



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of June 28, 2021. I had a short but eventful work week because I took a few days off to enjoy a mini vacation with family.

**Erosion** – Heavy rains late last week and early this week, coupled with a failed storm drain, caused a serious erosion issue that threatened a water main in the Westshore development. The erosion was serious enough to remove approximately 5 feet of soil cover and exposed the water main and a storm sewer pipe. The developer coordinated quickly with the City to get the issue addressed before it jeopardized the integrity of the water main or water quality. The City Engineer and Planning and Zoning will continue to monitor the area to ensure it is properly restored and not creating a safety issue.

**Temporary Signs** – There have been many complaints about temporary signage popping up along Blue Star Highway over the last few weeks. Code enforcement is aware of the situation and have notified several businesses of the ordinance regarding the requirement to obtain a permit and pay the appropriate fee of \$100 to permit the signage.

**Traffic Congestion** – With the holiday weekend coming up, traffic has been congested along Blue Star Highway with the contribution of the I-196 detour through Douglas. Fortunately, no serious incidents have been reported.

**Wiley Road Trail** – Consumers was onsite on Wiley Road this week to move utility poles in preparation for the Wiley Road Trail project. The project required shutting down lanes on Wiley intermittently for two days this week.

**Beach Clean Up** – A representative from the Allegan County Soil Conservation District has approached the City about a planned beach clean-up day now that the Douglas Beach stairs are open. We will request a clean-up event sometime in August. In addition, they are offering to sponsor a quantity of clean-up baskets that will be placed at the beach for visitors to use to collect debris and recyclables. We are working out the details of how that will work.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – I spoke with the Saugatuck City Manager this week and he invited City Council members to be a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Saugatuck.

**City Council Meeting** – The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> due to July 5<sup>th</sup> being the observed holiday for the Independence holiday. The meeting will be in person at City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Those who wish to attend remote may also do so by following the zoom code on the City Council agenda packet.

#### **Upcoming Events –**

- Fourth of July Parade in Saugatuck at 11:00 on Sunday
- Fourth of July Fireworks over the harbor on Sunday at dark
- Convention and Visitor's Bureau – This Week's Happenings - <https://files.constantcontact.com/84750497001/8ee539a6-2c21-46d3-bfe3-6544bd16a2a1.pdf>

That is all I have for now. Have a good weekend.

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