13th year of the Lansing Jazz Fest, which attracts audience members from across Michigan and neighboring states.

A large crowd of roughly 15,000 people arrived in Old Town to view performances by national, regional, and local acts. Featured acts included the Caleb Curtis Quintet, Ed Smith's Jazz All Stars, Organissimo, Too Smooth for Notes, and many more.

Summer Music Series 2007

Eastwood Towne Center hosted its 5th Annual Summer Music Series this summer.

Every Tuesday evening a different musical act performed live for an audience gathered at the Center Court. Talents included Don Middlebrook & Living Soul, Hot Logic, and many others.

REO Town Music Festival – August 31- September 2

The REO Town Music Festival themed its second annual event “a salute to labor!”

Guests will listen to the musical stylings of headliners WAR, Jason Michael Carroll, and Lansing's own Soulstice.

Attendees of this family fun event will enjoy food provided from various vendors and carnival rides from Elliott's Amusements.

CSO Project Construction Updates

Downtown - Kalamazoo and Seymour Streets

Rehabilitation construction on the sanitary sewer siphon chamber is continuing in the Grand River floodplain adjacent to the Kalamazoo Street bridge. Currently, the concrete walls of the siphon chamber structure are being constructed.

Regarding the operation for jacking & boring of sanitary sewer casing and mains in Grand Avenue, approximately two-thirds of the segment of Grand River, from Kalamazoo Street to Lenawee Street, has been constructed. Jacking & boring construction for the segment of sanitary sewer from Kalamazoo Street to Washtenaw Street will begin shortly.

The construction of the sanitary sewer and the associated manhole north of the Kalamazoo / Washington Square intersection is complete. Although there is some watermain and steam utility work remaining in this intersection, this work is due to be completed in approximately two weeks. Construction of the



New asphalt in Filley Street



*New curb and gutter
on Hill Street*

sanitary service leads in the east 100 block of Kalamazoo Street is underway (the west 100 block is complete).

The underground utility work in the 200 block of Seymour Street is complete. The remaining work on this street includes completion of watermain in the Ionia Street intersection and construction of new storm sewer in the 300 block. Following completion of this work, road building and paving will begin on Seymour Street.

Access to all Washington Square and Kalamazoo Street businesses is being maintained throughout construction, so please continue to visit all businesses in this corridor.

023 – Michigan Avenue and Side Streets

The Michigan Avenue project is almost complete. There is some underground work in progress at Washtenaw Street, south of Dumpster Alley. This work will include the lining of a brick manhole that is scheduled for Saturday, September 8. Typically, the city replaces brick manholes for maintenance reasons. In this case, the depth of the manhole combined with two adjoining steam vaults makes this manhole necessary for lining. Two-way traffic will be maintained by a flagging operation. In October, a new storm manhole will be constructed on Washtenaw at Dumpster Alley. Traffic will either be detoured or maintained by a flagging operation.

Sidewalk work at the tracks on Michigan Avenue at the CSX crossing is complete. An ADA detectable warning system will be installed in September.

Final paving of the local side streets has been scheduled for September 4 (Bingham Street will be paved after school has closed for the day). Michigan Avenue and Larch Street will be paved in mid-October.



Oakland Avenue

020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area

Road building continues on the north side of Shiawassee Street, between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Paving of the north lane is scheduled for September 10. Final paving should occur in late September.

The east lanes along Pennsylvania Avenue, between Shiawassee Street and Michigan Avenue, have been paved to leveling course. Final paving of the east lanes is scheduled for August 31. Two-way traffic will be established on the east lanes, including a left turn lane for southbound Pennsylvania at Shiawassee. Final paving of the west lanes is scheduled for September 10.



Oakland Avenue

Sewer construction continues along the 900 block of Jerome Street, west of Pennsylvania Avenue. Construction should be completed by mid October. The road is closed to through traffic. Access to local businesses is being maintained.

The transfer of the utility poles from the east side of Haag Court to the west side is almost complete. When all utilities are off the old poles, underground construction will resume and should be completed by October.

Sewer leads and watermain leads are being installed on Dorrance Street. Road building will start in early September. Dorrance Street is currently closed to through traffic, although access is being maintained to local businesses. Construction should be completed by late September.

CSX Railroad will be upgrading their crossing at Shiawassee Street the week of September 24. During this week, Shiawassee Street will be closed to through traffic between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, but local access will be maintained. The construction detour has not been finalized.

