



The Village of Friendliness – Since 1870

Good Afternoon Everyone.

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of May 3, 2021.

COVID –City Hall doors are closed to the public and some employees are working remote. Citizens wishing to contact City Hall may call 269-857-1438. You may schedule an appointment if you need to speak to City staff in person.

Point Pleasant Marina – Edgewater met with the City Manager and DPW leadership this week to talk about the future of Point Pleasant Marina. We requested Edgewater to put together a proposal to develop an improvement plan that could include removing the pool, install ADA sidewalks, and improve restrooms to be ADA compliant. Other ideas discussed were adding additional docks, adding ADA parking lots, improving the current dockage, connecting sidewalks to the adjacent parking lot, improving the path under the bridge, and improving Veteran's Park.

Blue Star Highway Work – On Monday May 10, construction work will start on curb work on Blue Star Highway. The work is intended to rework the narrowed section of road by moving the curb to allow wider travel lanes between Main Street and Union Street. That work is anticipated to last a week and no road closures are anticipated. The next phase of the project will be to resurface the bike path between Main Street and St. Peter's Drive. That work will take approximately one week.

Social Districts – At Monday's City Council meeting, a social district was approved for Douglas. City staff immediately began the process of establishing the City's social district with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. City staff will work with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to develop the social district logo and order the proper signage for the district.

Seasonal Employees – City staff interviewed several candidates for seasonal staff. The seasonal staff are intended to maintain a higher degree of cleanliness in the downtown, maintain the public restrooms, empty trash generated in the social district, and keep Blue Star Trail looking good.

That is all I have for now. I'll be on vacation starting Friday and all next week. Have a good weekend.

Rich LaBombard
City Manager