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Good Afternoon Everyone.

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of November 23, 2020. We have a short week this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. City offices are closed on Thursday (11-26-20) and Friday (11-27-20).

**COVID** – City Hall continues to be open by appointment only and most staff are working remotely to reduce their potential exposure to COVID until at least December 8<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the MDHHS Emergency Order. If you need assistance or would like to schedule an appointment, please call 269-857-1438.

MDHHS issued Thanksgiving guidance for vulnerable populations. The guidance can be found at [https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970\\_71692\\_71696-545897--m\\_2019\\_2,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_71692_71696-545897--m_2019_2,00.html). The guidance recommends residents of nursing and group homes or long-term care facilities to stay in place in light of increasing COVID cases. It also recommends providers and direct care staff educate residents, family, and friends on the associated risk of leaving a care facility to attend gatherings and provides steps to reduce the risk of contracting COVID. Families are encouraged to stay connected to loved ones through alternative means of communication such as phone or video calls.

Recommended protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID remain as follows:

- Limit close contact (distance of 6 feet or more apart)
- Adhere to gathering restrictions
- Use technology to engage with others remotely
- Wear a facemask or cloth face covering at all times—unless eating or drinking (medical exemptions apply)
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces
- Wash hands with soap and water often or alcohol-based sanitizer
- Avoid large gatherings
- Stay home if you are sick
- Quarantine for 14 days if you come into contact with someone who has COVID

**Beach Revetment** – City Council held a special meeting in which they approved North Shore Property Solutions of Hart, Michigan, to install oversized sandbags at Douglas Beach to protect the bluff. I met with the DPW Supervisor today to discuss a tree that will be removed in advance of the installation. A preconstruction meeting with the vendor is anticipated for the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Work should be completed shortly thereafter. Once the bluff is secure, a plan will be developed for beach access.

**Holiday Lighting** – A downtown holiday lighting event is scheduled for November 28 (Saturday) at 6:00 p.m. at Beery Field. If you plan on attending, please practice social distancing and face-covering requirements.

**Water Main Projects** – The City Engineer reported positive feedback from residents in the new water main districts. He's been told by a number of residents that they are experiencing increased water pressure and reliability.

**Planned Water Valve Work** – KLSWA has a planned repair of a water main valve scheduled for December 2, weather permitting. A valve in the 200 block of Lakeshore Drive will need to be repaired and will require a temporary loss of water pressure to the homes in an area roughly described as Lakeshore, Center, Campbell and Manchester Drive. Residents who are anticipated to be affected have been notified with a door hanger card. The notice includes requirements to boil water prior to consumption. Residents in the affected area will be notified when the boil water notice is cancelled. Please email or call KLSWA for questions at [klswa@klswa.com](mailto:klswa@klswa.com) or 269-857-2709.

That is all I have for now. Have a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

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