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## Mark Your Calendar

The second annual Trick-or-Treat on the Square will be held Wednesday, October 28, from 5-7 pm (rain date October 29) on South Washington Square and Allegan. This new downtown Lansing tradition provides hundreds of Lansing area families with a fun and safe environment to celebrate Halloween in the heart of their community. Activities include:

**Trick-or-Treat  
on the Square**

### *Magic Show*

5-5:30 pm  
featuring Jeff  
Wawrzaszek from  
A2 Magic

### *Trick-or-Treating*

5:30-7 pm spon-  
sored by Wal-Mart

### *Timbit Eating*

*Contest* 6 pm,  
5-5:30 pm to  
register, sponsored  
by Deb & Mike  
with Tim Hortons

### *Slime Making*

with Impression 5  
Science Center

### *Nocturnal Animal*

*Behaviors* with  
Potter Park Zoo

### *High 5 Stilt Guys*

of Joel Tacey's Top  
Entertainment

*Kids' games, refreshments  
and much more!* For more  
information, including a list of  
restaurants offering spooky kids'  
menu items, visit  
[www.lansingpsd.com](http://www.lansingpsd.com).

*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!

*The 25th Annual Silver Bells  
in the City, November 20 from  
5-9 pm.* Sponsored by the Arts  
Council of Greater Lansing, this  
event includes an Electric Light  
Parade at 6 pm followed by the  
lighting of the State Christmas  
Tree and fire works (weather  
permitting). Call 517.372.4636  
for more information.



## Stormwater Pollution Recap

In the last few months, the Construction Observer has been discussing easy ways to prevent the top five residential stormwater pollutants (soil and sediment, pet waste, automotive fluids, car wash water and fertilizer) from reaching water bodies. This was a lot of information to digest at once, so we'd like to recap with the most basic habits to adopt:

1. Never pour anything down a storm drain.
2. Never hose down spills or yard waste from your driveway.
3. Put trash in its place.

These simple practices can help improve the quality of our rivers and prevent future contamination. When it comes to water pollution, one person can make a huge difference!



## CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress



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

### 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 installation complete on Allegan between Washington and Capitol
- Steam work continues on Allegan between the alley and Capitol; steam operational between Grand and the Capitol
- 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
- May sewer work and restoration complete

### 045 – Saginaw/Pennsylvania

- Saginaw open to traffic between Prudden and Cleveland
- Pennsylvania utility construction complete, road construction underway; paving scheduled for mid November
- Final paving complete on Leshar and Linden Grove
- Underground utility installation complete on Orchard; road work to begin next week

### 034A – Cooper/Poxson

- Final paving of all streets (under construction in 2009) complete
- Contractor working on clean up items

### 013NE – Creston/Howe

- Final paving complete for the entire project
- Contractor working on clean up items

### 015N – Willow/Chestnut

- Willow base paved and open to traffic
- All underground work complete on Grand River; road construction underway
- Water service installation continues on Chestnut between Maple and Kilborn; road construction underway between Willow and Maple
- Sanitary and storm sewer construction complete on Kilborn; water main installation underway
- Sanitary and storm sewer construction complete on Pine from Kilborn to Oakland
- Riverbank restoration continues



Riverbank Restoration in 015N



## TOP FIVE Ways Lansing Shows Its True Character

### 1. GoGreenGoLansing.com -

The ultimate goal of the City's Go Green! initiative is to reduce Lansing's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to seven percent below 1990 levels. To achieve that goal, Lansing will strive to make city facilities more energy efficient, foster environmental education in Lansing's schools, and encourage the use of public transportation and recycling via a pledge campaign.

### 2. CATA Clean Commute and Green Parking -

The City of Lansing now offers free vanpool parking and discounted carpool parking for registered vehicles. For more details or to register your pool, visit CATA.org or call 373-RIDE.

### 3. Installing Rain Gardens in an Ultra-Urban Setting -

Who knew that something as simple as rain gardens could be engineered on a larger scale to transform cold pavement into a beautiful and beneficial way to treat stormwater runoff?

### 4. Protecting Our Rivers -

The CSO Control Program is dramatically reducing sewage overflows each and every year, and will have virtually eliminated them when the program is complete. Not only are we more than halfway done, our community and its rivers are thriving, despite nationwide economic woes.



### 5. Hosting a Community Character Workshop

- On Thursday evening, October 29, a "Community Character Workshop" will be held at the Lansing Center from 6:30-8:30 pm. The workshop will give Lansing citizens and property owners an opportunity to learn how we shape the physical form of our community, and how we transform areas to make Lansing an interesting and beautiful place to live, work and play. Participants can vote on their preferences and contribute to strategies for Lansing's future.

## 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
- Road construction underway on Mt Hope from Herbert to Bradley
- All utility installation complete in the Mt Hope/Washington



New Pavement and Pavers on Barnes in 034B

- intersection and to the south on Washington; road construction underway
- Base paving complete on Barnes from Bradley to Todd; brick paver installation underway

## Non-CSO Street and Bridge Construction Progress

### Washington Avenue Resurfacing

- Project is complete; Washington was opened to traffic on Monday, September 28

### Michigan Avenue Resurfacing

- Michigan between Howard (US-127) and the east city limits is being resurfaced; work to be completed by November; one lane of traffic to be maintained in each direction
- The weekend milling and paving operation on Michigan in the intersections of Howard and Homer is complete; base paving also complete on the center stretch of the project, except for in the south Clippert intersection; paving was suspended due to rain so remaining base paving and top paving will be applied when weather permits

### Aurelius Road Bridge

- Project is complete; the Aurelius Road Bridge over the Red Cedar, north of Mt Hope opened Friday, September 25

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

- Base course was completed on Park and Pattengill; the top course of asphalt will be applied when weather permits

### Edgewood Boulevard Resurfacing

- Edgewood between MLK Jr and Washington is complete; road was opened to through traffic on Thursday, October 22

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

- Georgetown and Balfour are being resurfaced and are open to local traffic only
- Asphalt leveling course was completed on Georgetown Thursday, October 22, and is tentatively scheduled to be completed on Balfour the week of October 26

### Holmes Road and Waverly Road Intersection

- The intersection of Holmes and Waverly is complete and was opened to traffic on Wednesday, September 23

### Grand Avenue Streetscape Project

- The streetscape work on the west side of Grand is generally complete; work continues on the east side of the street

## Contest Deadline Approaching

Attention area residents, businesses and organizations!



There is still time to visit [www.Lansing150.com](http://www.Lansing150.com) and submit your photos, videos and/or essays about Lansing. Judges will pick the "Best Lansing Story" and the winner will receive a \$500 cash prize. There are no other guidelines or restrictions on what can be submitted.

The "I Am Lansing" contest ends October 31, 2009.



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).