



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of June 14, 2021.

COVID – City Hall doors are open to the public, but access is limited to the lobby unless directed by a staff person. Masks for unvaccinated individuals will be required to enter.

COVID Data – A review of CDC COVID data shows that Allegan County is at “moderate” risk of transmission of the virus. MiSafe Start data shows Allegan County at risk level “B” which is a great improvement over the past several weeks. Allegan County's new case data has been declining for the past 60 days. Local Health Department data shows a slight decrease in the number of new cases. The data is flattening out and indicates that there is an average of 3.3 new cases per week.

Beach Access Stairs – Construction on the beach access stairs is completed. The engineer had the final walk thru on Monday. The stairs have been open to the public since Memorial Day and we are receiving many positive comments. Staff are working on additional items to estimate costs to install seating on the two decks, shore up the bluff to the north of the stairs, backfill areas behind the sandbags, clean up debris, develop a vegetation plan for fall 2021, install fragile bluff signage, install public beach boundary signage, and construct a handicap accessible overlook.

Town Crier Race – Staff met internally this week to develop a traffic barricade and event management plan for the upcoming Town Crier Race on Saturday, June 19th. City staff will stage traffic barricades on Friday afternoon and will place the barricades along the Douglas sections of the racecourse early Saturday morning. The barricades will be removed around 1:00 p.m. and local streets will reopen to traffic. Runners will cross the Blue Star Bridge, turn onto Washington Street, turn on Chestnut Street, then Spring Street, and finish on Center Street at Beery Field.

Traffic – This week there was a noticeable increase in complaints about speeding traffic in the City and a variety of proposed solutions have been suggested by residents to resolve the matters. Speeding is an enforcement issue that is routinely handed over to the Police Department, however, I have been provided requests and suggestions to resolve the speeding issues that do not always comply with standard practices or may not be legal. I'm doing my best to be informative and responsive to the issues as they come up and have encouraged the Police Department to monitor those areas where we are receiving complaints.

Upcoming Events –

- June 19th – Town Crier Race – 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Finishes at Beery Field
- July 4th – Independence Day Fireworks – starts at dusk
- July 15th – Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck presents Akropolis Quintet at Beery Field – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
 - (Rain Date July 16th)
- July 17th – Saugatuck Douglas Fennville Arts Initiative at Wades Bayou – 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- July 17th – Holland 100 Bike Race – Stop at Douglas Beach – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- July 18th – Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck presents Callisto Quartet at Beery Field – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
 - (Rain Date July 19th)

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

Rich LaBombard
City Manager