

Week of 11-25-19 – ~~Friday~~ Wednesday Memo

Afternoon all, it's a short three-day work week as we gear up for the Thanksgiving holiday but it has still been a relatively eventful week for the City.

Leaf pickup – Fall leaf pickup continues this week. We've added a contractor crew to assist the Department of Public Works with the cleanup effort. Residents should be reminded not to place leaf piles in the street travel lanes to cause an obstruction to traffic.

Snow Removal Bid – The City opened bids for snow removal from sidewalks, parking lots, municipal facilities, and safe routes to school located mainly along Center Street East of Blue Star Highway. Two bids were received and both will be taken to the December 2nd City Council meeting for consideration and award of a contract.

Douglas Harbor Authority – The DHA met Tuesday evening to discuss aquatic weed control in Wades Bayou. The City has received two quotes from local vendors to control invasive weeds. Both quotes were for chemical treatment and the costs vary based on the targeted species. The DHA will make a recommendation to City Council to support a trial application to keep Wades Bayou weed free. Adjacent property owners will have to give permission through a permit process for any application near their properties. The recommendation will be taken to the December 2nd City Council meeting for consideration along with a presentation from the vendor.

Building Committee – The building committee met this week to talk about municipal facilities. Council established a goal of combining the Police Department and City Hall staff into one facility. The objective of the first meeting was to tour the facilities and see firsthand some of the challenges and opportunities we have in all of our municipal buildings.

Erosion – High winds are once again causing concern on the lakeshore. The City has been actively monitoring areas of concern and will continue to monitor those areas—particularly after high wind events. In the event there appears to be a significant change in erosion, the City will work with Allegan County Emergency Management to escalate the event and follow an established communication procedure to protect our lakeshore.

High Winds – DPW is prepared for any downed tree emergencies related to the anticipated high winds overnight. Staff, saws, and equipment are on standby if needed.

Food Drive – Just a reminder to everyone that the Fill the Humvee food drive is still in progress. The red Humvee parked outside the Police Department is hungry and needs to be filled with non-perishable foods.

Gift Card Drive – The Douglas Police Department is collecting gift cards through December 16th for families in need. Gift cards to local food retailers would be much appreciated. Cards can be dropped off at the Douglas PD or City Hall, both locations are a short walk from the post office.

Toys for Tots – The Douglas Police Department is also a drop off location for the annual Toys for Tots drive. It's easy to participate, just drop off a new unwrapped toy and it will go to kids that might otherwise go without for Christmas.

Greg Harvath – In honor of Greg Harvath’s time and dedication to the City of Douglas, there will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2 at City Hall, followed by a proclamation at the regular City Council meeting. Come out and thank Greg for his years of service to the City.

Thanksgiving – I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. I’m thankful to be a part of such a wonderful community and appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Small Business Saturday - Remember to support local merchants on Small Business Saturday. In my humble opinion, it’s the small boutique shops that keep our town interesting and lively, so lets show our support as patrons and buy local.