013 Northwest – Turner and Carrier Street Area

All work was delayed by last week's rainy weather. Deep sanitary sewer work has progressed to near the intersection at Carrier Street and Felt Street. Work in the intersection has begun, and will last two to three days. Work will then continue south to the intersection of Paulson Street and Felt Street.

Rain disrupted some of the restoration work on Carrier Street west of Felt Street. Temporary restoration continues. Deep sanitary sewer construction will pass through that area next year. Curbs and gutters have been installed on Turner Street. Weather permitting, the road will be closed to traffic and it will be paved Thursday or Friday. The road will be open after paving and open to through traffic the following Wednesday. Restoration work on Turner Street will be started after paving is complete.



Oakland Avenue

018 Southeast – Oakland Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue Area

Construction of the new sanitary sewer main on Oakland Avenue, east of Farrand Street, has been completed and the associated sanitary service laterals have been constructed on Oakland Avenue, east of Johnson Avenue.

In the project area north of Oakland Avenue, concrete work, including new curb and gutter, on Ballard Street, south of Porter Street, is on-going. In addition, road building activities are continuing on Case Street and Porter Street (west of Ballard Street). In the block of Ballard Street between Porter Street and



*New pavement and markings
on Taylor Street*

Grand River Avenue, new watermain and storm sewer are currently being constructed. Following completion of this work, paving of Case Street, Ballard Street, and Porter Street (east of Ballard Street) will begin.

In the coming weeks, the mainline sanitary sewer will continue to be constructed in Oakland Avenue east to Clark Street. In addition, construction of the mainline sanitary sewer will continue on Porter Street, east of Ballard Street.

CSO-013 West Project - Gier Neighborhood

The sanitary sewer in Randolph Street is complete. Final paving and striping on Turner Street from Randolph Street to Jackson Street has also been completed – however, the paving of St. Therese parking lot is still in progress.

Over the next two weeks, road construction will start on Randolph Street. In addition, construction will begin on sanitary leads in Gary Street and Harris Street, and on watermain, water services and storm sewer on Creston Street.

All underground utility work is scheduled to be completed by September 11. Tree planting along Filley, Jackson, Harris, Randolph and Creston streets will be carried out in September in coordination with the city's forester staff.

Other Lansing Area Construction Project Updates

Michigan Avenue “Streetscape” Project

Concrete work for the rain gardens on the north side of Michigan Avenue, between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, has been completed. The fence still needs to be installed for the rain gardens in the 800 and 900 block. Rain garden plantings were installed in the 600 block, and the remaining plantings will be installed next spring. Trees and shrubs will be planted in late September or October. East-west pedestrian access is being maintained on the north side.

Rain garden construction continues on the south side of the 800 and 900 block of Michigan Avenue, between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Concrete construction on the south side rain gardens should be complete by mid-October, and the fence and brick work will be completed in November. Plantings will be performed in the spring. One eastbound and one westbound



Hill Street



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suggestions, please send them
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newsletter onto others who may
be interested.

lane will be maintained. On-street parking will be restricted where there is active rain garden construction.

The snow melt system in front of the Lansing Center, east of the Museum Drive bridge, is under construction. After this work is completed, the snow melt systems will be installed on the west side of Museum Drive and the south side of Michigan Avenue. All construction will be completed by November. East-west pedestrian access will be maintained, and one lane of westbound traffic and two lanes of eastbound traffic will remain open.

Watermain construction in the Michigan / Washington intersection is nearing completion, and road building and streetscape work begin soon after. The intersection should be reopened by mid-October. Vehicular traffic will not be allowed through the intersection during construction, but pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Local businesses will remain open (be sure to check out the new wayfinding signs).

North Washington “Streetscape”

The reconstruction and relocation of underground utilities continues on the north 200 and 300 blocks of Washington Square, and the AT&T utility lines will be done this week. Work in the 200 block should be finished this week and the 300 block should be completed the following week.

Ionia Street is currently closed to all traffic. Shiawassee Street is open with one west bound lane and Ottawa Street is open with two west bound lanes. These closures will last for several weeks and advance notice will be provided for any changes.

Pedestrians can travel north and south alongside the job site unobstructed, but they cannot cross east and west anywhere between Ottawa Street and Shiawassee Street. An east-west pedestrian crossing at Ionia Street will be established as soon as the underground utility work is complete in this area.

Construction is expected to last through November.